

Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses



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TO ALL CONGREGATIONS

Re: Combination Editions of *The Watchtower*

Dear Brothers:

In connection with recent changes to the frequency with which our public magazines are published, we would like to inform you of adjustments being made to the content of combination editions of *The Watchtower*. Until now, all such combination issues have contained study articles and articles for use in the ministry.

Beginning with the 2016 issues, only odd-numbered issues will contain articles for the public, in addition to the study articles. These issues may be used in the field ministry. However, even-numbered issues will not contain any articles for the public. Therefore, these issues will not be used in the field ministry. In even-numbered months, congregations may continue using the magazines that contain articles for the public. If a congregation's supply of magazines with public content is depleted before the end of the month, brochures, tracts, older copies of the magazines with public content, or the *Bible Teach* book may be used in the ministry for the remainder of the month.

Thank you for taking note of these adjustments. We send our warm Christian love.

Your brothers,

*Christian Congregation
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c: Circuit overseers

PS to bodies of elders:

The following page contains a list of languages that are currently using the combination edition of *The Watchtower* and thus are affected by this adjustment. If your congregation does not request magazines in any of the languages on the list, there is no need to read this letter to the congregation. Otherwise, please arrange for this letter to be read to the congregation at the first Service Meeting after its receipt. Thereafter, the letter should be posted on the information board. **This postscript should neither be read to the congregation nor be posted on the information board.** We ask that the service overseer review the following paragraphs with the brothers working with magazines. *Literature and Magazine Request Guidelines* (S-56) will be updated in due course.

Upon receipt of this letter, the service overseer and magazine coordinator (or magazine servant) should review the standing requests of the congregation. The quantities needed will vary greatly from month to month depending on whether the magazine will be used in the field ministry. The branch office has already submitted a temporary quantity in your behalf. However, we encourage you to verify the quantities needed and then promptly update the standing requests using jw.org.

To assist in managing this new arrangement, the branch office has made adjustments to how the periodicals appear on congregation request pages of jw.org. Each congregation will maintain two different standing requests. The standing request quantity for odd-numbered issues will be identified on jw.org by the description “Regular—Includes Public Articles.” The mnemonic will contain the code “Pub.” For example, the full mnemonic for the first issue in 2016 in the Acholi language is “w16.01-AC Pub.” The standing request quantity for these issues will be higher than the quantity requested for the even-numbered issues since the magazine will not only be used for the *Watchtower* Study but will also be used in the ministry for up to two months.

The standing request quantity for even-numbered issues will be identified on jw.org by the description “Regular—Study Edition.” The mnemonic will contain the code “Sty.” For example, the full mnemonic for the second issue in 2016 in the Acholi language is “w16.02-AC Sty.” The standing request quantity for these issues will be lower than the quantity requested for the odd-numbered months since they will only be used for the *Watchtower* Study. Of course, as electronic tablets become increasingly common, many congregations are noting a decline in the number of printed copies of the study edition of *The Watchtower* that are needed. The service overseer and magazine coordinator (or magazine servant) should be alert to this trend and adjust standing requests according to the needs.

COMBINATION-EDITION LANGUAGES

Language	Code
Acholi	AC
Aukan	AKN
Baoulé	AO
Bassa (Cameroon)	BS
Batak (Karo)	AK
Boulou	BO
Cakchiquel	CQ
Chokwe	CK
Chol	CHL
Chuukese	TE
Fon	FO
Hmong (White)	HM
Iban	IA
Ibanag	IG
Kabiye	KAB
Karen (S'gaw)	KR
Kiluba	KU
Kisi	KI
Kisonge	KSN
Kosraean	OS
Krio	KRI
Lamba	AB
Lhukonzo	LHK

Language	Code
Lomwe	LE
Mazatec (Huautla)	MAZ
Mbunda	MBD
Mende	ME
Mizo	LS
Moore	MM
Nahuatl (Guerrero)	NHG
Nahuatl (Huasteca)	NHH
Ndau	NDA
Ngangela	NGL
Nyungwe	NYU
Palauan	PU
Pidgin (Cameroon)	PCM
Quichua (Imbabura)	QII
Runyankore	RR
Saramaccan	SRM
Sidama	DM
Uighur (Cyrillic)	UG
Urhobo	UR
Uruund	DR
Wayuunaiki	WY
Yapese	YP
Zande	ZN