

5. Local congregations

- a. Each congregation meets in an unpretentious building called "Kingdom Hall"
- b. Each congregation consists of from a few to some 200 witnesses
- c. Each congregation has elders assigned to look after various duties:
 - (1) Congregation servant (chairman of the body of elders)
 - (2) Assistant congregation servant
 - (3) Bible study servant
 - (4) Watchtower study servant
 - (5) Theocratic Ministry School servant

Note: If there are only two or three elders, they would always be assigned to the first three positions listed above. One of them may be assigned to two positions if there are only two elders. Each year on Oct. 1, if there is more than one elder in the congregation, a new congregation servant will be assigned. Usually, that will be the man who was the assistant congregation servant the preceding year. The other elders will also be assigned to different positions at this time. Thus, when a man becomes an elder, he will eventually fill all the positions listed above.

F. Attitude of the Jehovah's Witnesses toward saluting the flag of the U.S.

The Jehovah's Witnesses refuse to salute the flag of the U.S. because they say God has chosen them out of the world to be ambassadors in behalf of His Kingdom to the peoples of earth. Since this is so, the Jehovah's Witnesses say their allegiance is only to the Most High God and, therefore, they refuse to pledge their allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Note: According to a Supreme Court decision in 1944, children of the Jehovah's Witnesses cannot be forced to salute the flag.