

# Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses



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TO ALL CONGREGATION SECRETARIES

Re: International Convention Delegate Selection Process

Dear Brothers:

The opportunity to submit applications on [jw.org](http://jw.org) to attend international conventions in 2019 has now ended. We would like to thank all congregation secretaries for their diligent efforts in caring for the application forms submitted by brothers and sisters. We would now like to provide some information on the process of selecting applicants.

The selection process will be staggered over a number of weeks, meaning not all successful applicants will be informed of their selection at the same time. The time frame for the selection process is as follows:

Convention City	Convention Dates	Delegates Begin to Be Informed
Atlanta, United States	May 17-19, 2019	October 15, 2018
Miami, United States (Spanish)	May 24-26, 2019	October 16, 2018
Berlin, Germany	June 14-16, 2019	October 24, 2018
Miami, United States (English)	July 5-7, 2019	October 31, 2018
Houston, United States	July 12-14, 2019	November 1, 2018
Toronto, Canada	July 12-14, 2019 (Tentative)	November 6, 2018
Paris, France	August 2-4, 2019	November 13, 2018
Phoenix, United States	August 9-11, 2019	November 20, 2018
Saint Louis, United States	August 16-18, 2019	November 21, 2018
Johannesburg, South Africa	September 6-8, 2019	November 28, 2018

It will not be necessary to contact the branch office to determine if an applicant has been selected or if special rooming has been approved. If selected to attend, the applicant will be notified via email, and more information related to the specific convention for which they have been approved will be provided. Congregation secretaries should regularly check the "Status Summary" section in their Convention tab on [jw.org](http://jw.org) to see if an applicant has been "Selected." If the "Status Summary" still says "Applied," the applicant has not yet been selected.

The initial group of successful applicants will be informed that their applications have been approved; on or soon after the dates indicated above. However, we anticipate that some may choose to cancel their approved applications. In this event, new applicants will be selected until the full number of delegates is reached. Therefore, please assure applicants who are not selected by the above dates that their application will continue to be considered. ***If congregation secretaries learn that an applicant wishes to cancel his application, their status should be changed to "Cancelled" as soon as possible so as to allow new applicants to be selected.***

Once a delegate has purchased his hotel accommodations or airfare (or has put a deposit down with a travel agent who is planning his pre- or post-convention activities) he should update his preferences on the website and inform his secretary so that he may be identified as "Confirmed."

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At that time the secretary should immediately update jw.org to reflect this “Confirmed” status. Approved applicants are encouraged to confirm their arrangements with the secretary within six weeks of being selected. Once the full number of delegates has been confirmed, we will write to inform you.

We pray Jehovah’s rich blessing to be upon all the international convention arrangements for 2019. Please be assured of our warm Christian love and best wishes

Your brothers,  
*Christian Congregation  
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