

Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses



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TO ALL CONGREGATIONS

Re: Sixteen-page format of *Awake!* and public edition of *The Watchtower*

Dear Brothers:

As was previously announced to all congregations, the *Awake!* magazine and the public edition of *The Watchtower* will be reduced from 32 pages to 16 pages beginning with the January 2013 issues. This may affect the way the magazines are packaged by the branch office and received in the congregations.

Depending on the language of the magazine, two copies of the same issue of the *Awake!* or the public edition of *The Watchtower* may be printed and shipped nested together. This is similar to the way that *Our Kingdom Ministry* is produced. Therefore, when publishers receive their magazines, they may need to separate the sets of two magazines before using them in the ministry so that householders do not receive two copies of the same issue. The packaging of regular and large-print editions of the study edition of *The Watchtower* will not change, since they will continue to be produced in the 32-page format.

Be assured of our warm Christian love and greetings.

Your brothers,
*Christian Congregation
of Jehovah's Witnesses*

cc: Traveling overseers

PS to body of elders:

Please arrange for this letter to be read to the congregation at the first Service Meeting after it is received. Thereafter, it should be posted on the information board.

We also take this opportunity to inform you of an adjustment to your magazine shipment schedule. Beginning with the January 2013 issues of *The Watchtower* and *Awake!*, the magazines will be printed earlier and will therefore be available for shipment sooner than before. This adjustment makes it possible for the magazines to be delivered in one monthly shipment and still be available in time for personal use and for the field ministry.

Additionally, beginning with the January 2013 issues, Spanish congregations that are already picking up *literature* at a Literature Distribution Center (LDC) will be able to pick up *magazine* requests at the same time, with the exception of the congregations that use the Mililani, Hawaii, and Willoughby, Ohio, LDCs. Monthly magazine shipments for English and Spanish

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congregations participating in the LDC arrangement will include primary-language magazines, foreign-language requests, audio formats of the magazines, and *Our Kingdom Ministry*.

Monthly magazine shipments for all other congregations will include all magazines and *Our Kingdom Ministry*, which may previously have been divided among multiple shipments, and will be delivered to the same magazine-address delivery point used in the past. For congregations in New York City, this will also mean an adjustment to *monthly* service for their literature shipments.