

Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses



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TO ALL CONGREGATIONS

Re: *JW Language*

Dear Brothers:

As was announced at the annual meeting of the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Pennsylvania on October 4, 2014, an exciting new app, *JW Language*, has been developed. *JW Language* is an official app produced by the organization to help language learners learn and improve their vocabulary and their communication skills in the ministry and at congregation meetings. (Matt. 28:19, 20) *JW Language* will be advertised for one month in the "See What's New" section, a link to which can be found on the jw.org homepage. It can also be accessed at the bottom of all pages of jw.org under "Get Help For."

When the Christian congregation was established in 33 C.E., Jehovah and Jesus clearly indicated their intention that people of all languages be given the opportunity to hear the good news in their native language, even though those present likely spoke either Greek or Hebrew. (Acts 2:4-11) In our times, the Governing Body reflects that same intention as evident in its intense effort to preach to "nations and tribes and peoples and tongues." (Rev. 7:9; Matt. 24:14) The Governing Body has been encouraged by the positive response from Kingdom proclaimers in all parts of the earth and the willingness of many publishers to learn another language. Language instructors and students can become overwhelmed and confused by the many secular reference materials that are available to help a person learn a language. Although secular language learning tools may be necessary, they are limited in that they do not teach theocratic terminology. (Zeph. 3:9) To address the need, the Governing Body gave approval to develop *JW Language*. This app contains an extensive database of over 4,000 theocratic words and phrases in 18 different languages. By means of the focus on words and phrases that are most relevant to Witness language learners, such as words and phrases dealing with the ministry, congregation meetings, and doctrine, we increase the likelihood that students will immediately be able to put their new language skills to use in the ministry and in the congregation. In time, we hope to include additional words and phrases, field service presentations, and other features that will be useful in learning a language. Instructors of language classes approved by the branch office will be encouraged to use this app as source material for their weekly classes. Publishers can use this app in their personal efforts to learn a language.

We rejoice at the prospect of taking the good news of God's Kingdom to many more individuals from all the nations so that they too can have the privilege of serving the only true and living God Jehovah! Please be assured of our warm Christian love and best wishes.

Your brothers,

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c: Circuit overseers

PS to coordinator of the body of elders:

Please arrange for this letter to be read to the congregation at the first Service Meeting after its receipt. Thereafter, it should be posted on the information board.

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