



WATCH TOWER

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TO: ALL BODIES OF ELDERS PARTICIPATING IN THE
KINGDOM HALL ASSISTANCE ARRANGEMENT (KHAA)

Dear Brothers:

The inspired Bible record of the early Christian congregation informs us of several instances where true worshipers in one area who found themselves in financial need due to unforeseen occurrences were assisted by fellow believers who lived elsewhere. This is in harmony with the principle found at 2 Cor. 8:14,15, where Paul explains how one congregation's surplus might offset another's deficiency.

In our day there has been a tremendous increase in the size of the organization while at the same time the world has grown increasingly unstable and dangerous. Wisdom therefore dictates that we now plan ahead for "unforeseen occurrence" and prepare to assist one another. One provision by means of which this assistance is rendered is the KHAA.

We are entering the tenth year of this arrangement through which designated contributed funds are used to pay for property damage to Kingdom Halls as well as expenses and liability claims arising from incidents at Kingdom Halls. These funds are also used to purchase catastrophe coverage to protect the Society's assets here at headquarters and other major locations. Jehovah's blessing on the fine spirit of cooperation and conscientious support that all have shown makes it possible to continue to provide this assistance without any change in the amount of the suggested contributions since the program's inception.

Attached is the suggested contribution for the KHAA for your congregation(s) covering the accounting period of October 1, 1998, to October 1, 1999. When remitting your contribution via the Watchtower Electronic Funds Transfer System (WEFTS), enter the amount at the telephone prompt designated Kingdom Hall Assistance Arrangement. This prompt is accessed under the "other donations or payments" menu. Please **do not** include this contribution with any payments on your Congregation Account. If your congregation is able to contribute the entire amount now, this would be greatly appreciated. If this is not possible, please forward as much as you can afford and then any additional amounts when you are able to do so.

The Society is pleased to administer this arrangement by which all congregations can share in assisting one another. We join you in praying for Jehovah's blessing on our efforts to properly care for our buildings and all those who turn to such centers of true worship to learn more about our Grand Creator.

Your brothers,

Watch Tower B. & J. Society
OF PENNSYLVANIA

P.S. Please note that the next to last paragraph applies only to the congregation which holds title to the property and makes remittances to the Society in connection therewith.

c: Traveling overseers