

Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses



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TO ALL CONGREGATIONS

Re: Annual Service Report

Dear Brothers:

We are pleased to share encouraging highlights from the 2019 service year report of Jehovah's Witnesses worldwide. The peak number of publishers was 8,683,117. Jehovah's people spent a total of 2,088,560,437 hours in the ministry. An outstanding highlight is the 303,866 who were baptized! For the first time since 1999, the number baptized exceeded 300,000; this is evidence that Jehovah's people are taking seriously the commission to "make disciples." (Matt. 28:19) The worldwide Memorial attendance figure was 20,919,041. Other aspects of the service year report are available on jw.org and in *JW Library*, *Watchtower ONLINE LIBRARY*, and *Watchtower Library*.

We continue to see encouraging progress in many areas. There is steady growth in the multi-language field, with groups and congregations starting in several additional languages for the first time. This includes indigenous languages such as Irish Gaelic, Scottish Gaelic and Welsh. Significant progress is being made in specialized forms of ministry, such as in prisons and harbours. In addition, many publishers are enthusiastically taking part in special witnessing initiatives to reach people wherever they may be found. It has been especially heartwarming to note the level of support for the field ministry, while so many have also been busy in other aspects of sacred service. The Local Design/Construction Department continues to expand the Kingdom Hall construction activity and the branch relocation project reached its peak during the last service year. We rejoice to see the way Jehovah is blessing those who work so hard in various aspects of his service.

Be assured that Jehovah values your faithful service and that he will continue to give you the necessary strength to "fully accomplish your ministry" in the coming year! —2 Tim. 4:5; Isa. 40:31.

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

c: Circuit overseers

PS to coordinators of the bodies of elders:

Please arrange for this letter to be read to the congregation by the elder handling the part "Annual Service Report" during the midweek meeting the week of February 24, 2020. Thereafter, the letter should be posted on the information board for one month.