



WATCH TOWER

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TO ALL CONGREGATIONS

Re: Simplified English edition of *The Watchtower*

Dear Brothers:

You will be pleased to know that the Governing Body has approved the publication of a new simplified English edition of *The Watchtower* for a trial period of one year. This new edition will be a monthly 32-page periodical containing the study articles and occasionally secondary articles. It will include artwork and will have a unique cover to distinguish it from the regular study edition and the large-print edition. The number of paragraphs will be identical to the regular study edition, but the English text will be simplified.

The regular study edition should be used to conduct the congregation *Watchtower* Study. However, the simplified English edition should prove to be of great benefit to those who are learning the English language or whose first language is not English. Parents may find this edition useful when helping their young children to prepare comments for the *Watchtower* Study. It is not meant to take the place of the regular edition of *The Watchtower*. However, it should help those who for various reasons have difficulty understanding the standard level of English used in our publications.

Beginning with the issue of July 15, 2011, the simplified English edition will be distributed about the same time as the regular study edition of *The Watchtower*. All those who wish to make use of this provision should place their standing request with the magazine servant as soon as possible. Thereafter, be sure to inform the magazine servant if there is a change in your circumstances or needs. You will be informed of any future plans for this edition as the one-year trial period nears its completion. This new edition will also be available for download in PDF format in the public area of the jw.org website.

We trust that this provision will help many to gain a better understanding of the rich spiritual food found in *The Watchtower* and to grow in their relationship with Jehovah. Please accept an expression of our warm Christian love and best wishes.

Your brothers,

Watch Tower B. & J. Society
OF BRITAIN

cc: Travelling overseers

PS to the coordinator of the body of elders:

Please arrange for this letter to be read to the congregation at the first Service Meeting after it is received. Thereafter, it should be placed on the noticeboard. The simplified English edition of *The Watchtower* will be listed on the jw.org website for entering congregation magazine requests beginning January 31, 2011.