

Announcement

August 31, 2024

FOR CONGREGATIONS

1. **2025 Special Conventions:** We are pleased to inform you that 19 special conventions will be held throughout the world during 2025. The U.S. branch territory will host delegates for conventions in Sacramento, California and Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Our branch has been invited to send delegates to the following special convention(s):

- (1) Santa Cruz, Bolivia; May 9-11, 2025
- (2) Santa Cruz, Bolivia; May 23-25, 2025
- (3) Tirana, Albania; June 13-15, 2025
- (4) Ghent Belgium; July 11-13, 2025
- (5) Glasgow, Scotland; July 25-27, 2025
- (6) Zagreb, Croatia; August 1-3, 2025
- (7) Ghent, Belgium; August 8-10, 2025
- (8) Kigali, Rwanda; August 8-10, 2025
- (9) Yokohama, Japan; August 15-17, 2025
- (10) Harare, Zimbabwe; August 22-24, 2025
- (11) Colombo, Sri Lanka; September 5-7, 2025
- (12) Harare, Zimbabwe; September 5-7, 2025
- (13) Kobe, Japan; October 24-26, 2025
- (14) Jakarta, Indonesia; December 12-14, 2025
- (15) Jakarta Indonesia; December, 26-28, 2025
- (16) Lomé, Togo December; 26-28, 2025
- (17) Auckland, New Zealand; January 9-11, 2026

2. Special conventions provide delegates with an opportunity to benefit from spiritual association with the local brothers, not only during the three-day convention but also for additional days before and after the convention. This association allows for “an interchange of encouragement by one another’s faith, both yours and mine.” (Rom. 1:12) To this end, the host branches will arrange for the delegates to share in the ministry with nearby congregations, associate with local brothers at gatherings, visit local places of interest together, and if possible, visit Bethel facilities.

3. The following states and islands are invited to submit applications to attend as a delegate to the special conventions in 2025: Alabama, Alaska, Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Arizona, Arkansas, Aruba, Bahamas, Barbados, Bermuda, Bonaire, Cayman Islands, Colorado, Connecticut, Curacao, Delaware, Dominica, Georgia, Grenada, Hawaii, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Jamaica, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Montserrat, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, Nevis, and Washington, D.C. Other states and islands will be invited to apply in future years.

4. After this meeting, the congregation secretary will provide a copy of *Instructions for Applying to Attend Special and International Conventions* (CO-151) to publishers interested in

attending a special convention. All applicants should be exemplary publishers who meet the requirements—including age and health—set out in the applicant instructions.

5. In order to apply as a delegate, you must have access to JW Hub. Those who wish to apply but do not have access to JW Hub should contact the congregation secretary. Those who have access to JW Hub can submit an online application by selecting the “My Applications” link. Applications should be submitted as soon as possible, but **no later than Wednesday, October 9, 2024**. Please inform the congregation secretary after you have submitted your online application.

6. We trust Jehovah’s rich blessing will be upon all the arrangements in place for the 2025 special conventions.