

'GOD'S WORD IS TRUTH!'

District Convention
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PROGRAM

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Arranged by the Governing Body of Jehovah's Witnesses

INFORMATION FOR DELEGATES

The locations of various convention departments will be announced or posted as needed. The information may also be obtained through the Attendant and Information departments.

ADMINISTRATION

This office is responsible for the oversight of the entire convention arrangement.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Neither the chairman nor anyone else will make personal announcements or convey greetings from individuals or congregations over the sound system. Its purpose is to broadcast the convention program and information pertinent to the functioning of the convention.

ATTENDANTS

The attendants are assigned to assist you. Please cooperate fully with them by following their direction with

regard to parking, crowd control, seat saving, and other matters.

BAPTISM

Candidates for baptism should be assembled in the reserved section before the discourse on baptism begins on Saturday morning. Each one should bring a towel and a modest bathing suit. Reserved seats for baptism candidates will be on the main floor in front of the stage. Any exceptions to this will be announced in advance and will be known by the attendants as well as the Information Department.

BETHEL SERVICE

Baptized publishers 35 years of age and under who are legal residents and are interested in serving at Bethel should plan to attend the meeting for Bethel applicants on Friday afternoon. The exact location and time for this meeting will be announced in advance.

BIBLE SCHOOL FOR CHRISTIAN COUPLES

Married pioneer couples between the ages of 25 and 50 who are interested in expanding their ministry are invited to attend the meeting for applicants for the Bible School for Christian Couples on Sunday afternoon. The exact location and time for this meeting will be announced in advance.

BOOK ROOM

This department cares for dispensing all literature items, including any new publications released at the convention.

CHAIRMAN

The chairman cares for matters pertaining to the convention program and program participants.

CONTRIBUTIONS

At considerable expense, arrangements have been made to provide adequate seating, a sound system, and many other services that make it enjoyable to attend the convention and help us to draw closer to Jehovah. Your voluntary contributions help to cover these expenses and also support the worldwide work. For your convenience, clearly marked contribution boxes are located throughout the facility. All contributions are very much appreciated. The Governing Body wishes to thank you for your generous support of Kingdom interests.

FIRST AID

Please bear in mind that this is for EMERGENCIES ONLY.

LOST AND FOUND AND CHECKROOM

All found articles should be taken to the Lost and Found Department. If you have lost anything, go to this department and identify your belongings. Children who have strayed from parents and are lost should be taken to this department. However, it is not to be viewed as a nursery. Please look after your children, and keep them with you.

SEATING

Please be considerate of others. Remember, seats may be saved only for those traveling with you in the same vehicle, living with you in the same home, or currently studying the Bible with you. Please do not store things on seats that you are not saving. Your cooperation in this regard will allow others to see that those seats are available.

VOLUNTEER SERVICE

If you wish to volunteer to assist with the work involved in the convention arrangement, please report to this department and you will be directed to where help is needed.

**“The Truth Will Set You Free”
—John 8:32**

Morning

- 9:20 Music
9:30 Song No. 119 and Prayer
9:40 Chairman’s Address:
 How We Know God’s Word Is Truth
 (1 Thessalonians 2:13)
10:10 Symposium: How Did You Learn the Truth?
 Informal Witnessing (John 4:5-7)
 Raised by Christian Parents (Ephesians 6:4)
 Formal Witnessing (Acts 20:20)
 Relatives (Acts 10:24)
 Through Our Publications (Acts 8:30, 31)
 Searching for God (Matthew 13:45, 46)
11:10 Song No. 92 and Announcements
11:20 ‘Rejoice With the Truth’ (1 Corinthians 13:4, 6)
11:40 Keynote Address:
 God’s Congregation—“A Pillar and Support of the
 Truth” (1 Timothy 3:15)
12:10 Song No. 116 and Intermission

Afternoon

- 1:45 Music
1:55 Song No. 45
2:00 Appreciating the Role of “the Spirit of the Truth”
 (John 14:16, 17, 26; 16:13)

Afternoon (continued)

