

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS

October 2018

Coordinator of the body of elders: The announcements and reminders **for the congregation** should be read at the next midweek meeting and thereafter posted on the information board for one month.

FOR THE ELDERS ONLY

1. **Annual Meeting Releases:** Copies of the brochure *Apply Yourself to Reading and Teaching* have been consigned to congregations according to *Meeting Workbook* requests. This means that each person who receives a printed *Meeting Workbook* should be provided with a printed *Teaching* brochure.

Please keep in mind that the *Teaching* brochure will be used at the midweek meeting beginning in January 2019. Those who use electronic *Meeting Workbooks* will likely use electronic copies of the *Teaching* brochure. A few additional copies may be requested for stock. Language-coordinating congregations should use the mnemonic *th* or the item number 6667 when requesting this item. Accurate records must be kept so that each congregation receives the appropriate number of copies.

The new books, *Pure Worship of Jehovah—Restored At Last!* and *Pure Worship of Jehovah—Restored At Last!—Large Print*, are available only in English at this time. The *literature servant* should compile a list of publishers requesting printed copies in English. The *service overseer* should then inform the *language coordinator* of the number requested by the congregation. (If there is no English congregation in the Kingdom Hall Literature Group, the *literature servant* should submit the request to the branch office in the usual manner.) Please keep accurate records so that each publisher who requested a book receives a copy. Language-coordinating congregations should use the mnemonic *rr* or the item number 5435 when requesting the standard edition. The mnemonic *rrlp* or the item number 5444 should be used for requesting the large-print edition.

2. **JW.ORG E-mail Contact Search:** It is now possible to send messages between jw.org e-mail users globally. This new functionality will be useful when a publisher moves to another country and the secretary must send congregation records to the elders in the receiving congregation. The e-mail address for a congregation can be located using the Contact Search feature on jw.org. (Log in to your jw.org account. Look under LOOKUP > CONTACTS.) Since this e-mail address is a distribution list, the message will be sent to all the elders in the congregation.

3. **JW.ORG E-mail Technical Assistance:** Step-by-step instructions and how-to videos for logging in to your inbox, setting-up or syncing your personal devices, sending messages from the Contact Search feature, and so forth are provided on jw.org. (Log in to your jw.org account. Look under INBOX.) If additional technical assistance is needed to access or use jw.org e-mail, please seek help from a knowledgeable jw.org e-mail user. To ensure that your account is not compromised, *never* share your login password with anyone. If you suspect that your password has been compromised, change it immediately. If you cannot resolve your issue locally, you may contact the jw.org Help Desk at the branch office. The contact information for the Help Desk can be found by selecting the “Contact Us” link when logged in to jw.org.

4. **Public Witnessing Posters:** We are pleased to inform you that magnetic-compatible public witnessing posters for the *Awake!* and the public edition of *The Watchtower* will be made available in selected languages. Each congregation may submit a standing request for magnetic-compatible posters for all issues of the *Awake!* and another standing request for magnetic-compatible posters for all issues of the public edition of *The Watchtower*. Please submit your standing requests by **Monday**,

October 29, 2018. There is no provision to request a magnetic-compatible poster for only one issue of a public magazine. In due course, the *Public Witnessing Supplies* (S-80) form will be updated to include information about these posters. As a reminder, adhesive posters should not be used on the magnetic boards as this will damage the boards. In view of the costs associated with providing magnetic boards, posters, and other public witnessing equipment, discernment is needed to ensure that these items will be financially supported by the congregation.

5. Discontinue Printing Simplified Edition of *The Watchtower* in English: The last issue of the English simplified edition of *The Watchtower* will be the December 2018 issue. The branch has increased the standing request amount of the study edition of *The Watchtower* in English for all congregations that previously received the simplified edition. Please verify that standing requests for *w-E* and *wlp-E* match the congregation's actual need.

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1. **Annual Meeting Releases:** At the annual meeting of the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Pennsylvania held on Saturday, October 6, 2018, two new provisions were announced.

A 24-page brochure entitled *Apply Yourself to Reading and Teaching* was released. This new brochure contains concise instruction on 20 essential study points for effective reading and teaching. Approval has been given to translate the *Teaching* brochure into over 350 languages, including numerous sign languages. To provide examples of how to apply the information, a video will accompany each study point in the brochure. Beginning January 2019, one study point and video will be discussed during the first Our Christian Life and Ministry meeting of each month until the entire brochure has been considered.

This brochure will be used in connection with student assignments at the meeting instead of the book *Benefit From Theocratic Ministry School Education*. Beginning with the January 2019 *Our Christian Life and Ministry—Meeting Workbook*, a study point from the *Teaching* brochure will be listed with each student talk. While the *Teaching* brochure includes a page entitled “Record Your Progress,” this page is for the use of the student and will not be updated by the chairman. The *Ministry School* book will continue to be a valuable reference for personal use.

The *Teaching* brochure in all available languages can be accessed on jw.org, *JW Library*, *JW Library Sign Language*, and *Watchtower ONLINE LIBRARY*. All publishers are encouraged to make good use of the electronic copies of this brochure. If you use a printed copy of the *Meeting Workbook*, the branch has consigned a copy of the *Teaching* brochure for you. If you use an electronic copy of the *Meeting Workbook* but you wish to receive a printed copy of the brochure, please inform the literature servant at the conclusion of this meeting.

An announcement was also made about a new 240-page book entitled *Pure Worship of Jehovah—Restored At Last!* The *Pure Worship* book examines the prophecies of the book of Ezekiel. The *Pure Worship* book in English is available on jw.org, *JW Library*, and *Watchtower ONLINE LIBRARY*. Also, videos have been produced to introduce each chapter of the book. We will watch each of these videos in the future when the related information is considered during the Congregation Bible Study. All publishers are encouraged to make good use of the electronic copies of this book. A printed copy of the standard edition or the large-print edition in English may be requested from the literature servant by any publisher who desires to receive one. In due time, information regarding the release of the *Pure Worship* book in additional languages will be provided.

2. **New Releases:** These items are now available for congregations to request.

Title	Symbol	Language
<i>Apply Yourself to Reading and Teaching</i>	<i>th</i>	Afrikaans, Chichewa, Chinese Mandarin (Simplified), Chitumbuka, Damara, English, French, Herero, Kwangali, Lingala, Ndebele, Ndonga, Portuguese (Portugal), Sepedi, Sepulana, Sesotho (Lesotho), Sesotho (South Africa), Setswana, Shona, Silozi, Swati, Tsonga, Venda, Xhosa, Zulu
<i>Good News From God!</i>	<i>fg-SE BR2 fg-TN BR2 fg-XO BR2 fg-ZU BR1</i>	Sepedi, Setswana, Xhosa, Zulu Braille for the blind
<i>How to Remain in God's Love</i>	<i>lvs</i>	Amharic
<i>Listen to God and Live Forever</i>	<i>ll-SE BR2 ll-TN BR2 ll-XO BR2 ll-ZU BR1</i>	Sepedi, Setswana, Xhosa, Zulu Braille for the blind
<i>Pure Worship of Jehovah—Restored At Last!</i>	<i>rr</i>	English
<i>Pure Worship of Jehovah—Restored At Last!—Large Print</i>	<i>rrlp</i>	English
<i>Watch Tower Publications Index 2018</i>	<i>dx18</i>	French
<i>What Can the Bible Teach Us?</i>	<i>bhs</i>	Shona
<i>What Can the Bible Teach Us? (large size)</i>	<i>bhsls</i>	Shona