

# KINGDOM MINISTRY

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"Happy is the one that stays awake and keeps his outer garments."—Rev. 16:15.

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## BE A TEACHER

<sup>1</sup>The responsibility rests upon each one of Jehovah's witnesses to be a teacher. Jesus, who set the example for us, was known to his disciples as their teacher. The apostles followed in his footsteps, and for our benefit one of them wrote: "A slave of the Lord . . . needs to be tactful toward all, qualified to teach." (2 Tim. 2:24) It is required of Christian overseers that they be "qualified to teach," and in this they are "examples to the flock." To Christians who were slow about advancing to this point, Paul firmly said: "You ought to be teachers in view of the time."—Heb. 5:12.

<sup>2</sup>During the 1960 service year, now beginning, our goal in the ministry is to follow that sound Scriptural counsel: Be a teacher. Not only do we want to *talk* to others when we go from door to door; we want to *teach* them. On back-calls and at home Bible studies we should become qualified teachers. We are going to give attention to how to train new ones in the service, how to teach them to study and comment in the meetings; and parents will be encouraged to improve their ability as teachers of their own children.

<sup>3</sup>The fact that millions of pieces of Bible literature are placed each year demonstrates the great need for teachers. It is our Christian obligation to go back and feed those who manifest sheeplike qualities, to teach them the divine will. Further, qualified teachers are needed to assist the more than 60,000 new ones who start out in the ministry each year. They must be helped to acquire accurate knowledge and proficiency in the ministry.

<sup>4</sup>What is "teaching"? It means to impart information in such a way that those hearing get the sense of it. An effective teacher takes into consideration the state of mind of his hearer, whether a householder, a large audience or a member of his own family. Learn to explain truths in terms of the everyday life of the

ones you are talking to, as Jesus did. To be effective you must have a heartfelt interest in the ones you teach. Webster shows that one who teaches will "make to know how; show how; . . . train, or accustom to some action." This means that the teacher helps the new one to understand what is to be done with the truths learned. More than that, he *shows* him how to do it, actually doing it with him.

<sup>5</sup>How does one become "qualified to teach"? Jehovah says: "I, Jehovah, am your God, the One teaching you." (Isa. 48:17) We need his spirit and the instruction he gives

us through his organization. To teach, one must be intimately acquainted with his textbook, the Bible. That requires study—study with a view to teaching others. In addition to personal study, we should be present and participate in all congregation meetings. We should regularly avail ourselves of assistance given us in the field ministry, both learning how to witness effectively and observing how the instruction is given, so we, in turn, will be "adequately qualified to teach others." With the help of Jehovah and his organization we can be teachers.—2 Tim. 2:2.

## Harmonizing Our Work with Our Ministerial Garments

<sup>1</sup>Our work harmonizes with the beautiful ministerial garments that Jehovah has given us as long as we "are standing firm in one spirit, with one soul fighting side by side for the faith of the good news."—Phil. 1:27.

<sup>2</sup>September opens another service year of joyfully fighting side by side for the faith of the good news.

**OFFER FOR SEPTEMBER**  
"Your Will Be Done on Earth" and  
one booklet for 50c.  
**THEME FOR SEPTEMBER**  
Harmonizing Our Work with Our  
Ministerial Garments.—Phil. 1:27.

It is the month both to plan our work in the ministry for the year and to get an enthusiastic start. The head of each theocratic family should arrange a time for the family to discuss together how they can improve their ministry and what each member feels he can do weekly in theocratic study and service. Publishers who do not live in theocratic families can discuss their plans with fellow publishers. In-

clude regular study and some share in each feature of the service each week. Arrange a schedule that you can meet every week. "Let each one do just as he has resolved in his heart."—2 Cor. 9:7.

<sup>3</sup>Servants, too, should carefully consider their responsibilities to see that they are fulfilling them to the best of their ability. It was suggested at the district assemblies that servants should visit all publishers from time to time. Make this a part of your monthly schedule. The Bible study servant will want to check up on studies that have not been held for a while and encourage the publishers to revive studies and back-calls that were disrupted during the summer.

