

# Announcement

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## FOR CONGREGATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES

- 1. Change in Tax Deduction for Donations:** Beginning with the 2026 tax year, a change in United States tax law will allow taxpayers who do not itemize deductions to claim a limited charitable deduction on their federal income tax return. For a donation to be eligible, it must be made to a qualifying charitable organization and documented. Both the Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses and the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society of New York, Inc., fit the definition of qualifying organizations. When you select "United States" on [donate.jw.org](https://donate.jw.org), your donation will be received by one of these organizations.
2. The email receipts provided on [donate.jw.org](https://donate.jw.org) can be used for your tax records. If you wish to make a donation to one of these organizations using a method other than [donate.jw.org](https://donate.jw.org), please consult a tax professional to determine what documentation is needed. This announcement is for your information only. Please consult a qualified tax professional for individual tax advice.