

Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses



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TO ALL NEW REGULAR PIONEERS

Dear Brothers:

We warmly welcome you to the regular pioneer ranks! We pray that Jehovah will bless your efforts so that you “fully accomplish your ministry.”—2 Tim. 4:5.

What will this require? You will need to remain spiritually strong and keep a good relationship with Jehovah. Having acquired such a relationship through dedication and baptism, you must now be even more determined to ‘set your mind on the things of the spirit.’ (Rom. 8:5, 6; 1 Pet. 3:21) The spirit’s fruitage consists of “love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, mildness, self-control.” (Gal. 5:22, 23) Daily conscientious effort is needed to cultivate that fruitage.

Communicating with Jehovah through heartfelt prayer is essential to keeping strong spiritually. (Phil. 4:6, 7) Jesus urged his followers “always to pray and not to give up.” (Luke 18:1) A regular programme for personal study and meeting preparation is also vital. Remember that Jehovah directed Joshua to read God’s Word regularly “in order to observe carefully all that is written in it.”—Josh. 1:8.

What is your view of the yearly hour requirement? Have you developed a practical schedule to meet it? This is one of the things that is needed if you are to succeed as a pioneer. Imitate Jehovah, and carry on your ministry in an orderly way. (1 Cor. 14:33, 40) Put your schedule in writing. You have counted the cost, as it were, and you want to “let your word ‘Yes’ mean yes.” (Matt. 5:37; Luke 14:28) So give your ministry priority, and as far as it depends on you, do not let non-essentials interfere with the time you have set aside for participating in the preaching work.

Deep concern for people will also strengthen your resolve to succeed as a pioneer. Jesus’ love for people moved him to expend himself and not be self-sparing. (Matt. 9:36; 22:39) Satan has blinded the minds of the vast majority of people. But you know that among the masses are to be found sincere ones who long to gain the freedom offered by the truth. The pioneer ministry to which you have been appointed affords you greater opportunity “to open their eyes, to turn them from darkness to light and from the authority of Satan to God.”—Acts 26:18; John 8:32.

In all that you do, remember that our service should bring glory to Jehovah, not to ourselves. Show a sincere personal interest in those you meet in the field. Endeavour to be adaptable and discerning in dealing with different types of people. (1 Cor. 9:20-23) How you conduct yourself will be noticed both by your brothers and sisters and by people on the outside. Shoulder the added responsibility you now bear in a dignified way, humbly proving yourself to be an example to all in the congregation. Do all things for Jehovah’s glory.—1 Cor. 10:31.

As a pioneer, you will enjoy the pioneer meetings with the circuit overseer, the Pioneer Service School, the annual meeting with elders in your congregation, and the special meeting held with pioneers in conjunction with the circuit assembly. The elders will also help and encourage you in your pioneer ministry. You can assist them by scheduling time to work with them in service when they are available. Feel free to approach the elders and to communicate with them regarding your needs. (Heb. 13:17; *km* 3/00 p. 8) By all means, benefit from the assistance they provide. They deeply appreciate your hard work, faith, and zeal in Jehovah’s service.

From time to time, you may become discouraged. This can rob you of joy in the full-time service. Changed circumstances because of health problems, financial reversals, increased family responsibilities, and so forth may cause you to get behind in your hours. Especially when you are facing difficulties, it is beneficial to meditate on the treasure you have in the ministry. “Throw your burden on Jehovah, and he will sustain you. Never will he allow the righteous one to fall.” (Ps. 55:22) Jehovah gives wisdom, strength, and holy spirit to us as his loyal servants so that we can carry our load of responsibility. He also helps us to bear burdens that are the result of human weaknesses and circumstances beyond our control. View such challenges as opportunities to demonstrate your faith and confidence in God’s ability to provide what is needed. (Matt. 6:33, 34) Make these matters the subject of specific, earnest prayer and supplication to Jehovah.—Luke 11:2-13; 1 Pet. 5:6, 7.

A number of articles have been published that will assist you as a pioneer. We recommend that you review pages 102 and 122-131 of the *Organized* book and prayerfully consider the following material as a personal study project throughout your first year of pioneer service:

- “Do You See the Need to Make Spiritual Progress?”—*w16.08* pp. 20-24
- “Seek the Kingdom, Not Things”—*w16.07* pp. 7-12
- “Do Not Be Afraid. I Will Help You”—*w16.07* pp. 18-20
- “Serve Jehovah Without Distraction”—*w15 10/15* pp. 18-22
- “How Real Is Your Relationship With Jehovah?”—*w15 4/15* pp. 19-23
- “Pioneering Strengthens Our Relationship With God”—*w13 9/15* pp. 27-31
- “Making Whole-Souled Sacrifices for Jehovah”—*w12 1/15* pp. 21-25

We “remember your faithful work, your loving labor, and your endurance.” (1 Thess. 1:3) It is a pleasure to be united with you in disseminating the life-giving knowledge of God as you assume the privilege and responsibility of the regular pioneer ministry. (John 17:3; 2 Cor. 4:6) May Jehovah richly bless your wholehearted service. Be assured of our warm Christian love.

Your brothers,

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