

Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses



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TO ALL BODIES OF ELDERS

Re: Discarding older publications in congregation literature supply

Dear Brothers:

In February 2011, circuit overseers were provided with a list of publications that could be discarded from the congregation literature supply. Congregations were given permission to discard literature or magazines that were damaged (including items with yellowed or brittle pages) and outdated Memorial invitations, district convention handbills, and district convention badge cards. All other items had to be retained in the congregation's literature supply until the visit of the circuit overseer. Since reports indicate that congregations now have an improved understanding of the quantity of literature and magazines that should be maintained in the congregation literature supply, the arrangement is being adjusted. We are pleased to provide to congregations a new form entitled *List of Publications Approved for Discard* (S-60). The circuit overseer's approval is no longer needed before publications are discarded.

The list will be updated from time to time. As noted on the form, certain publications should first be made available to the publishers by your displaying the publications on the literature counter before being discarded. If the book *Organized to Accomplish Our Ministry* is discarded, ensure that the covers are removed and the books are shredded.

We note that some congregations have a stock of the books *You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth* and *Knowledge That Leads to Everlasting Life*. While such publications are no longer our primary study publication, having been replaced by *What Does the Bible Really Teach?*, they should not be discarded. Rather, an effort should be made to distribute these publications in public places, where appropriate.

This letter and the *List of Publications Approved for Discard* may be made available to the literature coordinator. However, no publications should be discarded without the approval of the service overseer. *Literature and Magazine Request Guidelines* (S-56) will be updated in due course to reflect this direction.

Please accept an expression of our warm Christian love.

Your brothers,
*Christian Congregation
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cc: Traveling overseers