

Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses

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TO ALL CONGREGATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES

Dear Brothers:

We are pleased to announce the availability of the following two publications for the American Sign Language (ASL) field.

Watch Tower Publications Index 1992-2002

As announced at the “Give God Glory” District Conventions, a printed *Index* for publications in ASL has been prepared. This 64-page brochure is similar to the *Index* of printed publications, and it will contain references to video publications released in ASL from 1992 to 2002.

There is one major difference from the standard *Index* format; the scripture index is divided into two sections: “Scriptures Explained” and “Scriptures Quoted.” The “Scriptures Quoted” section lists all the scripture quotations that have been translated into ASL and identifies the video and DVD programs in which these scriptures can be found. Since the *New World Translation* is not available in ASL, brothers often copy the signed scriptures from the videos when they give talks. A consistent rendering of the scriptures helps to reinforce the verses in the minds of those who use ASL. Certainly this *Index* will be a valuable aid in finding the scriptures that have been translated.

Congregations may begin requesting this printed *Index* of ASL publications at this time.

The Watchtower—On DVD

Beginning with the issue of January 1, 2004, the monthly edition of *The Watchtower* in ASL will be available in DVD format. As is the case for the videocassette edition, there will be no subscription arrangement for the DVD edition. For those associated with a sign-language congregation or group or working in the sign-language field as well as for deaf ones who are studying the Bible, copies will be made available through the local congregation. The DVD edition is not intended for distribution in our door-to-door ministry.

All of those who can make good use of this provision should place a standing request with the magazine servant as soon as possible. Please keep in mind that a request for the DVD edition may eliminate the need for the videocassette edition. It will be the responsibility of the recipients to inform the magazine servant when a regular copy of the videocassette is no longer needed.

We trust these new publications will be of great assistance to those in the ASL field. Please accept our warm Christian greetings.

Your brothers and fellow servants,

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PS to body of elders:

This letter should be read to the congregation at the first Service Meeting after it is received. Thereafter, it can be posted on the information board. Please submit your request for *The Watchtower—On DVD* using the *Congregation Requests* (M-202) form. In the magazine section of this form under "*Watchtower*," indicate the number of DVDs needed for each issue. In the language field, print "ASL-DVD" to indicate American Sign Language. A separate M-202 form should be submitted to reduce the requests for the videocassette edition. In this case, please print "ASL-cassette" in the language field. Please submit these forms no later than November 15, 2003, to: Watchtower, 1000 Red Mills Rd., Wallkill, NY 12589-3299. If the congregations fail to specify "DVD" or "cassette" in the language field, it will be necessary for the Shipping Department to request clarification, which will delay the shipments.

If you need to adjust your standing request in the future, please submit a new form identifying the old quantity and the new quantity needed. Because the DVDs will be used at the weekly *Watchtower* Study shortly after their arrival at the congregation, please ensure that they are distributed promptly at the first possible congregation meeting.

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