

Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses



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TO ALL CONGREGATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES

We are happy to announce that the study articles in *The Watchtower* will be made available on videocassette (VHS format) in American Sign Language (ASL) starting with the issue of September 1, 2002. This monthly edition will contain study articles following the same schedule as the English edition of *The Watchtower* and can be used at congregation meetings, in the same way as other sign-language video publications have been used for the Congregation Book Study.

There is no subscription arrangement for *The Watchtower—On Videocassette*, but copies will be made available through the local congregation. No doubt all those associated with a sign-language congregation or group or otherwise working in the sign-language field as well as deaf persons who are studying the Bible will benefit from *The Watchtower* in ASL. However, it is not intended that copies be distributed in our door-to-door ministry. If hearing publishers desire to learn sign language, we encourage them to start by using some of the videos of our books or brochures rather than placing a request for *The Watchtower—On Videocassette* in ASL.

All those who can make good use of this provision may place a standing request with the magazine servant as soon as possible. Thereafter, it will be the responsibility of these recipients to inform the magazine servant when there is a change in their circumstances and a regular copy of the video is no longer needed.

We trust that this provision will help our deaf brothers and sisters to grow in their relationship with Jehovah and to gain a deeper understanding of his Word.

Your brothers,
*Christian Congregation
of Jehovah's Witnesses*

P.S. to the body of elders:

This letter should be read to the congregation at the first Service Meeting after receipt. Thereafter, it can be posted on the information board.

Please submit your request using the Congregation Request (M-202-E) form. In the "Regular Quantity Change" section of this form under "*Watchtower* Each Issue," indicate the number of videos needed for each issue. In the language field, print "ASL" to indicate American Sign Language. Please submit the form no later than May 31, 2002, to: Watchtower, 1000 Red Mills Rd., Wallkill, NY 12589-3299. If you need to adjust your standing request in the future,

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please submit a new M-202-E form identifying the old quantity and the new quantity needed. Since the videos will be used at the weekly *Watchtower* Study soon after they arrive in the congregation, please ensure that they are promptly and regularly distributed at the first congregation meeting after their receipt.

These videocassettes will be sent separately from your regular magazine or literature shipments. They will be delivered to the magazine delivery address on file with the branch office. If in the future a past issue is desired, it can be requested on the Literature Request Form (S-14-E) and will be delivered with your regular literature shipment.