

# Announcements and Reminders

August 2022

## FOR ELDERS

1. **Worldwide Campaign in September 2022:** In harmony with local circumstances, each body of elders will need to consider how best to reach the largest number of people during the campaign in September. Congregations will benefit greatly as elders take a zealous lead in this special campaign to start Bible studies.—Heb. 13:7.

2. **2023 Memorial:** In preparation for the 2023 Memorial, please review the direction in the *Shepherd* book, chapter 20, paragraphs 6 and 8, on selecting a Memorial speaker and selecting Memorial meeting times. Please make sure that any repair work planned for the Kingdom Hall prior to the Memorial is done well in advance of the event so that the work can be done safely to prevent injuries.

3. **2023 Special Public Talk:** The special public talk in 2023 will be given during the week of March 27, 2023. The theme is “You Can Face the Future With Confidence!” Congregations that have the circuit overseer’s visit or a circuit assembly the week of March 27 may present the special talk the week of March 20. If a congregation has both the circuit overseer’s visit and a circuit assembly during these two weeks, it may present the special talk during the week of March 13.

4. Each body of elders should select a local or visiting speaker to give the special talk to the congregation. The prerecorded special talk on JW Stream should be used only by publishers and interested persons unable to tie in to a live meeting or by small congregations, groups, and pregroups that have very few qualified speakers. The 2023 special talk outline (S-123-23), along with the accompanying artwork, video, and media playlist, will be made available on jw.org in due course.

5. **Resolved Monthly Donation to the Worldwide Work:** The resolved monthly donation referred to in the announcement for congregations is based on a monthly per-publisher amount suggested by the branch office. The per-publisher amount listed on the jw.org web page containing the link to this announcement should be multiplied by the number of active publishers in the congregation to determine the suggested monthly donation for your congregation. It is understood that some congregations will not be able to donate the suggested amount while others will be able to donate more. Therefore, **the body of elders** should consider whether the congregation is in a position to donate the suggested amount or more. On the other hand, if the suggested amount would impose a hardship on the congregation, a lesser amount should be determined. The monthly donation agreed upon by the body of elders should be presented in a resolution to the congregation for approval. Please note that the resolved donation should be sent on a monthly basis and not as a single amount for the service year.—See the appendix of *Instructions for Congregation Accounting* (S-27) for the wording of the resolution.

6. **Communication with the Branch Office from Local and Foreign Language Congregations:** Starting September 1, 2022 all local and foreign language congregations, groups, and pregroups desiring to communicate by telephone with the Service Department, should do so by calling the M1 desk on extension 5567.

## FOR COORDINATORS OF THE BODIES OF ELDERS

- 1. Announcements for Congregations:** Please ensure that the announcements for congregations are read at the next midweek meeting and thereafter posted on the information board for at least one month.
- 2. Resolved Monthly Donation to the Worldwide Work:** If the body of elders has determined the resolution amount referred to in the announcement for elders, the resolution should be presented when the announcement for congregations is read. Otherwise, the congregation should be informed that the resolution will be presented the following week.
- 3. Review of Convention and Assembly Programs:** A review of the convention or assembly program should be conducted in place of a 15-minute local needs part as soon as possible following the convention or assembly. The review should be conducted as a question-and-answer part without an introduction or a conclusion. The part may be assigned to an elder or a qualified ministerial servant. A week before the part, encourage all in the congregation to review their notes keeping the following questions in mind: Which points from the convention (or assembly) have drawn you closer to Jehovah? Which points from the convention (or assembly) can you apply in the ministry? Which points from the convention (or assembly) can you apply in your personal life? For a convention review, the convention excerpts video, which will be available on jw.org, should be played before the brother assigned to handle the part asks the audience these questions for each day of the program. For an assembly review, he should also ask the review questions found on the printed program. In due course, the *Shepherd* book will be adjusted to reflect this direction.

