

# Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses



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TO ALL BODIES OF ELDERS

Re: Preparing for 2017 Memorial Campaign

Dear Brothers:

As mentioned in our letter dated August 4, 2016, regarding the 2017 Memorial invitations, “*Each congregation* will automatically be consigned a quantity of 40 copies per publisher (this includes pioneers) in the language of the congregation.” We hope that by now all congregations have received their consignment. Here are a few reminders we would like all bodies of elders to give attention to as you prepare toward the Memorial and the special campaign:

- Please review instructions provided in the February 12, 2016, letter to all bodies of elders regarding territory coverage during memorial invitation campaign.
- Make sure that publishers distribute invitations in the language of the congregation.

Also, it has been observed that some congregations begin their Memorial program far later than what has been advertised on the Memorial invitations. This has been noted particularly with congregations that may be using a venue alone. The thinking is that delaying the program will allow a sizeable attendance to be on hand before the program begins. However, as Jehovah's people we are encouraged to “let all things take place decently and by arrangement.” (1 Cor. 14:40) It is believed that all factors would have been taken into consideration before fixing the time for the program. For many visitors, this will be their first taste of the peace and orderliness of the spiritual paradise that we enjoy as worshipers of a God of order. (1 Cor. 14:33) What impression will visitors take away if they come to wait for long periods of time only to know that the program was delayed just to allow late comers to arrive? For many of such ones it will be very disappointing. For good reason then, do all you can to start the program as scheduled.

We send our warm Christian love.

Your brothers,

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c: Circuit overseers