<sup>4</sup>Early in September the assistant congregation servant should compute the new congregational quotas and post them on the chart. The congregation should be advised of the new 10-percent quota that the publishers will want to strive to reach by December.

<sup>5</sup>Since this will be the last month  
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★ Wear the "mantle" of a Kingdom witness ★

# Your Service Meetings

## FIRST MEETING IN SEPTEMBER

Theme: Harmonizing Our Work with Our Ministerial Garments.

5 min: Welcome, text, comments.  
10 min: Talk on the theme for the month: "Harmonizing Our Work with Our Ministerial Garments." (See "Watchtower," December 15, 1958, p. 745, and September 1, 1959, p. 535.)

15 min: Questions and answers on the article "Harmonizing Our Work with Our Ministerial Garments."

20 min: Talk on the article "Be a Teacher." (Additional material in "Watchtower," September 1, 1958, p. 529.)

10 min: Concluding comments. (Include remarks on the slogan based on Isa. 61: 3, at the bottom of page 1.)

## SECOND MEETING IN SEPTEMBER

5 min: Welcome, text, comments.

10 min: "New World News" and announcements.

10 min: Questions and answers on Congregation Organization article: "Overseer Resumes Visits with Servants and Conductors."

15 min: Talk and demonstrations on Presenting the Good News "To one who says 'I am a Catholic.'"

10 min: Local experiences enjoyed in any feature of the ministry. (These should be selected in advance, if possible.)

10 min: Concluding comments. (Include remarks on slogan based on Titus 1: 9, at the bottom of page 4.)

## THIRD MEETING IN SEPTEMBER

5 min: Welcome, text, comments.

10 min: Talk based on "Make Sure of All Things," on New-World Living, from page 277, "One's Own Conscience, Trained in God's Word," through 2 Tim. 2: 18, 19 on page 278.

25 min: Analyzing Our Teaching.

Each publisher at the meeting should be given his Publisher's Record card to allow for individual analysis and comparison with national and congregational averages. Should have paper to copy any figures desired for his own personal information.

(3 min.) Assistant congregation servant talks on progress congregation has made during the past year in field activity, improved teaching and growth to maturity. Comments briefly on advancement made through training program. Encourages even greater increase in improved teaching in new service year.

(12 min.) Assistant congregation servant points out that the national averages for the first ten months of the service year were 10.5 hours, 3.8 back-calls, 7 studies and 12.1 magazines. Publishers averaged a total of 5.1 books during same period. Referring to congregation chart, he gives comparative local congregation figures and invites publishers to see how their own record compares as he discusses figures in various columns. Placement of literature (figures here from congregation Weekly Record Sheet) reflects teaching in house-to-house work. If literature placements are low (books, booklets and magazines), need is likely

for improved sermons. Are essential qualities of sermons being used? Servant refers to hour column. Perhaps low placements reflect low activity? Greater activity means more opportunities for placing literature. Do you meet at various service contacts? Are you conscious of need to place magazines at times when regular offer not taken or people are busy? Do you take advantage of opportunities to witness other than regular organized preaching? Wise use of all time essential for getting message of Kingdom preached. Your teaching may reflect lack of spiritual nourishment. Do you regularly attend all congregation meetings? Study essential. These are factors closely related to our improved teaching and maturity.

(10 min.) Bible study servant discusses back-call and study figures with audience. In referring to back-call column, servant asks, "How does your follow-up activity compare?" If few back-calls, does this mean you did not use third hour on Sunday for going on back-calls, or perhaps are not supporting back-call night? Can you recall any placements of literature where you should have called back and have not? How effective are your back-calls? Servant shows this reflects in Bible study column. Nation has improved nicely. What are you doing in Bible study service? If you have been conducting a study for a time, have you helped good-will persons attend meetings or start in field service? Servant encourages all to be particularly mindful of directing the interest to the organization. Be a loving teacher, caring well for persons of good will.

