

# Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses



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TO ALL BODIES OF ELDERS

Re: 2018 Memorial Invitations and Date of Special Talk

Dear Brothers:

On **Saturday evening, March 31, 2018**, we will gather to observe the Lord's Evening Meal. (Luke 22:19) 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 3, 2018, and extend through Saturday, March 31, 2018**. 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](http://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 7958. 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 17, 2017**.
- Groups will NOT be consigned a quantity, therefore use item number 7958 for requesting invitations in other languages if you are sponsoring a foreign-language group.
- 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 location and time of the Memorial and the location, day, and time of the special public talk are added to the invitations.

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. Please advise all in the congregation that they should exercise discretion in this regard. An invitation should not be put through the letterbox if there is a sign indicating that this is against the householder's wishes (such as "NO JUNK MAIL"), though it might be appropriate to offer the invitation to the person. Also, where no one is at home it would be wise only to leave invitations when they will be out of sight.

A Memorial invitation in Braille will automatically be sent to publishers who regularly receive *The Watchtower* study edition in Braille. Any additional invitations in Braille should be requested beginning January 1, 2018.

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In order to generate enthusiasm for the Memorial, the special talk will be presented **one week before the Memorial, during the week of March 19, 2018**. Congregations that have an assembly or the visit of the circuit overseer **the week of March 19** will have the special talk one week earlier.

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

Your brothers,  
*Christian Congregation  
of Jehovah's Witnesses*

c: Circuit overseers

PS: If you would like to change the quantities that have been consigned please do as follows:

- To **increase** the quantity consigned: One way to achieve this is to go to "*Request by Item*" and enter the extra quantity you require. **Note:** This quantity will be ADDED to the consigned quantity. For example, if your consigned quantity is 4,000 copies, but you would like to receive 6,000 copies, please enter 2,000.
- To **reduce** the quantity consigned: 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 reduce (in the *To Cancel* box) a pending quantity. **Note:** Enter the quantity you would like to reduce by. For example, if your consigned quantity is 4,000 copies, but you would like to receive 3,000 copies only, please enter 1,000.