

Servants' NEWS Response Page

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Even if you receive SN on paper, you may wish to include an e-mail address to receive other occasional SNe-mails.

E-mail Address: _____

Signature: _____

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Date: _____

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We want to send *Servants' News* in the most convenient form to whomever wants to read it. If receiving it via e-mail would mean that you would be less likely to read it or pass it on to others, we would rather send you a printed copy. Also, we would like to know which aspects of *Servants' News* are most important to you. Please place one check on each line below:

Very important to me	Not important to me	<input type="checkbox"/> Stories of independent groups' local evangelism, including Truckers Bible studies.
		<input type="checkbox"/> Reporting on Church of God group news (future events calendar and stories of previous events).
		<input type="checkbox"/> Publishing and answering of subscriber letters on a variety of subjects.
		<input type="checkbox"/> Analysis of current Church of God groups' practice and policy (government, cooperation, etc.)
		<input type="checkbox"/> Analysis of Herbert Armstrong and past Worldwide Church of God teachings and practice.
		<input type="checkbox"/> Articles on how we can work together with other groups to preach the Gospel.
		<input type="checkbox"/> Doctrinal articles on typical CoG controversies (Passover, Pentecost, calendars, sacred names, etc.)
		<input type="checkbox"/> Doctrinal articles on other subjects (eternal judgement, Holy Day symbolism, etc.)
		<input type="checkbox"/> Provide organized access to other biblical writings. (We already have about 100 documents which we have printed, put in our index and offer freely. There are hundreds more we could sift through and make available.)
		<input type="checkbox"/> Publication of Shelter in the Word--our magazine for those with no Church of God background.
Less important to me	<input type="checkbox"/> A new basic literature series: booklets that are mostly scriptures about one subject with additional explanation as necessary. Examples: <i>What Does the Bible Say About Law? ...Salvation?, etc.</i>	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Assist others in starting independent groups (results may not be in SN, but this still takes my time).	

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If you would like to be included in the *Local Servants Directory*, fill out this part:

The *Local Servants Directory* lists believers who are willing to use their **physical and spiritual gifts** to help others. I receive many calls and e-mails from brethren looking for fellowship or help of some kind. I think many of these requests would be better handled locally. This directory is for mature believers willing to help others and discerning enough to recognize when they cannot help someone. (For example, some people will take many hours of a believers' time talking about the same problems, but will do nothing to solve them; others will go from one believer to the next, repeating the same questions and problems and/or asking for a handout.) Putting one's name on this list is likely to bring about a certain amount of unwanted mail—maybe persecution. It will also bring about growth Each person needs to "count the cost" and decide for themselves how they will participate (Luke 14:26-35, Matt 10:32-33). Fold down the top third of this page to read the introduction that will be on the directory. **If you would like to be included in the directory, please enter at least one of the items below.** (You decide how it is best for individuals to contact you.) We will automatically include your name, city, state and country.

Mailing address: _____

Telephone numbers: _____ Fax: _____

E-Mail address: _____

Brief statement about your gifts: _____

Note: Individuals concerned about privacy might consider a separate post office box, e-mail or telephone number used only for this purpose. (A second phone number can be routed to an existing phone line and produce a "distinctive ring"—costing as little as \$2 per month.)

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Perry, Michigan 48872-0107
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Thanks for returning your survey.

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Local Servants Directory Introduction

The book of Acts describes an early Church that was largely unified. Believers were being taught by Apostles who had been taught directly by the Messiah. A stranger in a city could ask where the followers of Jesus (or Yeshua) meet, and expect to find meetings similar to those of believers in other cities. Later, sectarianism began to develop (1Cor 3), and in the letters of Peter, John and Jude we find there were false believers teaching error.

Almost 2000 years later, a stranger in a major city can find hundreds of "Christian" denominations in the phone book—teaching a great variety of doctrines, many of which are not directly from the Bible. Many different Bible teachers and "prophets" claim to have **the truth** revealed from God—but they nearly always differ from each other. The original apostles are all dead, and they did not answer every possible question in their writings. In spite of this apparent confusion, there are individuals (in and out of religious groups) who have learned from the Bible, claimed its promises and radically changed their lives.

I have asked people to place their names and contact information in this directory **if** they are willing to share their spiritual

gifts and biblical knowledge with other individuals. I have asked that they **not** promote any religious group as **the** solution to anyone's spiritual need, though they may certainly mention meetings of believers which they recommend. I have not approve everyone in this directory and cannot be responsible for their actions. (If presented with spiritual grounds, I can remove someone from future issues of the directory.) I Pray that the Eternal will lead you to spiritually helpful people and grant you discernment to avoid those who are advancing their own agendas.

On the other hand, my experience has shown that some people will use the addresses in this directory to send their own literature. We ask that no one do this. In the Bible, servants of the Eternal never had to beg for an audience. They were sometimes punished or killed for what they said, but people willingly listened.

I pray that people will use this directory to find fellowship, compassion, understanding, prayer and spiritual help. If one person in the directory does not help you, **please try another**. Christ said that His followers would be known by their love for each other (John 13:35). Grant us that love! —Norman Edwards