

Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses



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TO ALL CONGREGATIONS

Re: Softcover edition of the *New World Translation*

Dear Brothers:

The *New World Translation* of the Bible is invaluable in our personal study and in the ministry. It reveals the truth about our heavenly Father, including his most precious name. However, for the sake of greater durability, we will only be printing hardcover and deluxe Bibles in the future. We are stopping production of the softcover editions of the *New World Translation*. This applies both to the regular-size and pocket-size softcover editions.

Congregations should continue to request supplies of softcover Bibles until the branch office informs congregations that both softcover editions are no longer available. Thereafter, when the congregation's supply of softcover Bibles is depleted, the regular-size hardcover edition may be kept on hand in the congregation's literature supply and used for placement in the field.

The regular-size hardcover edition, the regular-size deluxe edition, and the *Reference Bible* will continue to be produced for publishers and those who attend the meetings regularly. These more durable editions allow us to keep our personal copies of the Bible lasting longer. The pocket-size edition will not be produced for the time being.

Thank you for taking note that the production of the *New World Translation* softcover edition will be discontinued. We send our warm Christian love and greetings.

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

cc: Traveling overseers

PS to Congregation Service Committee:

At the next Service Meeting, please arrange for an announcement to be made to the congregation that a letter on the above-noted subject has been posted on the information board. The regular-size deluxe edition and the *Reference Bible* will continue to be special-request items and should only be requested when there are specific requests from publishers. The letter dated August 3, 2005, to all congregations in the United States regarding the softcover edition of the *New World Translation* should be removed from the congregation permanent file of policy letters and be destroyed. You may wish to update the congregation copy of *Index to Letters—For Bodies of Elders* (S-22) at this time as well.