

Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses



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TO ALL CONGREGATIONS

Re: 2017 Service Year Report

Dear Brothers:

We are pleased to share encouraging highlights from the 2017 service year report. The peak number of publishers was 8,457,107. Jehovah's people spent a total of 2,046,000,202 hours in the ministry, a 3.1 percent increase from last year. We are especially encouraged to see a 7.4 percent increase in the number baptized, with a total of 284,212! This is evidence that we take seriously our commission to "make disciples." (Matt. 28:19) We were delighted to see that the average number of regular pioneers was 1,225,279. This was an 8.6 percent increase! The worldwide Memorial attendance figure was 20,175,477. Significant features of the service year report will soon be available on jw.org and in *JW Library*, *Watchtower ONLINE LIBRARY*, and *Watchtower Library*. These figures provide compelling evidence of Jehovah's blessing on our work.—Isa. 60:22.

Here in Ghana, it was so refreshing to see Jehovah's blessing on the restructuring of the Special Metropolitan Public Witnessing program. The Branch Committee approved a large scale retraining program that included many new volunteers. New locations in Accra, which will properly attract others to the goodnews were added. Jehovah certainly blessed the initiative. For instance, note the results of the Special Metropolitan Public Witnessing program in 12 locations in Accra, just between the months of March to June of 2017, involving over 1500 pioneers and publishers.

Placements	Videos	Bible Study Started	Bible Study Requested
147,498	2,158	1,546	4,222

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,

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c: Circuit overseers

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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” in the Life and Ministry Meeting the week of January 1, 2018. Thereafter, the letter should be posted on the information board. **This postscript should neither be read to the congregation nor be posted on the information board.**