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TO ALL ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATIONS AND GROUPS

Re: “*Sing Out Joyfully*” to Jehovah

Dear Brothers:

A new songbook containing 151 songs and entitled “*Sing Out Joyfully*” to Jehovah was released in English at the annual meeting of the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Pennsylvania held on October 1, 2016. This new songbook is available with musical notation in both small and large sizes. A lyrics-only format is available in the large size only.

All digital formats of “*Sing Out Joyfully*” in English will be available on jw.org, in *Watchtower ONLINE LIBRARY*, and in *JW Library* on Monday, October 3, 2016. **Songs** from “*Sing Out Joyfully*” will be sung at English-language meetings beginning the week of January 2, 2017. Other languages will release the new songbook and begin to use it as it becomes available. Additionally, we are pleased to inform you that before January 2, 2017, **video files** containing the music and English lyrics for all 151 songs will be provided. This will allow the lyrics to be shown on-screen during singing at assemblies, conventions, and congregation meetings where video equipment is available.

Because of the cost involved in producing printed publications, it is preferred that wherever possible, publishers make full use of electronic copies rather than requesting printed copies. However, a printed copy of the songbook may be requested for any publisher who desires to receive one. Each group overseer has been directed to contact each publisher in his group to determine whether the publisher desires a printed copy.

All formats of the printed songbook have deluxe covers and silver edging on the pages, similar to the revised *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures*. Congregations should receive their supply before May 2017.

We are confident that our new songbook will help us to “sing out joyfully” to our generous God, Jehovah. (1 Chron. 15:16) All of us can continue to be mindful of making financial contributions to support our worldwide Bible educational work.

Please accept an expression of our warm Christian love.

Your brothers,

Testigos Cristianos de Jehová

c: Circuit overseers

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PS to bodies of elders:

Congregations that share a Kingdom Hall with congregations or groups that use another language should be aware that it may be some time before all the congregations and groups using the Kingdom Hall begin using "*Sing Out Joyfully*" at their meetings. In such cases, it will be necessary for the recordings of the songs from both *Sing to Jehovah* and "*Sing Out Joyfully*" to be available for use at congregation meetings. Good communication between the bodies of elders using the Kingdom Hall will be needed so that the music from *Sing to Jehovah* is not deleted from the sound system prematurely.