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# This is Jehovah's Witnesses



The headquarters of Jehovah's Witnesses in Brooklyn, New York. It keeps the lead in Jehovah's Witnesses to, the Governing Council.

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## Seven men in New York controls the Jehovah's Witnesses with a steady hand and is responsible for organizational learning throughout the world.

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### The Governing Council is the

- Jehovah's Witnesses are a worldwide religious community with over 7,650,000 active members.
- According to Statistics Norway there were 11,640 members of Jehovah's Witnesses in Norway in 2010.
- Faith communities are led by Jehovah's Witnesses Governing Council, which is seven older men in Brooklyn, New York.
- Jehovah's Witnesses call themselves Christians. Their doctrine is based on their understanding of the Bible, and they use the New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures.
- Most believe Amageddon or doomsday is imminent.
- Jehovah's Witnesses believe they can get to Paradise when the end time is reached. Being a member of the Jehovah's Witnesses are not a guarantee to get to paradise. It must work to get there.
- Jehovah's Witnesses are perhaps best known for his preaching activities, as they go from door to door with information about Jehovah's Witnesses. The goal of

- Elder: A leading figure in the church or overseer.
- The Judicial Selection: Each ward has its own judicial selection. It consists of at least three oldest, and come together to consider cases where a member has committed misconduct. Reactions can range from ostracism to warning, or is he ready if he / she expresses remorse.
- Exclusion: The outcasts are treated as non-existent by believers who take this seriously. With reference to the Bible it is said that you will not even say hello to someone who is ostracized. The church says about expulsion shortly afterwards.
- The Governing Council: Does Jehovah's Witnesses international management and consists of a group of men who are based at headquarters in New York.
- Watchtower: Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Pennsylvania is the formal name of the head office of Jehovah's Witnesses in New York, and attends religious community interest. They have national chapters that are subject to this, including Norway. They



Jehovah's Witnesses headquarters in Scandinavia, is Holbæk in Denmark.  
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the ministry is that more people will find what they call the truth. ( Source: Norwegian Encyclopedia, Wikipedia, SSB)

also publish the membership magazine of the same name.

- **Paradis:** As God's chosen people to Jehovah's Witnesses come to paradise when the end time is reached. Being a member of the Jehovah's Witnesses are not a guarantee to get to paradise. It must work to get there.
- **Preaching:** Jehovah's Witnesses are perhaps best known for his preaching activities, as they go from door to door with information about Jehovah's Witnesses. The goal of the ministry is that more people will find what they call the truth.
- **Armageddon:** Also called Doomsday, and Jehovah's Witnesses believe it is imminent. "God's judgment upon the world" will save Jehovah's Witnesses are God's chosen people. Those who are not saved and come to paradise being destroyed at Armageddon.

Witnesses' international management and consists of a group of men who live at the headquarters in New York. They constitute the governing council providing biblical guidance and teaching of Jehovah's Witnesses worldwide.

Each ward has an elders who oversee the church. About 20 congregations form a circuit, and about 10 circuits are grouped in an area. The churches have at times visited by travelers circuit supervisors and site supervisors.

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### **Separate court**

The sentencing range is Jehovah's Witnesses own court at least three elders and judges.

- It starts with the fact that a person has committed the violation, often because it is uncovered or other notifications. First, it calls action mapping, then it is up to the person who has committed the breach if he repent and change their behavior. If it does, you can prevent expulsion. If they continue, it ends with expulsion, Hege Kristin Ringnes to doctorate on Jehovah's Witnesses at the School of Theology.

In secret letter to the churches NRK have read says that the judicial committee will do its job, even if "ordinary government" investigating the matter. It also says that we are to prevent the parish house, Kingdom Hall, crawled, according to a letter sent to all churches of the 1st October 2012.

### **Lives in anticipation of paradise**

Jehovah's Witnesses believe that they live in the truth and strive to be God's chosen when doomsday, Armageddon, obliterates the rest of us.

- Witnesses believe that they are a part of this world. The world is controlled by Satan, and one must be careful. Jehovah's Witnesses believe that they are God's people, says Ringnes.

She says that the impending end of time is central to the Jehovah's Witnesses.

- Jehovah's Witnesses live in anticipation of a paradise on earth. They look at their job, preaching, as a very important and life-saving work since we are living in the last days.

- More stairs down to the usual work to prioritize preaching. The organization keep careful records of all hours, says Ringnes.

Witnesses priority to have friends within the group, rather than outside.

- More Witnesses will say that they prefer people within the church as close friends rather than worldly because "truth" is an important and integral part of life. These experiences are not the same community and close to profane. But there are of course individual differences, says Ringnes.

### **Conforms cult claim**

Jehovah's Witnesses meet the sociological requirements for being a cult, they think they are

the only truth, the relationship to the rest of society is characterized by skepticism, members have a high level of activity with frequent meetings and time consuming preaching and a focus on individual support.

Sekt term has become a negatively charged term, and most religious scholars therefore choose to call Jehovah's Witnesses a religious minority, nyreligiøs movement or young Christian denomination.

### **This Jehovah's Witnesses believe in:**

They believe in God, Jehovah

They believe we are living in the last days, and that the time is near.

They believe that Armageddon "act of judgment upon the world" will save Jehovah's Witnesses are God's chosen people.

Jehovah's Witnesses believe that a select few come to eternal life in paradise.

Being a member of the Jehovah's Witnesses are not a guarantee to get to paradise. It must work to get there.

Those who are not saved and come to paradise being destroyed at Armageddon.

Satan and his demons are on the earth and causing evil and distress.

### **This practice Witnesses**

Faith community is perhaps best known for his preaching activities, as they go from door to door with information about Jehovah's Witnesses. The goal of the ministry is that more people will find what they call the truth.

Active members attend meetings at the Kingdom Hall meeting room several times a week.

On weekends go active members of the Watchtower study.

All Jehovah's Witnesses in the world follows the same study.

Jehovah's Witnesses view marriage as God's plan for sexual relationships and condemn extramarital sexual relations.

Jehovah's Witnesses have adult baptism. Baptism takes place in a pool, often on dates.

Witnesses practicing exclusion. In practice it means that you lose all contact with friends and family.

The outcasts are treated as non-existent by believers who take this seriously. With reference to the Bible it is said that you will not even say hello to someone who is ostracized.

### **This practice Witnesses do not**

They do not celebrate Christmas, Easter, 17 May, birthdays or Pentecost.

Jehovah's Witnesses refuse blood transfusions, which they consider a violation of God's laws. They would rather use medical options, according to the American home .

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