

Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses



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TO ALL BODIES OF ELDERS

Re: Use of Visual Aids

Dear Brothers:

This letter provides updated direction regarding a speaker's use of visual aids projected on video screens or monitors. It replaces the letter dated August 4, 2007, to all bodies of elders.

Study 47 of the *Ministry School* book states that simple, dignified visual aids can be effective. This is still valid. However, with more video equipment becoming available at theocratic events, questions have been raised as to the propriety of speakers using this equipment to project still or moving images in conjunction with their parts.

Conventions and Assemblies: Speakers should not project any moving video footage or still pictures, graphics, or artwork on screens or monitors unless directed to do so by the organization. As an exception, speakers at sign-language assemblies and conventions may project still images on screens or monitors in view of the visual nature of sign language.

Congregation Meetings: Speakers should not project any *moving* video footage on screens or monitors unless directed to do so by the organization. However, if the Kingdom Hall is equipped with video equipment, speakers may display *still* pictures, graphics, or artwork only. Speakers should not contact the branch office to request pictures, graphics, or artwork for use in their presentations.

Please be assured of our warm Christian love and greetings.

Your brothers,

*Christian Congregation
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c: Circuit overseers

PS to secretaries:

This letter has been added to the list of policy letters that will be cited in *Index to Letters for Bodies of Elders* (S-22).