

# Announcements and Reminders

July 2021

## FOR ELDERS

1. **School for Congregation Elders:** Approval has been given for the School for Congregation Elders to be conducted via videoconference. Elders eligible to attend will be informed of the arrangements in due course.

2. **New Official Journal (Amtsblatt) (only for Germany):** A new issue of the Official Journal of Jehovah's Witnesses in Germany (Volume 2021, No. 3) has been published.—See [www.jehovaszeugen.de](http://www.jehovaszeugen.de), column Recht.

## FOR CONGREGATION SERVICE COMMITTEES

1. **Review of Applications:** As a reminder, paragraph 10 of *Instructions for Congregation Use of JW.ORG* (S-135) states: “The service committee should regularly check the Review Applications feature so that applications can be reviewed and processed in a timely manner.” It has been noticed that applications are often not processed within 30 days by service committees. It is important that you check the Review Applications feature on [jw.org](http://jw.org) *at least once a week* to ensure that applications are processed in a timely manner.

## FOR COORDINATORS OF THE BODIES OF ELDERS

1. **Announcement for Congregations:** Please ensure that the announcement for congregations is read at the next midweek meeting.

2. **2021-2022 Circuit Overseer's Public Talk Media Playlist (S-319-22mp):** A new media playlist for the circuit overseer's public talks has been released in the “Event Media” section of the “Documents” tab on [jw.org](http://jw.org) when you are logged in. This file should not be used for any other purpose. The circuit overseer will provide further instructions in preparation for his visit. Please inform the audio/video support brother of this direction.

## FOR SECRETARIES

1. **Congregation Information:** A new responsibility called “Literature” has been added to the Congregation Information feature on [jw.org](http://jw.org). This responsibility should be used to indicate which ministerial servants or others in the congregation have been approved by the body of elders to request periodicals and other literature. All elders are automatically granted this responsibility. Revised *Instructions for Congregation Use of JW.ORG* (S-135) will be provided in due course.

## FOR SERVICE OVERSEERS

1. **2022 Public Magazines and New Literature Feature:** We are pleased to inform you that the Governing Body decided that one new issue of the public edition of *The Watchtower* and one new issue of *Awake!* will be produced for 2022. Additionally, it has been decided to reprint two issues of *The Watchtower* and two issues of *Awake!* from previous years. Listed below are the subjects of the public magazines for 2022:

Feature Months	Subject
January and February	Reprint of <i>The Watchtower</i> No. 3 2018 “Does God Care About You?”

March and April	Reprint of <i>Awake!</i> No. 3 2018 “Help for Those Who Grieve”
May and June	New issue of <i>The Watchtower</i> No. 1 2022 General topic: Why is there so much hate?
July and August	New issue of <i>Awake!</i> No. 1 2022 General topic: Is this world falling apart?
September and October	Reprint of <i>The Watchtower</i> No. 2 2019 “Is Life Worth Living?”
November and December	Reprint of <i>Awake!</i> No. 1 2019 “Will We Ever Feel Safe and Secure?”

2. The tools on [jw.org](http://jw.org) related to periodicals and other literature are in the process of being updated and will gradually appear in the new Literature feature. For example, a new tool for requesting public magazines for 2022 is now ready for use. In the “Congregation” section of the home page when logged in to [jw.org](http://jw.org), you will need to select the “Literature” link and then the “Public Magazines” link.

3. Public magazines will now be requested by issue rather than by standing request. Language-coordinating congregations will continue to be responsible for requesting public magazines in the languages they coordinate. The request quantity of a reprinted issue may need to be reduced to ensure that all copies of the issue in your inventory are used. Quantities should be confirmed before the cutoff date, since requests cannot be adjusted thereafter. *Literature Request and Inventory Guidelines* (S-56) will be updated in due course.

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1. **Rotation of Circuit Overseer Assignments:** A rotation of circuit overseer assignments will not take place in September 2021. In general, circuit overseers will remain in their current assignments through the 2022 service year. We know that you will continue to confirm your deep appreciation for your circuit overseer and, if married, his wife.

2. **Museum Project:** The World Headquarters has asked us to set up a museum with various exhibitions in our branch office, which makes us very happy. Among other things, the topics are Bible history and the history of Jehovah's Witnesses in our branch territory. Now we are looking for possible items to exhibit. Of particular interest would be: (1) Bibles from before the year 1700. (2) Distinctive items documenting the modern history of our organization, especially from the first half of the 20th century. We are primarily interested in items that have a unique history or can be attributed to a specific person (for example, an old Bible from Brother Frost or a container used to smuggle literature). If you would like to contribute something, please contact us before sending us anything. You can reach us by phone (+49 6483 41-3510) or by email ([Museum.DE@jw.org](mailto:Museum.DE@jw.org)). With your support and Jehovah's help, this captivating project will surely help to fulfill the divine command: "Keep remembering the former days." (Heb. 10:32) Thank you very much!