20 min: Comments by congregation servant. Servant reveals 10-percent and 20-percent goals for congregation for year. Shows they can be met by all working unitedly for improved and expanded ministry to Jehovah's praise. (Discuss congregation weaknesses shown in last Report on Congregation left by circuit servant, along with counsel for overcoming them. Concluding announcements.)

## FOURTH MEETING IN SEPTEMBER

5 min: Welcome, text, comments.

10 min: Experiences from 1959 "Yearbook" on using "This Good News of the Kingdom" to start Bible studies. Present as a demonstration, with two publishers who are enthusiastic about Bible study work discussing the value of the "Good News" booklet.

A woman in Australia was helped spiritually and physically by a study in the booklet. (89-90) A good church member in British Guiana became a Witness because of a study in "This Good News of the Kingdom." (107) A few studies in the booklet were enough to cause a woman in Denmark to rebuke her clergyman. (140) It was used effectively in Sarawak to bring the truth to the grandchildren of a headhunter. (249) There are many such experiences that testify to how useful this booklet is.

Conclude by suggesting that every publisher try starting a study in it this month.

15 min: Questions and answers on the article "Regularly Attend Meetings."

20 min: What Do You Remember from "Kingdom Ministry"?

Chairman (3 min.) "Kingdom Ministry" is provided to help us improve

our ministry. It contains suggestions and information useful at all times; so counsel in "Kingdom Ministry" should be remembered and used in our ministry.

Audience and Panel Participation (15 min.) Chairman calls on audience to answer questions based on articles in issues of "Kingdom Ministry" from September, 1958, through August, 1959. A panel of three or four publishers or study conductors seated on platform will also provide answers. Panelists should have special preparation, thoroughly studying the articles on which questions will be asked. Thus even the more difficult questions will have pointed comment. Questions should first go to the audience. From the answers he receives the chairman will determine whether or not to turn the question over to the panel for answer or elaboration. The program should not lag, with too much time spent on individual answers or one article, as there are many fine points to review. Chairman will select questions that have practical value. Questions can be based on the following "Kingdom Ministry" articles: Fulfilling the Divine Will in 1959 Service Year; Proper View of Training Program; Draw the Householder into the Conversation (September); Direct Relationship of Theme to the Literature Offer (October). You Can Start a Study in November; Make Return Visits and Start Studies; Motivating Climax (November). Appreciating the Pioneer Service; Regularity in All Features of Field Service (December). Ways to Utilize the "Yearbook"; Serving Where the Need Is Great; and "Yearbook" experiences; Leaving a Favorable Impression (January). How to Make Practical Use of Tracts; Be on Your Guard Against Impostors; "I Have More Magazines than I Can Read" (February). Theocratic Ministry School Suggestions; Response to the Call for Pioneers (March). 1959 Public Meetings (April). Ministry School demonstration; Confidential Matters; Continue to Aid New Publishers (May). Dedication and Baptism; Purposeful Witnessing (June). Improving the Training Program; Serving Where the Need Is Great (July). Assigning and Covering Territory; Are You Placing the Magazine Quota?; How to Study "The Watchtower" (August).

A week before this part the chairman should give the congregation servant a few questions he has selected. At the end of the meeting the congregation servant can read these to the congregation as a foretaste of this valuable program. It will give the audience an idea as to how to prepare.

Chairman (2 min.) Summary of importance of material and suggestions contained in "Kingdom Ministry."

10 min: Concluding comments.

## JULY SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. B-C	Av. Bt. St.	Av. Mags.
Sp'l Pios.	466	129.7	49.3	8.7	122.5
Pios.	6,610	91.5	32.2	5.7	92.2
Vac. Pios.	3,677	88.2	18.7	2.8	68.6
Pubs.	212,708	10.1	3.3	.7	10.9
TOTAL	223,461				

Public Meetings Held: 15,043

UNITED STATES QUOTA FOR 1959  
222,355 Publishers

# CONGREGATION ORGANIZATION

## Overseer Resumes Visits with Servants and Conductors

<sup>1</sup> For the past two years provision has been made for the overseer to devote time during a designated month with each of the servants and conductors. This has proved very beneficial, and beginning in October the same schedule will be followed during the 1960 service year. In September the overseer should give thought to his visits and plan these so they will be most profitable to his assistants. He will meet with the assistant congregation servant in October, the Bible Study servant in November, and so on until all the servants and conductors have been visited.

