



Midweek Meeting Announcements

Date: **July 7, 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. Branch Office Announcements

FOR SELECTED CONGREGATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES BRANCH TERRITORY

1. World Headquarters Audio/Video Construction Project at Ramapo, New York:

As was previously announced at the 2019 Annual Meeting and in the September 2021 midweek meeting video, Ramapo: Make Yourself Available, the Governing Body has approved a world headquarters construction project at Ramapo, New York. It is truly exciting to see that the rapid growth in Jehovah's organization is creating a need for expanded theocratic facilities to support audio/video production.

2. Many brothers and sisters have experienced great joy in being able to participate in the construction of facilities used for Jehovah's worship. Whether we can help out on a building site or not, all of us can have the privilege of supporting such projects through our voluntary donations. As a reminder, an additional donation type on donate.jw.org and an additional contribution box will be available as a means for you to express your appreciation for this exciting endeavor. (2 Cor. 8:12) Online contributions may be made at donate.jw.org by selecting your country and congregation and then selecting the "World Headquarters Audio/Video Construction" donation type. If your congregation has a Kingdom Hall or an Assembly Hall project in progress, the contribution box for the world headquarters construction project will be identified after your local project is completed.

3. We are confident that when the new world headquarters facility is completed, it will significantly contribute to divine education and give a great shout of praise to our loving and generous God, Jehovah.

2. Field Service Reports

Please remember to submit your field service report for the month of June and for any missing month(s).

3. The following is a list of those serving as Continuous Auxiliary Pioneers

- Roxanne Joyner
- ~~Tiesha Devlin~~
- Lorrie Moore
- Shirley Gregory

4. Convention Viewing Schedule

As a reminder, we will view the Friday afternoon session of the convention on Sunday at the regular meeting time. You may check the schedule on the e-board under the "Events" tab.

5. Literature Order

The literature order will be submitted by the 11th. You may order Special Request and Annual items through your group overseer.

6. Sister Vertricia Washington is in Bryn Mawr Hospital. Please reach out to your Group Overseer for any updates.

Tioga Announcements for the Public Ministry

FOR THE CONGREGATION:

The Body of Elders collectively came to agreement outlining the Tioga Public Ministry arrangements. Our overall theme as we communicated centered around safety and sound reasoning. We want to share our direction with the congregation.

- Field Service Locations for meetings
 - We recommend that we continue to meet on Zoom for all meetings for field service. In 6 months, December 2022, we'll re-look at this to see if any changes need to be made.
- Branch Approved Methods of Witnessing
 - Return Visits
 - In-person return visits can be made, **starting June 25**, with the strongly urged precautions:
 - Wear a mask
 - Do not make in-person return visits alone
 - Be mindful of the time making the return visit. Evening is not recommended
 - What happens when making the return visit and other neighbors engage us, not violently, but curious as to what is going on? - *Snippet from the Reference OD pages 96-97, para 27* - **"We today can let the Kingdom truth shine forth by our words and actions whenever there is an opportunity for us to tell others about the good news."**
 - Bible Studies
 - This method of our ministry should follow the example the **Return Visits** just discussed.
 - Cart Witnessing
 - Our concern is safety.
 - The Cart Witnessing will start off on the weekends, **starting Saturday, June 25th**
 - Saturday
 - 8 -10
 - 10 -12
 - 12-2
 - Sunday
 - 2:30- 3:30
 - We'll monitor this form of witnessing for 30 days to potentially open it up Sunday through Saturday with any needed adjustments
 - We'll utilize the same signup sheet we used previously for use of the Carts

- Seven carts are available for use and they appear to be in good condition
- Those who are interested in this phase of the ministry **must qualify**
 - The publishers must inform their FSGO their interest in this form of the ministry even if they previously qualified
 - The Service Committee will make the approvals with the input of the FSGO
- Location of Carts will be what we used previously
 - We're also on the lookout for any new additional locations
- Street Witnessing
 - We share the same concerns for Safety as we have with Cart Witnessing
 - The recommendation is when engaging in this form of witnessing, have multiple publishers engaged, definitely more than two and during reasonable hours.
- Car Witnessing
 - This is not a formal arrangement by the Branch
 - We recognize though that some of our friends engage in this informal form of witnessing
 - Safety again is our concern. If we continue to engage in this form of witnessing the encouragement to have a car full of publishers, at least 4, and constantly be aware of your surroundings. Carjackings are on the rise so heightened awareness is needed