

Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses



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TO ALL BODIES OF ELDERS

Re: Release of English Revised *New World Translation* in Braille

Dear Brothers:

Many have enjoyed reading the revised *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures*. The additional features, such as the glossary, appendixes, and footnotes, have enhanced our reading and understanding of God's Word. We are pleased to inform you that preparations are under way to produce the revised *New World Translation* in grade-two English Braille. This new edition in Braille will contain many of the same additional features as the printed version. It will also be available in screen reader and notetaker formats.

The previous version of the *New World Translation* in English Braille was composed of 20 embossed volumes and took approximately six feet (1.8 m) of shelf space. The revised version will be larger because of the additional features that will be included. Similar to the previous version in Braille, the revised version will have durable plastic covers. The individual volumes of the revised *New World Translation* in Braille will be released progressively as they become available. Once the first volume of the revised *New World Translation* is produced, the previous version of the *New World Translation* in English Braille will no longer be available.

Although the revised version in Braille will be made available at no charge, it is being produced at a considerable cost. Therefore, it should only be requested by publishers and progressive Bible students who will make full use of it. This includes those who already have the previous version of the *New World Translation* in English Braille and who wish to obtain the revised version. We are confident that blind or visually impaired ones will thoroughly enjoy reading the revised *New World Translation* in grade-two English Braille.

Before a request for the revised *New World Translation* in Braille is submitted, the Congregation Service Committee should determine if any blind or visually impaired individuals qualify to receive this item based on the following criteria: (1) The individual is a publisher or is a progressive Bible student. (Newly interested persons may request smaller Braille items, such as tracts, brochures, or books. Once the individual has made sufficient progress, such as by attending meetings regularly, then he may request the revised *New World Translation*.) (2) The individual is able to read grade-two English Braille. (3) The individual has sufficient space either at home or at another location for storing the complete set.

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If an individual qualifies to receive the revised Bible in Braille and he would like to have a copy, a request may be submitted using jw.org (item number 5140). Requests should be submitted by **July 15, 2016**. The individual embossed volumes of the Bible will be sent to the requester as they become available. Additionally, a *Braille Request Form* (S-59) should be submitted for any new Braille readers.

We send our warm Christian love.

Your brothers,

*Christian Congregation
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c: Circuit overseers