<sup>2</sup> The Society will not have an article in *Kingdom Ministry* each month as during the previous two years. However, an announcement will appear in each *Kingdom Ministry*, which will serve as a reminder. Also, provision will be made on the service meeting program for the servant met with to give a report to the congregation on the results of the visit and what will be done to improve the work in the months to come so that all may co-operate.

<sup>3</sup> Before each meeting the overseer and the servant involved should prepare ahead by reading over material in *Qualified to Be Ministers, Preaching Together in Unity and Kingdom Ministry* pertaining to his duties.

The points outlined in the Congregation Organization articles for the past two years should provide the basis for the discussions. The overseer should have a schedule of things to take up and the servant or conductor can discuss with the overseer any matters that he feels should be taken up to improve the congregation organization. The discussions should be practical. Emphasis should be not only on what can be done to improve but how it can be done in order to get proper results. Definite appointments should be made for the overseer to work with each one in the field service several times during the month to check his teaching ability.

<sup>4</sup> The overseer and his assistants must be well organized and must understand their duties thoroughly in the light of the Scriptures and instructions from the Society in order to take the lead in the preaching work and thus shepherd the flock.

<sup>5</sup> In 1960 stress will be on *teaching* in the ministry. As the overseer meets with and works with the servants and conductors, particular attention should be given to their teaching ability and how this can be improved. Continue to use this helpful provision to the full in caring well for the flock now and in preparing for future expansion.

## Regularly Attend Meetings

<sup>1</sup> Why do we go to meetings? First of all because Jehovah God expressly commands us not to forsake the gathering of ourselves. Secondly, because at meetings we become equipped to preach and teach the good news of the Kingdom. Thirdly, because at our meetings we receive education for everlasting life.

<sup>2</sup> Additionally, we go to meetings because of our love for our brothers. We appreciate the mutual "interchange of encouragement" that takes place at our meetings as by our public declarations we incite one another to love and right works. Also, the servants in the congregation work hard to make the meetings interesting and instructive. By attending we show appreciation.

<sup>3</sup> The congregation records show that just as we have a problem as to regularity in publishing we have one in regard to regularity in meeting attendance: 75.9 percent attend the *Watchtower* study, 64.6 percent the service meeting, 61.2 percent the ministry school, and 72.6 percent the congregation book study. Those who are not attending regularly need encouragement to do so.

<sup>4</sup> Why are some irregular meeting attenders? Most likely they never formed the good habit of regular meeting attendance. They merely follow the lines of least resistance, letting whatever or whoever comes along interfere with meeting attendance. It takes determined effort to form good habits. Those who let bad weather interfere should consider what our brothers in Nyasaland go through to attend meetings! (See *The Watchtower*, August 15, 1959, page 510.)

<sup>5</sup> But most of all, failing to be regular in meeting attendance shows a lack of appreciation due to a lack of maturity. It betrays a lack of balance and of being conscious of one's spiritual need. Just as regular publishers help irregular ones, so regular meeting attenders should be alert to opportunities of aiding those not regularly at the meetings.

<sup>6</sup> Servants can help by making their parts on the program so instructive and interesting that no one would want to miss a meeting. Of course, they can also help by setting a good example as well as by encouraging attendance by precept. In particular are the congregation book study conductors in a position to give irregular ones practical aid, doing so themselves and with the help of others who are regular. If we follow through with these suggestions, no doubt our meeting attendance will greatly improve.

