

Announcements and Reminders

August 2025

FOR CONGREGATIONS

1. **Worldwide Campaign in September 2025:** As previously announced, in September 2025 there will be a worldwide campaign featuring *The Watchtower* No. 1 2025, entitled “An End to War—How?” Publishers who decide to serve as auxiliary pioneers during September 2025 will have the option of choosing the 15-hour or 30-hour requirement. Additionally, a special talk with the same theme as the featured magazine will be delivered to all congregations worldwide. It will be presented on [Saturday, September 27, 2025](#). Those who show interest during the campaign should be warmly invited to attend.

2. **2026 Memorial:** On Thursday, April 2, 2026, we will observe the Lord's Evening Meal. (Luke 22:19) No midweek meeting will be scheduled that week. Additionally, please note that the 2027 Memorial observance will be held on Monday, March 22, 2027. The 2028 Memorial observance will be held on Sunday, April 9, 2028.

3. **2026 Special Talk:** To generate enthusiasm for the Memorial, the 2026 special talk will be presented the week before the Memorial, during the week of March 23. Congregations that have the circuit overseer's visit or a circuit assembly the week of March 23 will usually have the special talk one week earlier.

4. **Resolved Monthly Donation to the Worldwide Work:** For the upcoming service year, the congregation will be presented with a resolution to donate a monthly amount to the worldwide work. The branch office uses worldwide work funds to support various activities that benefit congregations. Such activities include renovating and constructing Kingdom Halls and Assembly Halls; caring for incidents at theocratic facilities, including those involving natural disaster, fire, theft, or vandalism; providing technology and related services; and assisting with the travel costs of selected special full-time servants in foreign service who attend international conventions. [If the body of elders has determined the resolution amount referred to in [paragraph 5](#) of the announcements for elders, the resolution should be presented now. Otherwise, inform the congregation that the resolution will be presented the following week.]

5. **Construction Skills Needed to Support the Ramapo Construction Project:** As announced on [jw.org](#), on November 6, 2024, the Town of Ramapo Planning Board signed the approval for the Ramapo site plan. This has allowed for extensive site-related work to begin in earnest. To accomplish this important and specialized work, we have a particular need for highly experienced brothers and sisters with skills in the following areas:

- Large excavators, dozers, cranes, and wheel loader operators
- Underground Sewer and Water Utility Installers
- Plumbers
- Mass timber and Cross Laminated Timber (CLT) installers
- Steel erectors

6. If you have experience in any of these areas, please speak to one of the elders. They can provide you with a detailed list of the specific skills needed. Additionally, if you have an active application on file, we encourage you to update your skills and experience as needed using the My Profile feature on JW Hub.

7. If you are available to volunteer on a temporary basis—from one week up to several months—please complete an *Application for Volunteer Program* (A-19). If you are available to serve for a year or longer, please fill out an *Application to Become a Member of the Worldwide Order of Special Full-Time Servants of Jehovah's Witnesses* (A-8). Applicants for construction projects should be baptized for at least one year and be at least 18 years of age. Those who qualify may apply using the My Applications feature on JW Hub or request a printed application from the secretary.

8. Whether you have construction skills and can volunteer or not, we thank you for supporting those who are able to volunteer and for praying that Jehovah richly blesses the Ramapo project.

9. Filling Needs in the Branch Territory: Many congregations in the United States branch territory have just two or three elders and ministerial servants. Some congregations have large territories that are not frequently worked. These congregations need assistance from pioneers and appointed men. If you are in a position to serve where there is a greater need, please submit a letter to your Congregation Service Committee as outlined in the *Organized* book, chapter 10, paragraphs 6 through 9.

10. Another option is to apply for the School for Kingdom Evangelizers. Rapid growth is taking place in many lands, resulting in a need for more special pioneers, field missionaries, and circuit overseers. The School for Kingdom Evangelizers is designed to train pioneers who are willing to serve wherever they are needed. Those who are interested in attending the school should watch the video *Apply for the School for Kingdom Evangelizers!*, which has been made available on jw.org. If more information is needed, please speak with the circuit overseer during his visit. Those who qualify may apply using the My Applications feature on JW Hub or request a printed application from the secretary.

11. We acknowledge that not everyone can take on expanded theocratic service at this time. However, we truly appreciate all that you are doing in your local congregation—showing loving care for one another, assisting those in need, and offering encouragement. (Prov. 16:31; Jas. 1:27) Your willingness to prayerfully consider how you can make yourself available, and your support of those who do, help to strengthen the organization. Rest assured that Jehovah will generously bless your efforts.—Prov. 10:22; 11:25; Isa. 6:8.