

Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses



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TO ALL BODIES OF ELDERS

Re: Letters to Bodies of Elders to be Printed From www.jw.org

Dear Brothers:

Jehovah's people have long taken advantage of advancements in technology to advance the Kingdom preaching work. In 1914, the ground breaking combination of motion pictures with sound was used in the "Photo-Drama of Creation" with remarkable success. In 1922, just two years after commercial radio broadcasting began, radio was used to transmit the Kingdom message far and wide. Today, Jehovah's people continue to use technology to advance the Kingdom message and to simplify the work. More and more are learning about Jehovah's purposes by accessing the Internet Web site www.jw.org.

The secure area of the www.jw.org Web site has helped to speed up and simplify the work in many congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses earthwide. Correspondence can now be sent directly to individual elders, bodies of elders and travelling overseers via www.jw.org. This greatly speeds up the work and saves time and valuable resources.

We are happy to see that 1,285 congregations use the secure area of the Web site. They are able to download letters and forms, request literature, submit reports, search for contact information of other congregations, and many more on the Web site. These have greatly helped to speed up communication and eliminate the problem of late or missing mails. Very soon you will be able to submit your S-20 remittance forms online.

The goal here in Ghana is to eventually have all congregations and elders on the congregation domain in the secure area of www.jw.org Web site. With this in mind, brothers, we wish to provide some more direction on how you as elders can keep pace with Jehovah's fast-moving organization.

Beginning March 1, 2014, congregations having an account on the secure area of www.jw.org Web site will no longer receive hard copies of general letters to congregations or bodies of elders. These letters will be published in the letters section under the Documents tab. Elders will then follow the direction given in the letter to all elders dated September 7, 2011: "Upon receipt of a letter to the body of elders, the coordinator of the body of elders or secretary should print two copies of the letter. The secretary can immediately place one copy in the congregation file as directed and can route the other copy to any elders who do not have access to a computer and the Internet. Once the routed copy is returned to the secretary, it should be destroyed. Of course, if each elder has confirmed that he is able to regularly view letters on the site, there is no need for a second copy of each letter to be printed and routed."

If they have not already done so, individual elders are strongly encouraged to create an account and be added to their congregation domain on the Web site. This will enable them not only to read general letters but also allow them to receive letters specifically addressed to them. This will be important as future convention and other assignments will be sent directly to those individuals via their [jw.org](http://www.jw.org) inbox and not via hard copy.

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To the nearly 400 congregations who have not yet set up a user account on the secure area of www.jw.org Web site, we encourage you to do so as soon as possible. Nevertheless, if the Internet is not available in your area right now, or it is impossible to print letters, please fill out the form below and send it to the branch office before March 1, 2014, explaining your circumstances and requesting that your congregation continue to receive hard copies of letters. Only congregations that make such a specific request will continue to receive hard copies of correspondence.

Be assured of our warm Christian love and best wishes.

Your brothers,

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REQUEST TO RECEIVE PRINTED LETTERS

CONGREGATION NAME:.....

CONG. NO:.....

1. Do you have access to Internet? Yes No
2. Can you print letters published on www.jw.org? Yes No
3. Briefly explain below why the branch office should send you printed letters?

Coordinator of Body of Elders:

Secretary:

Sign: _____
Name:

Sign: _____
Name: