

Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses



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TO ALL CONGREGATIONS GHANA

Re: Use of Satellite for Transmitting JW Broadcasting and Special Events

Dear Brothers:

In recent times the faithful slave has made good use of modern technology to dispense rich spiritual food, such as JW Broadcasting programs. Usually, to access these programs it is necessary to have a good internet connection. In Ghana such connections can be expensive, and unreliable. In view of this, the Organization is investigating the possibility of congregations and individuals receiving JW Broadcasting programs at less cost, using a satellite dish and decoder.

The purpose of this letter is to survey all congregations and individual publishers in Ghana to see how interested they would be in receiving such satellite transmissions. Below are a few facts:

1. Satellite transmission is not internet-dependent. Once you have your decoder and satellite dish, you will be able to receive transmissions. The decoder will be a straight connection to a TV or projector at the Kingdom Hall or at home by which scheduled JW monthly broadcasts in English and local languages and special events such as the visits of Headquarters representatives and Governing Body members can be viewed live via video streaming.
2. The price for both the decoder and the dish is approximately \$70 which is about GHC280. Note that the advantage in this is that it is a one-time purchase. You will not need to pay for internet use or monthly subscriptions. The broadcasts are "free to air." Note that one can choose to use an existing dish that is between 90cm or less to receive the signal. In that case, there is no need to purchase a new set of equipment. However, remember that the existing dish should be a **ku-band dish** before the signal can be received.

We would like congregations and individual publishers to indicate their interest in such an arrangement by filling out the attached questionnaire. Let your response reach us no later than August 29, 2016. Please note, at this time this is **only to survey the potential interest** in the arrangement and is **not a guarantee that this arrangement will actually be made**. However, your responses will be helpful in determining the way forward.

Please accept an expression of our warm Christian love and best wishes.

Your brothers,

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c: All circuit overseers

Local Design/Construction Department, Bethel

Assembly Hall Overseers and Assistants

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PS to the coordinator of the body of elders: This letter should be read to the congregation at the next midweek meeting during the announcements section. Afterward, page 1 of the letter should be posted on the information board. In view of the length of the letter, kindly remind all who have parts on the program to make efforts to save enough time. Kindly fill out the attached questionnaire and return it for the attention of the Local Broadcasting Department via jw.org by August 29, 2016.