

Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses



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TO ALL BODIES OF ELDERS

Re: 2013 district convention handbills

Dear Brothers:

We are pleased to inform you that there will be a concerted global effort to advertise the 2013 district conventions. In this connection, publishers will again have opportunity to distribute a special handbill in the territory. This campaign will begin three weeks before your assigned district convention. Elders are encouraged to review the following information in an effort to plan for this campaign.

Requesting district convention handbills:

- **Immediately**, the Congregation Service Committee should determine how many handbills are needed for the congregation. It should be considered whether the quantity used in previous campaigns was sufficient.
- **Each congregation** should enter its request using the jw.org Web site. All requests should be submitted **by January 14, 2013**. PLEASE NOTE: If a request is not received from your congregation by the due date, a ratio of 30 handbills per publisher and 120 per pioneer will be sent to your congregation. Since this ratio *may not* meet the specific needs of your congregation, it is preferred that **each congregation** submit a request **by January 14, 2013**. Requests should not be submitted through the ship-to congregation, the language-coordinating congregation, or any other congregation.
- **Use item number 7583 for requesting handbills in the languages listed below**. Use item number **7483** for requesting specialized handbills with unique artwork highlighting that the convention will be presented in sign language.
- A supply of handbills may be requested in other languages if your congregation is sponsoring a foreign-language group that will attend a convention or convention sessions in the group's language.

Available languages: In addition to English and Spanish, handbills will be available in Albanian, Arabic, Armenian, Chinese (Simplified), Chinese (Traditional), Chuukese, French, Greek, Haitian Creole, Hindi, Hmong, Iloko, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Marshallese, Persian, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Russian, Samoan, Tagalog, Twi, Urdu, and Vietnamese.

Check-in of handbills: Quantities for all congregations in the Kingdom Hall Literature Group will be combined and sent to the ship-to congregation in cartons marked "**CO-sf13**." The carton label(s) will indicate the quantity designated for each congregation. The service overseer of the ship-to congregation should ensure the following steps are taken upon receipt:

- Open the cartons and confirm the correct items were shipped.
- Immediately distribute handbills to each congregation in the literature group.

Labeling handbills: The service overseer and territory servant will be responsible to ensure that the location, dates, and program times are added to the handbill. Some congregations may choose to affix pre-printed self-adhesive labels for this purpose. Other appropriate methods may also be used to insert such information. You may wish to list the location, dates, and program times following the pattern shown below.

Assembly Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses	
23 Unity Place	
Newburgh, NY 12550	
Friday, July 5, 2013	9:20 a.m. to 4:55 p.m.
Saturday, July 6, 2013	9:20 a.m. to 4:55 p.m.
Sunday, July 7, 2013	9:20 a.m. to 3:40 p.m.

Distribution to publishers: Each congregation should set out a supply of labeled handbills on the literature or magazine counter. Publishers and pioneers should be encouraged to take only the amount that they need for one week in their personal ministry. During the campaign, the congregation should be reminded to take only a week's supply. It is hoped that this will help with an even distribution of the handbills in the congregations.

Territory coverage: It is better to give the householder a handbill personally. However, publishers will be allowed to leave the handbills where no one is at home if the elders deem this to be practical. You may feel that it will not be possible for your congregation to cover all of its assigned territory in the time allowed. The elders may therefore decide to give priority to working the most productive territory. A nearby congregation may also offer to assist you with territory coverage. The objective is to do as much as possible within the designated time period. After the campaign is completed, publishers are to begin using the regular literature offer for the month. If your congregation works all of its territory or places its entire supply of handbills before the campaign is completed, you may begin using the regular literature offer for the month.

The Congregation Service Committee should meet and review these instructions. We are pleased to share this advance information with you, and we pray Jehovah's rich blessing upon this special campaign.

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

cc: Traveling overseers