

# Announcement

October 17, 2023

## FOR CONGREGATION SERVICE COMMITTEES

1. **Legal Seminar 2024:** We are pleased to inform you that the Governing Body has given approval for the Britain branch to host an in-person Legal Seminar early next calendar year. This will provide an excellent opportunity for the Legal Department to get better acquainted with spiritually qualified brothers and sisters in the field with legal experience.

2. Spiritually-qualified *licensed lawyers and paralegals* are needed to assist with the work at Bethel. (Phil. 1:7) There is a particular need for those who have experience in litigation, corporate matters, or real estate transactions. We are hoping to locate several experienced lawyers and paralegals who have exceptional analytical, research, and writing abilities.

3. If there are any publishers in your congregation who meet these needs, please encourage them to submit an *Application for Volunteer Program (A-19)* as soon as possible, preferably using the online applications feature on JW Hub. Whether submitting a new application or having an active application, please direct publishers to complete or update their skills and experience under the *My Profile* section. Only those with an approved A-19 can be invited to attend the seminar. In addition, please ensure that A-19 applications submitted to the Congregation Service Committee are processed immediately and no later than **November 20, 2023**. Please note that an approved application does not guarantee that the applicant will be invited to the seminar. Those invited will be notified in due course and full details will be provided at that stage.

4. We trust that you will use discretion in approaching publishers regarding volunteering to assist the organization in the above way. Please note that we are not encouraging individuals to pursue higher education or university degrees to obtain skills related to legal matters.—w13 10/15 pp. 15-16 pars. 13-14.

## FOR COORDINATORS OF THE BODIES OF ELDERS

1. **Announcement to Congregations:** Please ensure that the relevant announcement for congregations is read at the next two midweek meetings and thereafter posted on the information board.

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