- 2:20 Symposium: The Truth Sets Us Free From . . .
Alienation From God (John 8:32)
A Bad Conscience (Hebrews 10:22)
False Beliefs (2 Thessalonians 2:9-12)
Bad Habits (Galatians 5:19-21)
Hopelessness (Ephesians 2:12)
Bad Associates (Proverbs 13:20)
- 3:20 Song No. 32 and Announcements
- 3:30 Drama: "Show Yourself Attentive to the Wonderful Works of God" (Job 37:14)
- 4:00 "Buy Truth Itself and Do Not Sell It" (Proverbs 23:23)
- 4:20 Believe Inspired Truth, Not Inspired Error
(1 Timothy 4:1; 1 John 4:1, 6)
- 4:50 Song No. 114 and Closing Prayer
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SATURDAY**"I Shall Walk in Your Truth"
—Psalm 86:11****Morning**

- 9:20 Music
- 9:30 Song No. 106 and Prayer
- 9:40 Symposium: Reject What Is False!
False Gods (1 Corinthians 8:5, 6)
False Hopes (James 1:22)
A False Front (1 Thessalonians 2:5)
"The False Stylus" (Jeremiah 8:8, 9)

Morning (continued)

- 10:20 Symposium: Cling to What Is True! (Romans 12:9)
 Be a True Witness (Proverbs 14:25)
 Be a True Companion (Proverbs 17:17)
 Extend True Forgiveness (Psalm 130:4)
 Speak Truth (Ephesians 4:25)
- 11:00 Song No. 62 and Announcements
- 11:10 Symposium: Beware of Apostates!
 Satan (John 8:44)
 Human Apostates (1 John 2:19)
- 11:40 Baptism: Continue Walking in the Truth (3 John 3)
- 12:10 Song No. 60 and Intermission

Afternoon

- 1:35 Music
- 1:45 Song No. 113
- 1:50 Symposium: Utilize God's Word as . . .
 Water (Ephesians 5:25-27)
 A Mirror (James 1:22-25)
 A Sword (Ephesians 6:17)
 A Light (Psalm 119:105)
 Solid Food (Hebrews 5:12-14)
 Seed (Luke 8:5-8, 11)
- 2:55 Song No. 101 and Announcements
- 3:05 Speak of Jehovah's "Trueness in the Big Congregation"
 (Psalm 40:10)
- 3:20 The Truth Brings "Not Peace, But a Sword"
 (Matthew 10:32-38)
- 3:40 Sound Drama: Be Faithful and Conquer Your Fears
 (Matthew 14:23-34; 26:31-75; Luke 5:1-11)
- 4:20 Walk "Straight According to the Truth"
 (Galatians 2:14)
- 4:50 Song No. 6 and Closing Prayer

“Firmly Set in the Truth”
—2 Peter 1:12

Morning

- 9:20 Music
9:30 Song No. 64 and Prayer
9:40 Help Your Children “Go On Walking in the Truth”
(3 John 4; 2 Peter 1:5-11)
10:00 Symposium: Jehovah’s Promises Always Come True!
(Joshua 23:14)
 “I Shall . . . Deliver You From Their Slavery”
 (Exodus 6:6)
 “The Little One . . . Will Become a Thousand”
 (Isaiah 60:22)
 “I Will Really Help You” (Isaiah 41:10, 13)
 “He Will Bruise You in the Head” (Genesis 3:15)
 “I Am Creating New Heavens and a New Earth”
 (Isaiah 65:17)
 “I Am Making All Things New” (Revelation 21:5)
11:00 Song No. 30 and Announcements
11:10 Public Bible Discourse:
 “*What Is Truth?*” (John 18:38)
11:40 Summary of *The Watchtower*
12:10 Song No. 34 and Intermission

Afternoon

- 1:25 Music
1:35 Song No. 133
1:40 Drama: Prepare Your Heart for the Trials Ahead
(Esther)
2:40 Song No. 27 and Announcements
2:50 Remain “Firmly Set in the Truth”! (2 Peter 1:12)
3:35 Song No. 2 and Closing Prayer