

Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses



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TO ALL BODIES OF ELDERS IN THE UNITED STATES

Re: Discarding older publications in congregation literature supply

Dear Brothers:

The branch office has worked to help congregations to understand the quantity of literature and magazines that should be maintained in the congregation literature supply. However, it has been observed that some congregations continue to have an overstock of older publications that will likely never be used. To assist congregations in handling those publications, the branch office is directing that circuit overseers approve the discarding of some *specific* older publications.

During the circuit overseer's visit, beginning in February/March 2011, he will be considering the outline "Making Wise Use of Literature and Magazines" with the Congregation Service Committee and all those involved with caring for literature and magazines. We are now also directing him to review the quantity of older publications in stock in the congregation during each visit.

The circuit overseer is receiving a list of publications that he may consider for discarding. The list will be updated from time to time. Only literature or magazines that are damaged (including items with yellowed or brittle pages) and outdated Memorial invitations, district convention handbills, and district convention badge cards may be discarded without the approval of the circuit overseer. For certain publications, he will first verify with you that they have been made available to the publishers by your having displayed the publications on the literature counter before his approval to discard is given. If you are given approval to discard the book *Organized to Accomplish Our Ministry*, ensure that the covers are removed and the books are shredded.

Thank you for noting this new arrangement. Be assured of our warm Christian love and greetings.

Your brothers,
*Christian Congregation
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cc: Traveling overseers