## Announcements

◆ Any dedicated brothers or sisters visiting friends or relatives anywhere behind the Iron Curtain may find it advisable to communicate with the Branch office as early as possible before making the trip.

◆ Congregations and pioneers are being sent their monthly report cards for the coming service year. Congregations will also receive a year's supply of Magazine Distributor's Order blanks.

◆ New publications available:  
*Jehovah's Witnesses in the Divine Purpose* \$1.00 (Presently available in U.S.A. only) —English

"Look! I Am Making All Things New" —English, Japanese, Spanish  
*Awake!* in Korean (monthly; 50c a year)

◆ These items out of stock:  
*Basis for Belief in a New World* —Italian  
*Healing of the Nations Has Drawn Near* —Portuguese  
*"Let God Be True"* —Russian, Spanish  
*"This Means Everlasting Life"* —French

# 11 ASV Bible (Indexed edition) —English  
Bible # 63 —Japanese

◆ These items available again:  
*Qualified to Be Ministers* —Spanish  
*You May Survive Armageddon into God's New World* —German

◆ In recent months district servants have been showing the new film "Divine Will International Assembly of Jehovah's Witnesses" at circuit assemblies throughout the world. Everywhere

it has been received with enthusiastic appreciation.

In order that many more people of good will may see this documentary film showing the greatest gathering of true Christians ever held on earth, the Society is pleased to announce that extra copies are now available. Branches, circuits, congregations or individuals desiring a set of this film may place their orders as for cash items. The cost is \$200. This all-color, 16mm, double-perforated, silent film is 1,850 feet in length and comes on five reels in a fiber case, together with a narrator's script in English. (A Spanish script is available if requested.)

◆ Warning: Brothers in different parts of the country have suffered a loss of money by persons' passing bad checks. They have passed the bad checks that were returned unpaid by certain Utah banks. The banks stated that no such account existed or they were unable to locate such account. The checks were passed by a person using the names J. A. Johnson or James A. Johnson.

This warning is given for brothers to be cautious in dealing with strange persons posing as Jehovah's witnesses and seeking to take advantage of them. The person or persons responsible for this fraudulent conduct may use some name other than the two stated above.

◆ Please note the following correction in the Theocratic Ministry School schedule: The reading assignment for the week of October 4 should be Job 38: 33 to 40: 24.

# Presenting THE GOOD NEWS

## To one who says "I am a Catholic."

<sup>1</sup>This objection is often raised by sincere Catholics who are following the instructions of their priests to avoid talking to Jehovah's witnesses. But Jehovah has commanded that they must hear. We want to penetrate such barriers, if possible, in a tactful and discerning way, so that sincere ones will be able to make an intelligent decision and so that we will be "clean from the blood of all men."

<sup>2</sup>You may answer: "I am glad to know that, because I find that Catholic people take their religion seriously. I do, too, and I think all people should make religion more a part of their everyday lives, don't you? If they did, we certainly wouldn't have so much delinquency and trouble. Truly religious people would like to see God's will done on earth, with no more wars and distresses. I know you have prayed the 'Our Father' prayer where Jesus instructed us to pray that God's will be done on earth as it is in heaven." (Then go on to show how sure this is and what it means.)

## Harmonizing Our Work

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for offering the book "*Your Will Be Done on Earth*," territory not as yet covered should be concentrated on. According to reports the Society has received, the new sermon is proving very effective. One publisher writes: "The new sermon is a wonder. It holds their interest, and the book is going as fast as the *Paradise* book. A wonderful book for us to study at this critical time."

<sup>6</sup>By including in the offer "*This Good News of the Kingdom*" or *God's Way Is Love*, it is a simple matter to start a study. Try the suggestion of starting it at the time the literature is placed by offering to demonstrate how to get the most from the Bible study aids. A publisher who had trouble starting studies tried this method with remarkable results. "It was not a polished job," she states, "but it worked. Each time it became easier. Jehovah's blessing was there. While in December I had five studies, in January and February I had ten studies, besides helping to establish four more for other publishers to

<sup>3</sup>Or you might answer: "Then we have something in common. Everyone is concerned about the growing danger from communism and the threat of increased godlessness. In fact, the Catholic church has issued strong warnings against it. We would like to see peace, with God's will being done on earth. But whose will is to be done? Will it be that of the communistic dictators? You have no doubt prayed many times: 'Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth.' Here in the Scriptures we find that Jesus himself originated this prayer." (Read Matt. 6: 9, 10.)

