

# Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses



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TO ALL BODIES OF ELDERS

Re: Use of organization's audio recordings when no qualified readers available locally

Dear Brothers:

Inquiries have been received about the propriety of using an audio publication for the reading during congregation meetings when there are no fluent readers available in the target language.

It is preferred that paragraphs be read live during our congregation meetings whenever fluent readers are available. This is true even if the only available fluent reader is a sister. Direction on who may be used to read paragraphs at our congregation meetings may be found in the July 1977 *Our Kingdom Service* Question Box. However, if there are no fluent readers available, it is permissible to use audio recordings found on [jw.org](http://jw.org) rather than to have a nonfluent publisher read assigned material at our congregation meetings.

We trust this information will be helpful, and we pray Jehovah's continued blessing and direction on your activity.

Your brothers,

*Christian Congregation  
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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.