

VACATION PIONEER INFORMATION

Dear fellow Publisher:

Jesus said that "there is more happiness in giving than there is in receiving." Haven't you found it so? We are sure you have and we are pleased to know that you are interested in spending more time giving of yourself in Jehovah's service. We hope this letter will help you arrange your affairs to enjoy the vacation pioneer service.

No doubt you have wondered about the length of time you may serve as a vacation pioneer and what your goals would be. Well, you may select any period that is convenient for you. Naturally the more time you spend in the service the greater your happiness, so if you can arrange to serve one month, that will be fine; but if two or more months may be devoted to the vacation pioneer service we are sure that you will be glad you chose to do so. Perhaps you are not in a position to spend one or more months, though, as a vacation pioneer, and if this is so, we are happy to say you can serve any two consecutive weeks suitable to you.

As an aid and incentive to fully accomplish your ministry, the goal for serving as a vacation pioneer for one or more full months is 100 hours for each month. If you apply for the two-week arrangement, your goal will be 75 hours for the month. By good scheduling of your time we are sure that you will find it possible to spend 50 hours during the two weeks of pioneering and 25 hours the remainder of the month, whether before or after the two-week appointment period. For example, if your two-week appointment should be for the last two weeks in a month, then you will find it best to spend 25 hours in the field service before your appointment begins and 50 hours during the two-week appointment period. All these 75 hours will be reported to the Society on the yellow report card provided through the congregation overseer. If you are serving one or more months as a vacation pioneer for the goal of 100 hours each month, we feel sure you will enjoy reaching for the goal of 100 magazines. We are also pleased to say that you may obtain literature and magazines at pioneer rates. Subscriptions may also be turned in at pioneer rates. This applies only during the actual appointment period.

In some cases your activity may involve parts of two months. If so, your activity during the first month would be reported to the congregation as a publisher until the vacation pioneer appointment begins, and you would be counted as a publisher for that month. Then retain the record of your daily activity and turn in a complete report on your pioneer service at the end of the second month, including on your report, not only your activity as a vacation pioneer, but also your activity as a publisher from the time your appointment ends to the end of the second month. To help you understand this a little better, let's say your appointment is from October 16 through November 15. In this case you would report all your activity from October 1 through October 15 to the congregation and be counted as a publisher by the congregation at the end of October. You would report all your activity from October 16 through November 30 to the Society at the end of November and would not be counted as a publisher by the congregation for November. Your Publisher's Record card for those months

will be marked "vacation pioneer" and will be posted from the report you turn in to your congregation servant at the end of each month.

Who can apply for the vacation pioneer service? Anyone who has been a regular publisher for at least six months and has been baptized. It will help the Society process your application and send your appointment to you without delay if you arrange to give your application to your overseer about 30 days before you wish to start. If circumstances do not allow this and you find you can vacation pioneer, send it in anytime. We will be glad to receive it and will quickly process it for you. Your overseer will promptly fill in your average field service record for the last six months and forward the application to the Society with the congregation committee's signatures and recommendation. It will be our pleasure to then send you, through your congregation overseer, an appointment letter showing the dates you are appointed to the vacation pioneer service. If the appointment letter from the Society is not received on or before the date on which you expressed a desire to begin, go ahead with your planned schedule. No doubt you will receive it shortly thereafter.

If you find that you are able to continue your vacation pioneer service for another full month or more beyond what you have planned, simply let us know and we shall be glad to extend the time of your appointment. In fact, all that is necessary is just to send along a letter making known your desire at the time you turn in your report for the month. Incidentally, *all* vacation pioneer appointment extensions are for full months and for the full goal of 100 hours for each additional month you desire to serve. The two-week provision is not arranged to be extended for consecutive months, but is an arrangement for persons who can serve for only two weeks.

As you serve in this wonderful work and find that you can arrange your affairs to meet the goals and serve as a regular pioneer, we will be pleased to receive a Regular Pioneer Application from you.

It makes us happy to see your desire to receive increased blessings from our heavenly Father by enlarging your service. May he bless you as you serve him faithfully.

Your fellow servants,

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