

# Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses



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TO ALL BODIES OF ELDERS

Re: Showing the organization's DVDs in place of weekly public talks

Dear Brothers:

At times the weekly Service Meeting schedule includes a question and answer discussion of one of the organization's videos. Some have replaced the weekly public talk with a showing of the video that is to be discussed later in the week. Perhaps they do this because most publishers do not have access to the needed equipment or the DVD is in short supply.

This is not a standard arrangement that all congregations must adopt whenever there is a discussion of a DVD scheduled for discussion at the Service Meeting. However, the Governing Body has stated that it may be done as an exception. Whenever a congregation replaces a public talk with one of the organization's videos, the format of the meeting should not be changed. The video will be shown first and the *Watchtower* Study will follow. A suitable song can be chosen for singing before the video, and then the scheduled songs will be used before and after the *Watchtower* Study. If the video is much longer than 30 minutes, elders will have to carefully consider whether it is wise to extend the length of the meeting and what impact it will have on the publishers and interested ones. The *Watchtower* Study should never be abbreviated. In such a situation it may be better to schedule the DVD showing at another time. Or, perhaps the brothers can be encouraged to make arrangements to view the material in private homes.

We thank you for noting the above and we take the opportunity to send you our warm Christian love and best wishes.

Your brothers,

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cc: Traveling overseers

PS to secretary:

This letter should be retained in the congregation permanent file of policy letters. You may wish to update the congregation copy of *Index to Letters for Bodies of Elders (S-22)* at this time as well.