

Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses



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TO ALL BODIES OF ELDERS IN THE UNITED STATES

Re: Wireless microphone systems

Dear Brothers:

Many Kingdom Halls throughout the United States are using wireless microphone systems that operate on one of the frequencies between 698-806 MHz, also known as the 700 MHz band. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has allocated the 700 MHz frequency band for use by public emergency services and commercial wireless services. With this being the case, the FCC has enacted a law that prohibits the use of wireless microphones that operate in the 700 MHz band. The official deadline for compliance is June 12, 2010. Additional information can be found on the FCC Web site www.fcc.gov/cgb/wirelessmicrophones.

We are requesting that congregations using wireless microphones verify the operating frequencies. In some cases, this information can be found on the display of the receiver or with the paperwork that accompanied the devices. A listing of affected equipment can also be found on the FCC Web site www.fcc.gov/cgb/wirelessmicrophones/manufacturers.html. This Web site also notes whether any modification that might allow the microphone to be used can be performed by the manufacturer.

It should be noted that some manufacturers are offering rebates for those who purchased products that are affected by these changes. The Web site of the manufacturer should provide any information relating to possible rebates. In cases where the microphones will not be in compliance and cannot be modified, new equipment will need to be purchased. If this is necessary, the *Supplier Arrangements* section of the jw.org Web site contains information regarding an arrangement with Audio Acoustics, Inc., that offers professional-grade sound equipment. If you need further assistance, feel free to contact your Regional Building Committee.

Thank you very much for giving attention to this matter.

Your brothers,

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cc: Assembly Hall Committees
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