

Announcement

July 29, 2022

FOR CONGREGATIONS

1. **Attending In-Person Meetings:** In reviewing the results of resuming in-person congregation meetings since April 1, 2022, it is evident that Jehovah is clearly blessing this arrangement. We thank Jehovah for the opportunity to greet our brothers and sisters face-to-face, sing songs of praise to Jehovah harmoniously, and make other appropriate expressions of Christian affection once again. (Prov. 27:17, ftn.; Rom. 12:10; Eph. 5:19) After more than two years of not being able to meet together at our Kingdom Halls, we have renewed appreciation for in-person Christian meetings that lift our spirits and strengthen our faith during these difficult times.

2. We acknowledge that because of advanced age, infirmities, or other circumstances, some may be limited in their ability to attend meetings in person. For such ones, please keep in mind the loving reminder at Hebrews 6:10: “God is not unrighteous so as to forget your work and the love you showed for his name by ministering and continuing to minister to the holy ones.”

3. On the other hand, some brothers and sisters—younger and in good health—have more favorable circumstances that may allow them to attend Christian meetings regularly at the Kingdom Hall. However, it has been observed that some have developed a tendency to attend meetings on a videoconference when, according to their circumstances, they could be physically at the Kingdom Hall. If this is our situation, we can ask ourselves the soul-searching question, ‘Can I put forth greater effort to worship Jehovah in person?’

4. We capture a sense of Jehovah’s thinking on this important matter by reviewing the following scriptures:

- Psalm 22:22: “I will declare your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”
- 1 Corinthians 14:23: “The whole congregation comes together to one place . . .”
- 3 John 14: “I am hoping to see you soon, and we will speak face-to-face.”

5. We encourage you to consider prayerfully the aforementioned scriptures and to do research on this subject in our publications, perhaps during your next Family Worship or personal study session. Of course, each one should show balance, reasonableness, and love so that we do not unnecessarily put others at risk by attending meetings in person if we test positive for COVID-19, display cold or flu-like symptoms, or have recently been exposed to someone who tested positive for COVID-19. Please contact the elders if you have questions in this regard.

6. If we are attending via videoconference (or by some other means), we should still view the meeting as part of our worship and sacred service. Remembering this should affect how we dress and act during a meeting, an assembly, or a convention. We need to ask ourselves: ‘Even if it is not possible for me to be physically at the Kingdom Hall, do I still show the same respect for the program? Are there ways that I can improve in this area?’

7. Strong faith and endurance are required to face deteriorating world conditions. So, we take this opportunity to warmly commend you dear brothers and sisters for your faithfulness, love, and heartfelt desire to praise our glorious God, Jehovah. We love you very much!—3 John 4.



Midweek Meeting Announcements

Date: **July 28, 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. We are pleased to announce 2 new baptized publishers in our congregation:

- Sister Lauren Herring
- Brother Wyatt Mitchell!

2. Viewing the Convention:

As a reminder, on Sunday, after an abbreviated *Watchtower* Study, we will view the Saturday Afternoon Session of the convention program.

3. Durable Power of Attorney (DPA) Card:

It is important to have an *up-to-date* DPA Card for yourself and a Identity Card for your children. The most current stamp date on the DPA Card is January 2016 (1/16). If you need assistance with filling out a new one, please see your group overseer. Additionally, a meeting may soon be held over Zoom to assist publishers with understanding blood fractions in an effort to help you explain to your physicians why you chose certain options in the event you might need those products. More information on this meeting may be forthcoming.



Midweek Meeting Announcements

Date: **July 21, 2022**

CBOE's Initials: **JJ**

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Please take note of the following announcements:

1. Visit of the Circuit Overseer:

NOTICE OF VISIT OF CIRCUIT OVERSEER

Dear Brothers:

Please note the following arrangements for the next visit of the circuit overseer. This notice should be posted on the information board once the congregation has been informed.

Congregation: Tioga, PA

Circuit overseer: Eddie Miller

Date of visit: November 1, 2022

Your brother,

Eddie Miller PA-16

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2. Baptism Information:

In looking forward to the upcoming baptisms, we would like to provide the following direction:

The 2 baptism candidates in Tioga may arrive at 12:45pm, Sunday, July 24th at the designated location. (The location will soon be provided to the candidates.) There will be changing rooms available on site if needed, as candidates may arrive and leave without using the changing room if they would like. For safety precautions, we ask that no more than two family members accompany each candidate. Arrangements will be made to ask the questions of the candidates and to offer prayer on site. Zoom information for those who would like to see the baptisms will be provided this week. You may see your group overseer for that information. Any questions, feel free to contact Brother Jack Jones.

3. Accounts Report For June:

READ TO THE CONGREGATION:

A copy of the *Monthly Congregation Accounts Report* for the month of June will
(Month of report)

be posted on the information board. In summary, the congregation received a total of 1,703.00.
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Congregation expenditures for the month totaled 1,817.50. The congregation had a month-end
(Figure [e])

balance of 31,201.46. The congregation also forwarded donations from contribution boxes to the
(Figure [l])

branch office in the amount of 225.00 for the worldwide work.
(Figure [f])

4. Literature Items:

New Meeting Workbooks have arrived. You may pick them up from the literature counter or you may have your group overseer arrange to drop them off at your home.

5. Viewing the Convention:

As a reminder, on Sunday, after an abbreviated *Watchtower* Study, we will view the Saturday Morning Session of the convention program.



Midweek Meeting Announcements

Date: **July 14, 2022**

CBOE's Initials: JJ

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Please take note of the following announcements:

1. As a reminder, this weekend, there will be no viewing of the convention program as a congregation. On Saturday, all groups will meet together for the meeting for field service at 10:00 AM. On Sunday, we will have a meeting for field service at 10:00 AM, then we will have a Public Talk and a full-length Watchtower Study afterwards at 12:30 PM.
2. **Regular Pioneer Service:**
If any are considering signing up to regular pioneer, please submit your completed application, at the latest, one month before your start date. For example, if you want to start regular pioneering on September 1st, you should submit your application by August 1st.
3. **Adjustments to Next Week's Midweek Meeting Parts:**
The video *2022 Governing Body Update #4* will be played during next week's midweek meeting in place of the five-minute part "Rejoice in Jehovah's Acts of Salvation" and the ten-minute local needs part. Family heads are encouraged to include in their family worship a review of the meeting part(s) that will be replaced.



Midweek Meeting Announcements

Date: **July 7, 2022**

CBOE's Initials: J J

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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

- 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