

# Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses



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TO ALL BODIES OF ELDERS

Re: Alternate Material for the October 2017 *Our Christian Life and Ministry Meeting Workbook*

Dear Brothers:

We are happy to provide some alternate material for the October 2017 *Life and Ministry Meeting Workbook*. Some Kingdom Halls are not equipped to show videos and in some areas internet is inaccessible. In such situations, the alternate material provided in this letter may be used. Please inform the congregation in advance so that they will prepare for the meeting accordingly.

As a general guideline, if your congregation has the equipment to show a video and yet the video is not available in the language of your congregation, you may choose to show the video in another language, for example English or Twi, if the majority of the publishers would benefit.

For those congregations who do not have the equipment to show the suggested videos, please note the following specific suggestions.

During the week of **October 2-8** the section **Apply Yourself to the Field Ministry** features three videos of sample presentations. The sample presentation videos may be substituted with well-rehearsed demonstrations based on the sample outline presentation on page 1 of the workbook. Also, the section **Living as Christians** features a part entitled "How to Become a Diligent Student of the Scriptures." If you are unable to play this video at the Kingdom Hall, the one handling this part may include a brief soliloquy of a publisher using the *Research Guide* to prepare to answer a question on a return visit.

During the week of **October 9-15** the section **Living as Christians** features a part entitled "Fortified by Bible Prophecy." The instruction says: "Play the video *Fortified by 'the Prophetic Word.'*" If you are unable to play this video at the Kingdom Hall, the one handling this part may discuss the article entitled "Does the Bible Foretell the Future?" on pages 16-17 in the January 1, 2012, edition of *The Watchtower*.

During the week of **October 16-22** the section **Treasures from God's Word** features a video entitled *Introduction to Hosea*. The one handling this part may incorporate points from the video in his talk. If this video is not available, then he should give the talk without the video. Also, the section **Living as Christians** features a part entitled "Local Needs." The instruction says: "Provide a brief Scriptural introduction, and then play the video *Tutorial for Making Donations Electronically.*" If you are unable to play this video at the Kingdom Hall, the one handling this part may discuss the box on page 15 of the November 15, 2015, edition of *The Watchtower* entitled "How Some Choose to Contribute to the Worldwide Work."

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During the week of **October 23-29**, the section **Living as Christians** features a part entitled “Live to Praise Jehovah!” The instruction says: “Play the video *Use Your Talent for Jehovah.*” If you are unable to play the video at the Kingdom Hall, the one handling this part may conclude with an interview of a publisher who has been serving Jehovah for many years, perhaps in the full-time service. What sacrifices has he made to give his best to Jehovah? How has Jehovah blessed him?

During the week of **October 30 to November 5** the section **Treasures from God’s Word** features a video entitled *Introduction to Joel*. The one handling this part may incorporate points from the video in his talk. If this video is not available, then he should give the talk without the video. Also, the section **Living as Christians** features a part entitled “Jehovah Helps Us to Endure Trials.” The instruction says: “Play the video *Jehovah Is a Strong Tower for Me.*” If you are unable to play the video at the Kingdom Hall, the one handling this part should review the life story of Brother Horst Henschel which appeared in the February 22, 1998, issue of *Awake!* (Copy attached.) He should conclude with comments from audience about lessons learned. In the same section a part is featured entitled “*Become Jehovah’s Friend—Jehovah’s Name.*” The instruction says: “Play the video.” If you are unable to play the video at the Kingdom Hall, the one handling this part could discuss the article entitled “The Meaning of God’s Name” on page 43 of the *Kingdom Rule* book and continue with the interview as scheduled.

It is our prayer that you will all benefit from the ongoing education that comes from our Grand Instructor, Jehovah. (Isa. 30:20) We send our warm Christian love.

Your brothers,

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c: Circuit overseers