

# Announcement

August 31, 2025

## FOR CONGREGATIONS

1. **2026 International Conventions:** We are pleased to inform you that 19 international conventions will be held throughout the world during 2026. The U.S. branch territory will host delegates for conventions in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and San Diego, California. Our branch has been invited to send delegates to the following international convention(s):

- (1) Douala, Cameroon; June 19-21, 2026
- (2) Bucharest, Romania; June 19-21, 2026
- (3) Curitiba, Brazil; June 26-28, 2026
- (4) St. John's NL, Canada; July 3-5, 2026
- (5) Warsaw, Poland; July 3-5, 2026
- (6) Stockholm, Sweden; July 3-5, 2026
- (7) Kaohsiung, Taiwan; July 3-5, 2026
- (8) Panama City, Panama; July 10-12, 2026
- (9) Porto, Portugal; July 10-12, 2026
- (10) Calgary AB, Canada; July 31-August 2, 2026
- (11) Quito, Ecuador; August 7-9, 2026
- (12) Vilnius, Lithuania; August 7-9, 2026
- (13) Hamburg, Germany; August 14-16, 2026
- (14) Utrecht, Netherlands; August 14-16, 2026
- (15) Johannesburg, South Africa; August 28-30, 2026
- (16) Manila, Philippines; October 30-November 1, 2026
- (17) Bangkok, Thailand; December 11-13, 2026

**[If your state is not invited to apply for the 2026 international conventions, please only read paragraph 1 of the congregation announcement along with the following sentence: "At this time, our state is not invited to apply for the 2026 international conventions. However, states that are not invited will be invited to apply in future years."]**

2. International 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 for international conventions in 2026: California, Florida, Illinois, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, Saba, South Carolina, South Dakota, St. Eustatius, St. Kitts, St. Lucia, St. Maarten, St. Vincent &

the Grenadines, Tennessee, Texas, Turks and Caicos, Utah, Vermont, Virgin Islands (British), Virgin Islands (US), Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming. Other states and islands will be invited to apply in future years.

4. The islands of Aruba, Bonaire, and Curaçao are invited to submit applications to attend as a delegate for the following international conventions in 2026: Curitiba, Brazil; Panama City, Panama; Utrecht, Netherlands; and Manila, Philippines.

5. After this meeting, the congregation secretary will provide a copy of *Instructions for Applying to Attend an International Convention* (CO-151) to publishers interested in attending an international convention. All applicants should be exemplary publishers who meet the requirements—including age and health—set out in the applicant instructions.

6. 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 Thursday, October 9, 2025**. Please inform the congregation secretary after you have submitted your online application.

7. We trust Jehovah’s rich blessing will be upon all the arrangements in place for the 2026 international conventions.