

Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses



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TO ALL CONGREGATIONS

Re: 2015 conventions

Dear Brothers:

We eagerly anticipate the exciting spiritual banquet in store for us at the 2015 conventions. All are encouraged to begin now to inform teachers and employers of their convention dates so that they and their family can be present for *all three days*. Additional consideration should be given to those in the congregation who might need assistance to attend the convention. (Prov. 3:27; Heb. 13:16) By making your plans now and helping others as needed, you can be sure of Jehovah's blessing on your efforts.—Prov. 16:3.

A complete list of all conventions in Ghana will be posted on the information board after the Service Meeting tonight. In due course, the list will also be made available on jw.org. Look under ABOUT US > CONVENTIONS.

Please attend the convention to which your congregation is assigned. Publishers in groups or pregroups are encouraged to attend the convention being held in the language of their group, if they are able to do so, even if that convention falls on the same weekend as the one to which their host congregation has been assigned. While such publishers may attend both of these conventions if they wish, they should not feel compelled to attend the convention to which their host congregation is assigned.

Please adhere to the following instructions as you make your hotel reservations:

- Each year it is encouraging to see that many publishers travel to assist with the conventions held in the Northern Region. Some arrange to distribute the convention handbills to invite people to the convention. Others also preach in the nearby territories. As much as we commend those brothers and sisters for their self-sacrificing spirit, we want this arrangement to be properly coordinated.
- Whenever such arrangement is made please contact the local elders of the congregation that hold the territory so that they will assist you to do this in an organized manner. This way, all things will be in order and by arrangement.—1 Cor. 14:33, 40.
- If you stay in rented facility, please do not have more people stay in your room than is allowed.
- If staying in the home of others, show consideration by being clean, orderly and show appreciation for what is provided.
- Brothers and sisters should not sleep in the same room unless they are one family.
- Do not cook in rooms where cooking is not permitted.
- For the sake of moral decency, there should be no open-air bathing. Makeshift bathrooms made out of mats or cloth should be used, where necessary.
- As Christians, surely we will not abuse any provisions that are made available for guests to use.

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- Display the fruitage of the spirit in dealing with hotel staff or families that you stay with.
- If a problem arises with your accommodation or hotel room, be sure to inform the Rooming Department while at the convention.

Our annual conventions afford us a fine opportunity both to take in divine instruction and to enjoy the warm association of our brothers and sisters. (Deut. 16:15) May Jehovah bless your efforts as you prepare to attend the 2015 conventions!

Your brothers,
*Christian Congregation
of Jehovah's Witnesses*

c: Circuit overseers

PS to body of elders:

Please arrange for this letter to be read to the congregation at the Service Meeting for the week of January 5, 2015. Thereafter, it should be posted on the information board. **This post-script should neither be read to the congregation nor be posted on the information board.** The convention assignment letter that you will receive separately should be read to the congregation just prior to reading this letter.

If for some reason the congregation is unable to have its Service Meeting the week of January 5, 2015, the letter should be read to the congregation at the next scheduled Service Meeting.

A printable list of conventions for Ghana will be posted in the “Forms” section under the “Documents” tab on jw.org shortly before the week of January 5, 2015. Please print this entire list prior to the Service Meeting that week, and post it on the information board after the meeting. A copy of the list may be provided to any publishers who request a copy.

The Congregation Service Committee should review the October 27, 2013, letter to all bodies of elders regarding convention arrangements. When a publisher requests assistance in obtaining accommodations, the service committee will determine if the publisher qualifies to submit a *Special Needs Room Request* (CO-5a) form.