

Announcement

November 9, 2020

FOR COORDINATORS OF THE BODIES OF ELDERS

1. **Donations in Support of Kingdom Interests Worldwide:** Please arrange for the announcement for congregations to be read to the congregation at the Life and Ministry Meeting for the week of November 9, 2020, during the part “The Value of ‘Two Small Coins.’”

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FOR CONGREGATIONS

1. **Donations in Support of Kingdom Interests Worldwide:** We express heartfelt gratitude for your ongoing generous support of Kingdom interests. Despite the unique challenges and circumstances you have experienced during the past year, your “gift in hand for Jehovah” served as a shout of praise to his name. (1 Chron. 29:5) Your self-sacrificing generosity brings great joy to our God.

2. The widespread effects of the COVID-19 pandemic have touched all of us. Many of us suffered the direct ill effects of the virus or lost loved ones in death. Physical distancing requirements restricted our house-to-house and public ministry, our use of our Kingdom Halls, and our close physical association with one another. Many lost jobs and income as the pandemic had an impact locally and on the global economy. Yet, you were determined to provide your gift to Jehovah.

3. Of course, during this time contribution boxes in Kingdom Halls have not been accessible. Therefore, you took advantage of other options. Many of you began donating electronically. Where electronic donations are not available, you worked with your local elders to make your donations while maintaining social distancing. Your efforts to contribute are very much appreciated.

4. As noted in the jw.org article series “How Your Donations Are Used,” much was accomplished! For example, some of your contributions helped to pay for videoconferencing subscriptions. This allowed congregations, many of whom would not have been able to afford the service, to continue meeting together during the pandemic. Your generous gifts also supported the translation of our 2020 “Always Rejoice”! regional convention into over 400 languages. What a cause for joy it was to be gathered globally to enjoy the convention as a united brotherhood during July and August! While current conditions require endurance, nothing can disrupt the unity and joy of our worldwide brotherhood, and nothing has impeded your generosity in supporting the worldwide work.

5. We love you all very much and pray for you every day. May Jehovah continue to bless your generous spirit, strengthen you, and comfort you as you faithfully await his deliverance at the end of this system of things.