## FOR SECRETARIES

- 1. Resolved Monthly Donation to the Worldwide Work:** After the resolution referred to in the announcement for elders has been approved by the congregation, please ensure that it is given to the accounts servant. The monthly amount should be included on the “Worldwide Work (Resolution)” line of the *Record of Funds Transfer* (TO-62) and on jw.org.

## FOR SERVICE OVERSEERS

- 1. Worldwide Campaign in September 2022:** Local arrangements for the campaign should be announced at the midweek meeting the week of August 22, 2022, during the part entitled “Special Campaign to Start Bible Studies in September.” Mention that during the campaign, the jw.org home page will feature content related to the worldwide campaign to offer Bible studies.
- 2. Public Witnessing Posters:** The *Enjoy Life Forever!* brochure should be featured on literature carts when using the new posters. As a reminder, the *Enjoy Life Forever!* book should not be displayed on literature carts.—*sfl* chap. 23 par. 15.
- 3. Invitations for the Memorial and Special Talk for 2023.** Each congregation will automatically receive 50 copies per publisher (including pioneers) in the language of the congregation. This amount will appear as “pending”, and may be reduced or increased on jw.org before **September 5, 2022** by using item number 7963 or the mnemonic *mi23*. If a congregation hosts a foreign language group, it should request invitations in that language.
- 4. Wisdom From the Gospels:** Modest quantities of the printed edition of the brochure *Wisdom From the Gospels* may be requested by language-coordinating congregations. Please use the mnemonic *wfg* or the item number 6670 when submitting requests.

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## FOR CONGREGATIONS

1. **Worldwide Campaign in September 2022:** During September 2022, we will make a concerted effort earth wide to offer Bible studies to as many people as possible using the *Enjoy Life Forever!* brochure. We should offer Bible studies while engaging in various forms of our ministry. Publishers who wish to auxiliary pioneer in September may choose a 30-hour requirement.

2. **Public Witnessing Posters:** New public witnessing posters have been produced to advertise our free Bible course. The posters advertise an in-person Bible course and a Bible course by videoconference. Posters have also been produced for sign languages.

3. **Circuit Assembly Programs for the 2023 Service Year:** Printed copies of circuit assembly programs for the 2023 service year will not be provided by the branch office. However, electronic copies are available on [jw.org](http://jw.org) and in *JW Library*.

4. **2023 Memorial:** On Tuesday, April 4, 2023, we will observe the Lord's Evening Meal. (Luke 22:19) No midweek meeting will be scheduled that week. Additionally, please note that the 2024 Memorial observance will be held on Sunday, March 24, 2024. The 2025 Memorial observance will be held on Saturday, April 12, 2025.

5. **2023 Special Public Talk:** To generate enthusiasm for the Memorial, the 2023 special public talk will be presented the week before the Memorial, during the week of March 27, 2023. Congregations that have an assembly or the visit of the circuit overseer the week of March 27 will usually have the special talk one week earlier.

6. **Resolved Monthly Donation to the Worldwide Work:** For the upcoming service year, the congregation will be presented with a single resolution to donate a monthly amount to the worldwide work. The branch office uses worldwide work funds to support various activities that benefit congregations. Such activities include renovating and constructing Kingdom Halls and Assembly Halls; caring for incidents at theocratic facilities, including those involving natural disaster, fire, theft, or vandalism; and providing technology and related services.

7. **Wisdom From the Gospels:** There are many open-minded people who have not had the opportunity to become familiar with the Bible. Therefore, we are pleased to inform you that a new brochure entitled *Wisdom From the Gospels* will soon be available in various languages. This eight-page, text-only brochure contains the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew chapters 5-7). It is primarily for use in language fields with non-Christian populations, but it can be used in other fields as well. The brochure will be made available in print, digital, and audio formats.

8. **2023 Regional Conventions:** As recently posted on [jw.org](http://jw.org), we are pleased to announce that the Governing Body has decided that, Jehovah willing, we will resume in-person regional conventions in 2023. Branches will now begin selecting venues. The dates will be announced in January 2023 or shortly thereafter. We pray for Jehovah's rich blessing to be with all those involved in the planning.