

Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses



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TO ALL CONGREGATIONS

Re: New Songs for Memorial

Dear Brothers:

We are pleased to inform you that we will sing two new songs at the Memorial of Christ's death on Wednesday, March 23, 2016. Song 147 is entitled "A Special Possession," and song 149 is entitled "Grateful for the Ransom."

So that all congregations will have the opportunity to practice the new songs prior to the Memorial, we are adjusting the concluding songs of the midweek meetings for the weeks of February 22 through March 14, 2016, according to the following schedule: weeks of February 22 and March 7—song 147; weeks of February 29 and March 14—song 149. On these occasions, we will listen to the music of the song once in its entirety, and then we will sing the new song. Thus, on the night of the Memorial, we will be prepared to sing the new songs with confidence. Electronic editions of the *Life and Ministry Meeting Workbook* for February and March will soon reflect those changes.

How can we individually learn the new songs? When the music, lyrics, and choral arrangements become available in your language on jw.org or JW Broadcasting, follow these four steps: (1) Listen repeatedly to the music or choral renditions of the songs until you know them well. (2) Analyze the lyrics, and try to memorize them. (3) Sing the melody together with the lyrics until you have mastered each song. (4) Rehearse the new songs a few times during your Family Worship session until your family is comfortable with them.—*km* 12/14 p. 7.

These new songs will give us further reason to praise Jehovah during the upcoming Memorial season. (Ps. 96:2) Please be assured of our warm Christian love and best wishes.

Your brothers,

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c: Circuit overseers

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PS to bodies 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. **This postscript should neither be read to the congregation nor be posted on the information board.**

The Memorial talk outline, “Appreciate What Christ Has Done for You!” (S-31), has been revised and will soon be posted on jw.org for viewing by elders. Please make sure that copies of the new songs are available for publishers and visitors for the 2016 Memorial. If the new songs are not available in your language in time to be practiced as scheduled in the *Life and Ministry Meeting Workbook*, please have the congregation sing the songs previously scheduled. If the songs are not available in your language by the time of the Memorial, then please continue to use the songs cited in the preceding version of the Memorial talk outline.

PS to circuit overseers:

When visiting congregations, please follow the song schedule noted above rather than selecting a song of your choice to conclude the meeting. Thank you.