<sup>4</sup>Or you may emphasize Bible reading by referring to Jesus' model prayer and mentioning that in prayer we are speaking to God, but when we read the Bible God is speaking to us, so Bible study is necessary. In fact, Pope Pius XII, in the foreword of the Douay Bible, agrees with Jerome that "to ignore the Scriptures is to ignore Christ." The apostle Peter also wrote two very fine letters of instruction and told why we must daily meditate on God's holy Word. —2 Pet. 1: 12, 15, 19.

**OFFER FOR OCTOBER**  
Subscription for "Awake!" and  
three booklets for \$1.

**THEME FOR OCTOBER**  
Announcing the Rulership of  
God's Kingdom.—Ps. 145: 11.

conduct." If you have not used this method, do so now.

<sup>7</sup>There is a splendid opportunity to share in magazine activity on Labor Day. Use that day to good advantage, arranging morning and afternoon service contacts for the benefit of all. When school begins, children can continue the good effort they make on Labor Day by setting aside regular times to do magazine work on the way home from school. Some who have done this have had good success in establishing routes and easily reach their magazine quotas.

<sup>8</sup>Let us all strive to make September the month that sets the pace we want to keep throughout the year. Plan your work during this month so that it harmonizes with the beautiful ministerial garments you are privileged to wear.

## NEW WORLD NEWS

♦ Jehovah's witnesses in the United States had 16 grand assemblies in June and July. The total attendance at the public meeting sessions was 173,892 and, to the joy of all, 3,612 brothers and sisters were baptized.

Six more Awake Ministers District Assemblies are arranged for the month of August. Here is the report by cities:

City	Public Meeting Attendance	Number Immersed
Albuquerque	6,304	128
Boise	2,774	41
Chattanooga	9,953	223
Cincinnati	14,599	276
Des Moines	10,015	229
Eugene	5,627	107
Evansville	9,122	238
Flint	18,317	337
Fairbanks	330	10
Fresno	5,109	118
Philadelphia	34,251	698
Rapid City	3,850	91
Rochester	14,161	315
Tampa	10,715	263
San Diego	22,615	380
Stockton	6,150	158
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>173,892</b>	<b>3,612</b>

The press, city officials, chambers of commerce, auditorium and stadium managers, hotel owners and the good people of all these cities gave Jehovah's witnesses a good welcome and hearty co-operation.

♦ 4,406 assembled on campus lawn at Gilead for graduation of 33d class. 82 graduates to serve in all corners of the earth.

♦ New two-story Branch and Kingdom Hall building completed at Belize, British Honduras.

## "THE WATCHTOWER" and "AWAKE!"

Order extra distributor's copies now.

September 15

♦ "Salvation for Your Family as Well as Your Neighbor" and "Salvation by Overcoming Proud Tradition."

♦ Kierkegaard's Attack on Christendom.  
♦ Visiting Solomon's Temple.

September 22

♦ Are You a Victim of Hero Worship?  
♦ Should Medical Procedure Respect Religious Conscience?  
♦ What Is Homesickness?  
♦ Take a Closer Look at Religious Art.  
♦ Ghana's Strange Mixture of Languages.

October 1

♦ Finding Truth That Makes Men Free.  
♦ Misplaced Confidence.  
♦ Have You Been Baptized for Life?  
♦ Eusebius Pamphili.

October 8

♦ The Qualities of Joyful Living.  
♦ Giving Under Compulsion.  
♦ How Safe Is Your Home?  
♦ Forest Fires—a Wilderness Menace.

## Learn the "art of teaching"