

Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses



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TO ALL CONGREGATIONS

Re: April 1, 2010, special issue of *The Watchtower* and 2010 Memorial announcement

Dear Brothers:

We are pleased to inform you that the April 1, 2010, issue of *The Watchtower* will be a special issue featuring the cover series “The Man Who Changed the World—His Message and You.” Since we will have just completed the observance of the Lord’s Evening Meal and the literature offer for the month of April is *The Watchtower* and *Awake!*, all will want to make a special effort to give this issue a wide distribution throughout the territory. Please note the contents of this special issue of *The Watchtower*.

The cover series contains the articles “The Man Who Changed the World,” “Jesus Christ—The Reach of His Message,” “What Jesus Taught About Himself,” “What Jesus Taught About God,” “What Jesus Taught About God’s Kingdom,” and “Jesus Christ—His Message and You.” Our regular features also direct attention to the life of Jesus in articles such as “Imitate Their Faith—He Learned Forgiveness From the Master,” “Teach Your Children—Jesus Learned to Be Obedient,” and “Draw Close to God—‘Your Kingdom Will Certainly Be Steadfast.’” Along with the articles “Myth Versus Fact—The Truth About Jesus,” “The Synagogue—Where Jesus and His Disciples Preached,” and “Does the Bible Tell Us the Whole Story About Jesus?,” the special issue contains an invitation to the special public discourse “Real Peace and Security—When?”

Additionally, arrangements are being made for all interested persons in attendance at the Memorial to receive a copy of the special issue of *The Watchtower*. In view of this increased activity during the month of April, the elders will ensure that a sufficient supply of the April 1, 2010, *Watchtower* and the April 2010 *Awake!* is requested from the branch office.

We pray that this special effort to focus on the life of Jesus Christ will build in all appreciation for his example and sacrifice and bring honor to Jehovah. May Jehovah bless your efforts in this endeavor. Please accept an expression of our warm Christian love.

Your brothers,

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cc: Traveling overseers

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PS to body of elders:

Please arrange for this letter to be read to the congregation at the first Service Meeting after its receipt. Thereafter, page 1 of the letter should be posted on the information board. **This post-script should not be posted on the information board.**

The service overseer should ensure that sufficient extra copies of the April 1, 2010, *Watchtower* and the April 2010 *Awake!* are requested from the branch office in preparation for the literature offer for the month of April. (An additional supply of the special issue of *The Watchtower* may also be needed to ensure that a sufficient quantity is on hand the night of the Memorial.) All such requests should be submitted as “special requests” and should be received at the branch office by January 11, 2010.

As noted in the letter to the congregation, a special announcement should be made to all those in attendance at the Memorial. In this connection, please adhere to the following procedure. The chairman is to begin the meeting with brief comments and invite all in attendance to join in singing the opening song. The chairman (or perhaps another qualified elder assigned in advance) will open the meeting with prayer. He will then introduce the speaker. After the talk, the chairman will read the prepared announcement and then announce the concluding song. He will usually call on the speaker to offer the closing prayer.

ANNOUNCEMENT

We are so pleased that you arranged your affairs to be here this evening for the annual observance of the Lord’s Evening Meal! No doubt the Bible-based discourse that you just heard has stirred in you appreciation for the ransom sacrifice—a provision made possible by the great love that Jehovah God and Jesus Christ have for mankind. But you may have other questions about God’s purpose and how you and your loved ones can benefit from it. Jehovah’s Witnesses will be delighted to help you. They offer free personal Bible studies, using the book *What Does the Bible Really Teach?* If you would like someone to visit you to demonstrate such a study, please speak to one of the attendants. Arrangements will be made for a qualified minister to visit you at a time and place that is convenient for you. In addition, before you leave, please pick up a copy of the April 1, 2010, issue of *The Watchtower*, entitled “The Man Who Changed the World—His Message and You.” Every article in this issue relates to Jesus Christ. We would also like to invite you to attend a special Bible discourse that will be given on [state the date, time, and location of the meeting]. That talk, to be presented worldwide by Jehovah’s Witnesses, is entitled “Real Peace and Security—When?” We warmly encourage you to attend this important program.