

Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses



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August 4, 2016

TO ALL BODIES OF ELDERS

Re: 2017 Memorial Invitations

Dear Brothers:

“Keep doing this in remembrance of me.” (Luke 22:19) In harmony with Jesus’ command, true Christians will gather to observe the Lord’s Evening Meal on Tuesday evening, April 11, 2017. A new Memorial invitation has been prepared, and there will be a worldwide effort to invite as many as possible to attend. This special campaign will **begin Saturday, March 18, 2017, and extend through to Tuesday, April 11, 2017**. Please make arrangements to care for the following:

- **Each congregation** will automatically be consigned a quantity of 50 copies per publisher (this includes pioneers) in the language of the congregation. This quantity will appear on the jw.org website as “pending.”
- **Immediately**, the Congregation Service Committee should determine if the consigned quantity meets the need of the congregation, considering the number of pioneers, auxiliary pioneers and the amount of territory to cover. You can add to, or reduce, the quantity for your congregation (see postscript for explanation). The item number is 7957. Requests should not be submitted through the ship-to congregation, the language-coordinating congregation, or any other congregation. All changes should be made **by September 18, 2016**.
- Groups will NOT be consigned a quantity, therefore use item number 7957 for requesting invitations in other languages if you are sponsoring a foreign-language group. Use item number 7697 for requesting specialized invitations with unique artwork highlighting that the talk will be given in sign language.
- Upon arrival of the shipment, the service overseer of the ship-to congregation should confirm that the correct items were shipped and should immediately distribute invitations to each congregation in the Kingdom Hall Literature Group.
- The service overseer and territory servant in each congregation should ensure that the correct location and time of the Memorial and special talk are added to the invitations.

Please note the following reminders:

- It is better to give the householder an invitation personally. However, publishers will be allowed to leave the invitations where no one is at home if the elders deem this to be practical.
- The special public talk will be given during the week of April 10, 2017. Congregations having an assembly that weekend or the visit of the circuit overseer will have the special talk the following week. No congregation should schedule the special talk to be held before the Memorial.

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- Please note that there will not be an additional supply of languages other than English in stock and there will not be a reprint of invitations that are out of stock. Therefore, to ensure their delivery to the congregation, it is important to submit a request for all required invitations **by September 18, 2016**.

We are pleased to share this advance information with you, and we pray Jehovah's rich blessing upon this special campaign.

Your brothers,

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c: Circuit overseers

PS: We will include the *Memorial Invitation* on the "Featured Items" page on jw.org. From this page you can **add** to the consigned quantity. To **reduce** the quantity consigned, please go to "Request History," tick the box "Show Only Open Items" and Search. Then click on the Request Number for the *Memorial Invitation*, which will take you to the page where you can cancel (reduce) a pending quantity.