

Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses



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TO ALL BODIES OF ELDERS
SIGN-LANGUAGE CONGREGATIONS
AND CONGREGATIONS WHO SPONSOR A SIGN-LANGUAGE GROUP

Re: Sign-language video tie-ins

Dear Brothers:

As you may be aware, the letter dated June 5, 2008, addressed to all bodies of elders, outlined the policy of the Governing Body allowing isolated, ill and disabled fellow worshippers to tie in to congregation meetings. This letter made it clear that while audio tie-ins to meetings are permitted, video transmissions were not approved.

Since then there have been a number of enquiries as to whether it would be appropriate to allow video tie-ins for isolated, ill and disabled publishers attending sign-language congregations. Therefore, we wish to clarify that such a provision is acceptable for publishers in that language field considering that they cannot benefit from an audio-only transmission. Hence, permission is granted for bodies of elders of sign-language congregations, or congregations who sponsor a sign-language group, to provide video transmissions of their meetings to the homes of isolated, ill and disabled publishers, as long as a secure and cost-effective method is used.

Trusting the foregoing is helpful, we send an expression of our warm Christian love and best wishes.

Your brothers,

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cc: Travelling overseers