



Midweek Meeting Announcements

Date: **June 9, 2022**

CBOE's Initials: JJ

NOTE: All announcements should first be approved by the Coordinator of the Body of Elders.
Please read these announcements to the congregation.

Please take note of the following announcements:

1. Special Metropolitan Public Witnessing:

[Read letter on Special Metropolitan Public Witnessing.]

2. LDC Project on 43rd Street:

The Kingdom Hall Project on 43rd Street has concluded. There are no further needs for volunteers.

3. Literature Requests:

The literature order for Special Request items—including Annual Items such as the Daily Text, Bound Volumes of the *Watchtower* and *Awake!* magazines and Watch Tower Publications Index—will be submitted this week. You may inform your group overseer to have your order submitted. The cutoff date for submitting special request items is the 11th of each month.

4. Resuming In-Person Meetings:

Sunday, June 12th is the date set for our congregation to resume in-person meetings at the kingdom hall. The initial safety concerns appear to have been resolved. As a reminder, wearing face coverings when at the meetings is strongly encouraged. Additionally, if you have flu-like symptoms, it is best to tie in to the meetings virtually.

The plumbing issues will likely impact how we use the kingdom hall. The Operating Committee, along with the Local Design/Construction Department, is working hard to locate and resolve the problem. The elders will keep the congregation abreast as the project progresses. As it stands right now, building "B" is clear to be used for congregation meetings. Do not hesitate to contact your group overseer for any questions or concerns you might have. As an added measure, the elders will continue using the Kingdom Hall Information Board as well as the Electronic Information Board (E-Board) to communicate information to the congregation.

5. Resuming Public Ministry Locally:

In the light of the recent announcement from the branch office regarding resuming features of the Public Ministry, this is to inform the congregation that the body of elders is currently organizing matters so that we can again engage in various forms of the Public Ministry. An announcement will be made with direction in this regard. We ask that all be patient as we consider safe and practical measures that will benefit all.

6. CONVENTION INVITATION CAMPAIGN:

As a reminder, there will be a campaign beginning on Saturday, June 25, 2022, to invite as many people as possible from the congregation's territory to benefit from the convention program. This year, printed invitations will be available to publishers through the congregation. Give priority to using the printed invitations to invite non-Witness family members, inactive ones, Bible students, return visits, and other acquaintances. Thereafter, any remaining invitations can be distributed in letters to the general public. An invitation will also be available on jw.org and in JW Library.



June 7, 2022

TO ALL SPECIAL METROPOLITAN PUBLIC WITNESSING VOLUNTEERS IN
PHILADELPHIA

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We were thrilled to receive the announcement from the Governing Body that all forms of public witnessing with the exception of the door-to-door ministry may now resume. Since this includes special metropolitan public witnessing, we are pleased to provide you with the following additional details.

Special Metropolitan Public Witnessing will relaunch Friday, July 1st, 2022!

We realize there are a significant number of details that you will need to care for and pray about in order to fully resume to participate in this program. Mask wearing will continue to be strongly recommended in order for you to participate in the program. If you have not done so already, please proceed in updating our Location Overseers and Zone Contacts with verifying your availability. In light of the great variety of circumstances, we encourage you to maintain good communication with oversight in order to ensure all things are done decently and by arrangement prior to July 1st (1 Corinthians 14:40).

There are several adjustments in SMPW that will better help us streamline our efforts to be more productive with the available volunteers so as to reflect the Apostle Paul's inspired direction in "aiming my blows is so as not to be striking the air." –1 Corinthians 9:26

The following locations will no longer be part of SMPW and are now turned over to the local congregations for use in their public ministry:

- 1. Harrisburg**
- 2. Reading**
- 3. Easton**
- 4. Norristown TC**
- 5. Trenton**
- 6. Princeton Junction**
- 7. Locust Walk**
- 8. 69th St TC Philadelphia**
- 9. Olney TC Philadelphia**
- 10. Frankfort TC Philadelphia**
- 11. University of Delaware**

(There will also no longer be a night location formerly known as 'The Arts')

We appreciate all of your support over the years in giving these locations your all. No doubt local congregations will benefit from working these locations and implementing the excellent training SMPW has provided. We will still reach out to local congregations to assist us during special events if they fall under those specific areas, where local publishers and SMPW volunteers can equally have a share.

Additionally, starting July 1st, 2022, all locations will have an open schedule for 6 months! You will be able to sign up yourself and enjoy several locations throughout the city. The goal? Just enjoy the program. After the 6 months we will go back to close scheduling where you will need to support your assigned zone and location. Periodically and with good balance you can continue to enjoy the rest of the locations in the city.

We understand that all these adjustments will take some time for you to process. If you fall under a location that has been discontinued by SMPW, such as the ones named above, transfers and details regarding supporting other locations will be accepted in the weeks to come. Since each of your circumstances will vary, please do not feel pressured to respond immediately whether or not you want to participate in SMPW. Some of you may not be comfortable sharing any longer in the program. Kindly just let your Zone Overseers know.

There is no doubt that Special Metropolitan Public Witnessing will have a prominent place in whatever final witness will be given in the last days before the great tribulation starts. Thank you for your support and may Jehovah bless all of you as we serve Him together.

Be assured that all your patience, endurance, and hard work during the last few years are deeply appreciated. (1 Corinthians 15:58).

Your brothers,

Special Metropolitan Public Witnessing

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