

# THE WATCHTOWER EDUCATIONAL CENTER OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

Patterson, New York  
United States of America



WELCOME

“All your sons will be taught by Jehovah.”

ISAIAH 54:13

The Patterson auditorium seats about 1,700



# A CENTER FOR DIVINE EDUCATION

All those serving at the Watchtower Educational Center have dedicated their lives to Jehovah God and have offered their services to support the Bible educational work of Jehovah’s Witnesses.

Jehovah finds great delight in sharing knowledge with others. He says: “I, Jehovah, am your God, the One teaching you to benefit yourself.” (Isaiah 48:17) How thankful we are to have such a loving Grand Instructor! Jehovah has always provided us with an abundance of divine wisdom and knowledge. By taking in knowledge of God, we have the hope of everlasting life.—Isaiah 30:20; John 17:3, footnote.

In some 240 lands, more than eight million Witnesses of Jehovah are striving to help others gain an accurate knowledge of the only true God, Jehovah. To help equip those sharing in the preaching and disciple-making work, a number of theocratic schools have been established.

## Gilead School

The Watchtower Bible School of Gilead provides intensive training to experienced and well-qualified brothers and sisters who are already in some form of special full-time service. This training helps them to cultivate spiritual qualities that will be needed in their assignment and skills that will enable them to be better Bible teachers.

Some graduates of Gilead receive assignments as (1) Bethelites in key positions of oversight, (2) circuit overseers, or (3) missionaries in densely populated areas. Thus, they will be better able to strengthen and stabilize congregations and the preaching work.



Gilead classroom



Graduation day

## GILEAD SCHOOL FACTS

- FOUNDED IN 1943
- ALMOST 9,500 HAVE ATTENDED
- GILEAD-TRAINED MISSIONARIES HAVE SERVED IN SOME 200 LANDS
- STUDENTS HAVE COME FROM MORE THAN 160 COUNTRIES



Witnessing in Lesotho



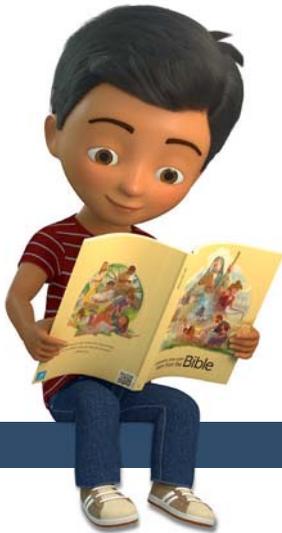
## Branch Committee School

The unity among Jehovah's people is a hallmark of pure worship. (1 Corinthians 1:10) Branches play a vital role in promoting this unity.

The School for Branch Committee Members began in 1995. (The wives of Branch Committee members began to be included in 2011.) This eight-week course is designed to provide training and direction to Branch Committee members who serve in some 90 branch offices around the world. As a result, all are able to work together in unity.

“[Jehovah] has filled them with skill to . . . prepare every sort of design.” **EXODUS 35:35**

# ART AND VIDEOS THAT PRAISE JEHOVAH



Caleb and Sophia are created using 3-D animation software

Illustrations have always been a part of true worship. Prominent features of Solomon’s temple, for instance, were carvings of cherubs, palm trees, and blossoms.—1 Kings 5:18; 6:29.

We use art and video to follow this Biblical pattern by providing visual aids for Watch Tower publications, the [jw.org](http://jw.org) website, and videos. Some of the principal steps in producing these visuals are listed below.

## Concept Meeting

After receiving text or an outline, a story or design team suggests how best to illustrate the subject

## Storyboards/Sketches

Artists depict concepts with rough sketches

## 3-D Design

Computer software is used to create backgrounds, special effects, and animations





## Shooting Pictures and Videos

A production crew, along with models and actors, uses one of our studios or a location outside Bethel to shoot photos and/or videos



## Digital Illustration

Instead of using pencils, oils, and watercolors, our artists now “paint” directly on a digital canvas



## Page Layouts

Once the imagery and text are complete, a designer puts it together in a pleasing layout



## Video Editing

Video segments are trimmed and reassembled in a way that best presents the story



A wide-angle photograph of a recording studio. In the center, a conductor in a light-colored suit is gesturing while leading a choir of women. The room is filled with professional recording equipment, including microphones on stands, music stands with sheet music, and large wooden acoustic panels on the walls. In the foreground, the backs of two people wearing headphones are visible, looking towards the recording area.

Recording session

# THE SOUND OF TRUTH

“Let the one who has ears listen.”

MATTHEW 11:15

Music has the ability to stir emotions and touch hearts. Our music department composes, arranges, records, and edits a wide variety of music for use in our meetings, video soundtracks, dramatizations, and the like. We also produce audio recordings of the Bible and Bible literature.

A photograph of a control room. Two men are seated at a desk, working on audio equipment. The man on the left is wearing a white shirt and glasses, and the man on the right is wearing a white shirt and glasses. They are surrounded by various pieces of audio equipment, including microphones, speakers, and a large mixing console. The room is dimly lit, with a warm glow from the equipment.

Control room

A photograph of a woman in a recording studio. She is wearing a green patterned scarf and a dark jacket, and is speaking into a microphone. She is standing in front of a music stand with sheet music. The background shows a window with a view of another part of the studio.

Recording dramatic Bible readings

“Defending and legally establishing . . . the good news.”

PHILIPPIANS 1:7

# DEFENDING OUR RIGHTS

Jehovah’s Witnesses “pursue peace with all people.” (Hebrews 12:14) But when necessary, the legal departments for the world headquarters and for the United States branch provide assistance to establish or defend the legal rights of Jehovah’s Witnesses. They also furnish the authorities with accurate information about Jehovah’s Witnesses’ beliefs and ministry.

The legal departments for the world headquarters and for the United States branch address questions regarding:



Preaching activity—Acts 5:28



Christian neutrality—John 17:16



Nonblood medical treatment  
—Acts 15:28, 29

Jehovah’s Witnesses strive to “go on leading a calm and quiet life with complete godly devotion and seriousness.” —1 Timothy 2:2.



Preparing for court requires much research



We sincerely hope that your visit to the Watchtower Educational Center has been a rewarding one.

No doubt it has helped you to become better acquainted with the work we are doing to support the preaching of the good news about God's Kingdom. May your visit encourage you to learn more about our loving Creator and to keep living by his righteous standards.—Matthew 6:33.

## Planning a visit?

Tours are available Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Make a reservation online at:

[JW.ORG](http://JW.ORG) > ABOUT US > OFFICES & TOURS



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## Did You Know?



Some 1,180 brothers and sisters live and work at the Watchtower Educational Center



Over 1,000 brothers and sisters serve as part-time commuters and remote volunteers



More than 425 videos were produced in one year



Over 900 pieces of original artwork and about 230 music projects were produced in one year

