

Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses



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June 3, 2013

TO ALL CONGREGATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES BRANCH TERRITORY

Re: Update on Bethel construction projects and need for temporary volunteers

Dear Brothers:

How thrilling it is to see firsthand the remarkable expansion of pure worship in fulfillment of Jehovah's promise! (Isa. 60:22) Extensive construction projects are currently taking place at Bethel. At this time, we are happy to provide an update on the progress of these projects and to make you aware of the ongoing need for temporary volunteers.

Since the start of the Wallkill Bethel expansion in August 2009, approximately 2,800 different brothers and sisters have served as temporary volunteers. Presently, a major renovation of one of our residential buildings at that site is underway. This includes a complete remodel of 131 rooms. Additionally, a new 82,000-square-foot office building is being constructed. Adjustments are also planned for the printery, auditorium, and main lobby. The duration of the Wallkill Bethel expansion extends to the end of 2015. Volunteers continue to be needed for this project.

Furthermore, as outlined on page 10 of the *2013 Yearbook*, preliminary work is underway at the site of the future world headquarters in Warwick, New York. This large project also will require a considerable number of skilled brothers and sisters. A list of the construction skills that are currently needed will be posted on the information board. At this time, we are encouraging brothers and sisters who meet the following qualifications and who are interested in making themselves available to apply for temporary volunteer service.

Qualifications: The spiritual qualifications of applicants for temporary volunteer service at Bethel are of greatest importance. Applicants must be wholly dedicated to Jehovah and be exemplary. They must be baptized at least one year. Those in good health between the ages of 19 and 55 may apply. On occasion, exceptions have been made, and some over 55 have been invited because of the needs.

How to apply: Your congregation secretary has temporary volunteer applications on file. You may apply to serve for one to four weeks or up to three months. Once submitted, temporary volunteer applications are valid for three years. Those applying should have the full support of their family. If a married brother applies for more than one month, his wife should also apply. Invitations are based on the needs at Bethel and the accommodations available.

We desire to take this occasion to convey our sincere appreciation to all of Jehovah's people who are wholeheartedly supporting this theocratic expansion through their loving labor and generous contributions. We recognize that all of this is being accomplished because of Jehovah's blessing as we continue to rely on him.—Ps. 127:1; Zech. 4:6.

Your brothers,

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cc: Traveling overseers

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PS to body of elders:

Please arrange for this letter (with the exception of the attached list of skills) to be read to the congregation at the first Service Meeting after its receipt. Thereafter, the letter and list of skills should be posted on the information board. When needed, the *Application for Temporary Volunteer Program* (A-19) can be printed from jw.org.

TRADE SKILLS NEEDED FOR PROJECTS AT U.S. BETHEL

SITE WORK, CONCRETE, AND MASONRY

Surveyors
Structural Concrete
Rebar Detailers
Brick Masons
Concrete Shotcrete Installers
Geothermal Installers
Concrete Batch Plant Operators
NY State Licensed Crane Operators
Heavy Equipment Operators
Concrete Pump Truck Operators
Trucking—CDL Licensed
Materials Handling Operators
(Forklifts, Lull and Gradall)

ELECTRICAL AND CONTROLS INSTALLATION

General Electrical Tradesmen
Specialized Electrical Tradesmen
(Fire Alarm Controls, Building Controls,
Building Systems, Commissioning Tradesmen,
Test and Balance [TAB] Tradesmen)

DIESEL AND HEAVY EQUIPMENT TECHNICIANS

BUILDING TRADES

Drywall Hangers and Finishers
Structural Form Carpenters
Finish Carpenters
Wall Vinyl Hangers
Painters
Steel-Stud Framers
Low-Slope Roofers
Tile Installers
Carpet Installers
Commercial Door Installers
EIFS Tradesmen
Industrial Coatings Installers
Below-Grade Waterproofing

PLUMBING

General Plumbing Tradesmen
Specialized Plumbing Tradesmen
(Pipe Fitters, Pipe Welders,
Sprinkler System Installers)
Pipe Insulators

MECHANICAL AND METALWORKING

Elevator Mechanics
Sheet Metal/Ductwork Fabricators
and Installers
Metal Fabrication Welders
(Structural Steel Welders, Stainless Steel Welders)
Structural Steel Installers
HVAC/R Technicians

CONSTRUCTION SUPPORT

HVAC/R Engineers/Designers
Electrical Engineers/Designers
Structural Engineers/Designers
Building Controls Engineers/Designers
(HVAC/R, Process, and Lighting System Controls)
Quality Control Engineers
(Licensed Concrete Inspectors, Soil Engineers,
Concrete Field Technicians)
Audio/Video Systems Designers and
Installers
Construction Supervisors
Construction Estimators
Construction Schedulers (Microsoft Scheduler Program)
Safety Consultants/Managers