

KOREA BRANCH OFFICE OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

Anseong
Korea

WELCOME





“GO, THEREFORE, AND MAKE DISCIPLES”

MATTHEW 28:19

Welcome to the Korea branch office of Jehovah’s Witnesses. We hope that your visit with us will be a pleasant one. Our branch complex is called Bethel, which means “House of God.”

What Work Is Done at a Branch Office?

In some 240 lands, more than eight million Witnesses of Jehovah are preaching the good news of God’s Kingdom in response to the commission that Jesus gave his followers. (Matthew 24:14; 28:19, 20) To organize this work, there are nearly 90 branch offices worldwide, all serving under the direction of the Governing Body of Jehovah’s Witnesses, located in Warwick, New York, U.S.A.

Branch offices coordinate the Kingdom-preaching work and care for the needs of Jehovah’s Witnesses within a specific geographic area. The Governing Body appoints experienced elders to serve as members of a Branch Committee. As representatives of the Governing Body in their assigned territory, Branch Committee members faithfully carry out the direction coming from God’s Word and “the faithful and discreet slave.”—Matthew 24:45-47.



Planning for conventions



Providing Scriptural direction for congregations



Sharing information with a doctor



Legal Department and Public Information Desk

DIRECTING THE WORK

The branch office supervises the activities of Jehovah's Witnesses in various ways.

The Service Department cares for matters related to the preaching work and provides Scriptural guidance regarding congregation activities. It also arranges conventions, assemblies, and theocratic schools. In addition, the Service Department looks after congregation territory boundaries and determines where Kingdom Halls and Assembly Halls are needed.

When medical emergencies arise, the branch office provides loving support and direction through the Hospital Information Department. This department helps Jehovah's Witnesses to obtain competent medical treatment without blood and strives to promote a spirit of cooperation between doctors and their Witness patients.

The Legal Department and the Public Information Desk assist with “the defending and legally establishing of the good news” and help to correct misconceptions about the beliefs and activities of Jehovah's Witnesses.—Philippians 1:7.



CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE

FACILITIES LOCATED IN THE KOREA BRANCH TERRITORY (AS OF 2018)

- 621 KINGDOM HALLS
- 7 ASSEMBLY HALLS

Building Houses of Worship

The branch office is responsible for approving and overseeing the construction of Kingdom Halls and Assembly Halls and for ensuring that existing halls are being maintained properly. The Local Design/Construction Department (LDC) develops architectural plans and works with field representatives to schedule projects. Using volunteers to build and maintain facilities results in buildings that are economical, practical, and comfortable.

Using Donated Funds Wisely

In order to get the most value from existing facilities, the LDC arranges for Kingdom Halls to be inspected regularly. This helps to ensure that any safety or maintenance issues are handled promptly. The LDC also provides maintenance training for local congregation members.



Reviewing Kingdom Hall designs



Maintenance training



Kingdom Hall inspection



Producing video of sign-language translation

Translation Department Activities

Management of our website, jw.org, in local languages

Maintenance of *JW Library*® and *Watchtower Library*

Translation of JW Broadcasting programs and videos

Preparation of audio versions of our publications

Translation and recording of songs

TRANSLATION

Words That Touch the Heart

Bible truths often reach the heart more quickly when people read Bible-based literature in their mother tongue. Therefore, when the need arises for publications to be translated into additional languages, branch offices make their recommendations to the Governing Body.

We translate our publications into Korean and also make audio recordings of the translations. In addition, we translate songs and other material for our meetings, conventions, the jw.org® website, and JW Broadcasting®. We also translate and record Korean Sign Language publications and prepare many publications in braille so that all those conscious of their spiritual need may be satisfied.



Translation team



Recording



Editing



Morning Worship

LITERATURE AND SHIPPING

Literature requests from the approximately 1,300 congregations in Korea are processed every month. The Shipping Department also prepares the needed documents for importing and exporting Bible-based publications.

BIBLE-BASED INSTRUCTION

Jehovah's Witnesses highly esteem the wisdom found in God's Word, the Bible. That is why they regularly study the Bible—at home, at Christian meetings, and at assemblies. They agree with the apostle Paul, who summed it up well when he said: "O the depth of God's riches and wisdom and knowledge! How unsearchable his judgments are and beyond tracing out his ways are! For 'who has come to know Jehovah's mind, or who has become his adviser?'" —Romans 11:33, 34.

Our literature warehouse stocks literature in over 40 languages



Shipping



Producing a braille publication



Regional Video Team



Global Purchasing Department



Computer Department



Preparation of artwork

SUPPORT FOR WORLD HEADQUARTERS

The Korea branch supports the work of the World Headquarters of Jehovah's Witnesses in several ways.





SUPPORT SERVICES

The Korea branch office could not function without the many dedicated brothers and sisters who help in support services. Some serve in the kitchen and dining room, while others do laundry, cleaning, housekeeping, sewing, gardening, and driving. Still others maintain the heating, plumbing, electrical, mechanical, and computer systems. But no matter what assignment we receive, it is our pleasure to serve, for we do it out of love for Jehovah God and our brothers and sisters.

Thank You for Visiting!

We sincerely hope that your visit to the Korea branch office has been a rewarding one. No doubt it has helped you to become better acquainted with the work we are doing to preach the good news about God's Kingdom. May your visit encourage you to learn more about our loving Creator and put God's Kingdom first in your life.—Matthew 6:33.



To learn more about the work done at Bethel, see lessons 21 and 22 of the brochure *Who Are Doing Jehovah's Will Today?*

Planning a Visit?

Tours are available Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Additional information is available online at:

JW.ORG > ABOUT US > OFFICES & TOURS



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