

TESTIGOS CRISTIANOS DE JEHOVÁ

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TO ALL BODIES OF ELDERS
AND TO THE PPAM COORDINATORS AND THE ZONE CONTACTS

Re: Literature for Distribution with the Public Witnessing with the Displays

Dear Brothers:

This letter supersedes letter SSI January 16, 2016, which was directed to the bodies of elders and the coordinators of the PPAM, and which dealt with the literature to be used in public witnessing with displays. We would appreciate it very much if you follow the direction now being given, as this will result in uniformity in all places where the public preaching work is carried out, whether in the congregations or the areas where the PPAM operates.

LITERATURE THAT MAY BE PLACED ON THE DISPLAY CARTS:

BOOKS

- *The Secret of Family Happiness* (fy)
- *Is There a Creator Who Cares About You?* (ct)
- *Young People Ask. Answers that Work* (volumes 1 and 2) (yp1, yp2)
- *What Does the Bible Really Teach?*(bh) (until stocks are used up)
- *What Can the Bible Teach Us?* (bhs)

BROCHURES

- *Good News from God* (fg)
- *Listen to God and Live Forever* (ll)
- *Was Life Created?* (lc)
- *Your Family Can Be Happy* (hf)

MAGAZINES

- *The Watchtower* (wp)
- *Awake!* (g)

TRACTS

- *Where Can We Find Answers to Life's Big Questions?* (T-37)

Please have in mind that the purpose of this system of witnessing is not to display a great variety of literature, but rather to start conversations with people with the objective of promoting the use of the jw.org website, and to begin Bible studies.

As pointed out in paragraph 12 of the letter to the body of elders dated February 1, 2018, related to public witnessing, "To avoid problems with municipal authorities, it is preferable not to freely distribute tracts that inconsiderate people may well throw away, causing litter in public areas". Only the T-37 tract has been included, as it is a valuable instrument to direct people to the jw.org website, although this does not mean that it should be generously distributed. Rather, it

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should be handed only to those who show interest in our website or those that decide to take some other publication.

As for *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* magazines, please follow the guidelines given in the letter to the congregations of October 7, 2017, related to the announcements given at the 2017 Annual Meeting. The first paragraph indicates: “Beginning January 2018, the public edition of *The Watchtower* will be published three times a year instead of six times a year. The same will be true for the *Awake!* For example, the first issue of *The Watchtower* for 2018 will be distributed during January and February. The first issue of *Awake!* will be distributed during March and April.” In accord with this, for each two-month period the magazines and poster pertinent to that period should be used. The congregations that participate in *Public Witnessing Organized by the Congregation* (PPOC) and use only one cart in each area may decide to show only the magazine posters or only the posters on certain subjects from the kit provided, or they may decide to alternate posters during the month, as seems more practical.

In the case of *Special Metropolitan Public Witnessing* (PPAM), since the poster for *The Watchtower* or *Awake!* for respective the two-month period will be used on one cart, on the other displays the posters on diverse subjects may be used in rotation, as seems advantageous for each zone.

Other publications not included in the above list, may be practical 1) for **certain language groups** cared for by foreign-language congregations; 2) for some **specific site**, such as near a cemetery, a hospital, school or university; or 3) for a **special occasion**, such as a natural disaster or a happening that causes a stir in the community.

Below, find a list of publications for limited use according to circumstances:

- *Real Faith – Your Key to a Happy Life* (rk) (Arabic congregations)
- *Answers to 10 Questions Young People Ask* (ypq) (congregations of languages in which the books *Young People Ask* (yp1, yp2) are not available.
- *Does God Really Care About Us?* (dg)
- *What Is the Purpose of Life? How Can You Find It?* (pr)
- *When Someone You Love Dies* (we)
- *Teach Your Children* (yc)
- *Learn from the Great Teacher* (lr)

We would appreciate it very much if the service overseers of the congregations that participate in the PPOC and the area contacts of the PPAM transmit clearly these guidelines to the publishers, so that everything may be done in a uniform manner.

May Jehovah bless your effort to make Kingdom truth available to those “rightly disposed for everlasting life”. (Acts 13:48) Please receive warm regards and an expression of Christian love.

Your brothers,

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