

Announcement

June 3, 2022

FOR CONGREGATIONS

- 1. Resuming In-Person Forms of the Ministry:** We are delighted to share the following news with you. On May 31, 2022, the Governing Body informed all Branch Committees that they may now resume all forms of public witnessing with the exception of the door-to-door ministry. In-person Bible studies and return visits may also be resumed. After considering the local situation in our branch territory, we are pleased to provide the following direction that will be of assistance to you as you carry out your personal ministry.
2. In addition to in-person return visits and Bible studies, approved forms of the public ministry include special metropolitan public witnessing, cart witnessing, street witnessing, business witnessing, prison witnessing, harbor witnessing, and informal witnessing. The use of face masks is encouraged when engaging in public witnessing. The elders will begin organizing arrangements for witnessing in public places.
3. We rejoice that we will have additional opportunities to share the good news of God's Kingdom with our neighbors!—Matt. 28:19, 20.

Announcements and Reminders

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1. **Posting Material on Websites and Social Media:** While we may share information from the organization's websites by sending a link to individuals, we should not *post on the Internet* any artwork, electronic publications, trademarks, music, photos, videos, or articles from our websites. This would include theocratic programs on jw.org or JW Stream, such as monthly broadcasts, congregation meetings, circuit assemblies, and conventions. If you have posted such material on any website or social media without permission, please remove it. More information on this topic can be found in the April 2018 issue of *The Watchtower*, pages 30-31, and on jw.org under "Terms of Use."

2. **Private Efforts to Provide Relief Supplies:** Please do not make private arrangements to send relief supplies to brothers in need, such as in Ukraine, unless you have been asked to do so by the branch office. Although well-intentioned, these shipments can create other challenges. If we were to send relief supplies before getting approval, this could result in disruption of the work of the appointed brothers, duplication of effort and expense, and possible confusion or even frustration of government officials. Thus, instead of sending relief supplies, you may contribute to the worldwide work, such as by donate.jw.org. Of course, there is no objection to personal efforts to help individuals you know. If you have a significant amount of supplies that you feel would be useful for a relief effort, you may contact your local branch office to make an offer. Hebrews 13:16 assures us that Jehovah is well-pleased when we share what we have with others. We can be confident that he appreciates our loving and organized efforts to care for one another in times of distress.