

# Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses



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TO ALL BODIES OF ELDERS IN SIGN-LANGUAGE CONGREGATIONS AND GROUPS

Re: Yeartext in British Sign Language and *Sing to Jehovah—On DVD*

Dear Brothers:

As you are aware *Sing to Jehovah—On DVD* in British Sign Language has recently been released. Please see our letter SDB:SSC January 20, 2012. As a result, a number of questions have been raised regarding the release of this publication on DVD and the direction found in the March 27, 2008, letter to all bodies of elders, regarding Music at Theocratic Events.

The Governing Body has provided direction on this matter. They state the following: “God’s servants consider *Sing to Jehovah—On DVD* to be a beautiful gift from Jehovah. (Jas. 1:17) Some sign-language congregations enjoy playing these songs before and after their meetings. Playing theocratic songs helps us to get mentally prepared for worship. Additionally, playing new songs acquaints us with the lyrics and helps us to sign the songs properly. Such songs played after the meeting maintain an uplifting atmosphere in which to enjoy encouraging association. Therefore, bodies of elders should make appropriate arrangements to play *Sing to Jehovah—On DVD* before and after the meeting. They should ensure that it does not interfere with necessary video setup so that the meetings can begin on time.”

In addition, the question has been raised: Should a yeartext in sign language be played at meetings? The Governing Body comments that if the yeartext were played repeatedly before and after each congregation meeting it would become overly repetitive over a period of time. Therefore, the playing of a yeartext in sign language should cease and the above direction should be implemented if not already done.

We sincerely hope this information proves to be of some assistance to you and take this opportunity to send our warm Christian love and best wishes.

Your brothers,  
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of Jehovah's Witnesses*

cc: Travelling overseers