



Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses

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TO ALL BODIES OF ELDERS IN THE UNITED STATES BRANCH TERRITORY

Re: Arrangements for the Memorial and Special Talk

Dear Brothers:

We eagerly anticipate gathering for the Memorial of Christ's death. As we prepare to obey Jesus' command to celebrate the Lord's Evening Meal, we are confident that you will make every reasonable effort to carry out the invitation campaign for the special talk and Memorial as in previous years. (Luke 22:19) However, in some areas, local circumstances created by the spread of the COVID-19 virus may prevent you from doing so. Please review the following information carefully along with the direction found in the March 4, 2020, letter to all bodies of elders.

Invitation Campaign: If the elders decide it is not advisable to widely distribute printed invitations to the public due to local sensitivities, publishers may be encouraged to hand out invitations to friends, family, and acquaintances. Invitations may be extended by other means, such as by sharing a copy of the electronic invitation. Since circumstances can change unexpectedly, it may be best not to add a time and location to the invitations so that the person may access jw.org to obtain these details. If addresses have already been included on the invitation, these may be adjusted in the event that the location of the Memorial changes.

You may inform the congregation of any adjustments at the Life and Ministry Meeting during the part entitled "Memorial Campaign to Begin Saturday, March 14," scheduled for the week of March 9, 2020, or shortly thereafter. These arrangements can be reviewed throughout the campaign, if local circumstances require further adjustments.

If the Scheduled Location Cannot be Used for the Memorial: If it is not possible for the congregation to use the location already listed on jw.org, the body of elders will need to make alternate arrangements and update jw.org to reflect the change. If your scheduled location is at an Assembly Hall that can no longer be used, the branch office will provide affected bodies of elders with further direction.

If a Person Cannot Attend the Memorial Due to Sickness or Quarantine: The elders should make every effort to tie in such persons to their local program. However, if that is not possible, a recording of the Memorial and special talk will be made available to them for viewing on jw.org. Any publishers who are tied in or who view the program on jw.org should be included in the attendance figures of the congregation.

We trust that the above comments will help you. Be assured that we appreciate your efforts to generate zeal and enthusiasm for the most important event of the year.—Rom. 5:8.

Your brothers,

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