

# Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses



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TO ALL CONGREGATIONS

Re: Orchestral Accompaniment for Singing at Congregation Meetings

Dear Brothers:

Since 1984, singing at congregation meetings has been accompanied by piano recordings, and these have played a vital role in our worship. However, music-recording technology has continued to improve, so the Governing Body recently decided that orchestral recordings should accompany singing at our congregation meetings.

Many will find that the newly composed orchestral recordings are more inspiring and conducive to our worship than is piano music alone. These recordings, already used at our assemblies and conventions, will gradually replace the piano accompaniments currently used at congregation meetings. The process of composing and recording new musical arrangements for all 150 songs in our revised songbook will take several years to complete. As groups of these recordings are completed, they will periodically be released on [jw.org](http://jw.org) for our personal enjoyment and for use at congregation meetings.

The newly released songs will give us an opportunity to get acquainted with these orchestral recordings. Orchestral recordings for Songs 136, 137, and 138 will soon replace the piano recordings. Beginning with Song 139, "Teach Them to Stand Firm," only orchestral recordings will be released. During the 2015 regional convention and the circuit assemblies for the 2016 service year, these new songs will begin to be featured on our spiritual programs. Previewing the convention and assembly programs posted on [jw.org](http://jw.org) will inform us of the songs that will be used so that they can be downloaded and practiced beforehand.

We are confident that these orchestral recordings will help us to sing enthusiastically, with open mouths and appreciative hearts, in praise to Jehovah.

Your brothers,

*Christian Congregation  
of Jehovah's Witnesses*

c: Circuit overseers

PS to coordinator of the body of elders:

Please arrange for this letter to be read to the congregation at the first Service Meeting after its receipt. Thereafter, it should be posted on the information board. Please assign a brother to confirm periodically that the latest recordings have been downloaded and are available for use at congregation meetings.