

Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses



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TO ALL BODIES OF ELDERS

Re: Supplementary information on witnessing

Dear Brothers:

This letter supplements the July 15, 2014, letter regarding witnessing in public places. It replaces the letters dated December 7, 2010, and SDB:SSC August 31, 2009. These letters should be removed from the congregation file and be destroyed.

At 2 Corinthians 6:3, the apostle Paul wrote: "In no way are we giving any cause for stumbling, so that no fault may be found with our ministry." In harmony with Paul's words, it is our desire to respect the rights of individuals while upholding our right to preach the good news without interference. Therefore, this letter contains specific direction relating to data protection laws.

Publisher and congregation records: While we continue to use the *Congregation's Publisher Record* (S-21) card, this is a reminder that you should not have publishers sign these cards. If any blank old S-21 cards remain in your file (ones having a place for publishers to sign) these should be destroyed. Existing congregational procedures ensure that publishers are informed and fully understand the consequences of deciding to become one of Jehovah's Witnesses, which necessarily requires the processing of their personal information. Upon approval as an unbaptized publisher, an individual is provided with the book, *Organized to Do Jehovah's Will*, which clearly explains the congregation's procedure for collecting personal data.—*od* pp. 81, 87-88.

Field ministry records: Use of the *House-to-House Record* (S-8) should be discontinued with immediate effect. Publishers may keep personal records of not-at-homes and return visits in any manner they deem fit, including using personal notebooks or personal electronic devices.

In addition, the *Please Follow Up* (S-43) form should no longer be used. Nor should the information be submitted by publishers through jw.org. If a publisher meets someone who speaks another language, the publisher may take the initiative to locate someone in a foreign-language speaking congregation or group who is qualified to assist, or the publisher may assist the interested person to enter his own contact information on jw.org. This updates the direction in the letter to all bodies of elders dated July 15, 2014, paragraph 14.

We trust these guidelines will help us to fulfil our commission to preach the good news as an organization while giving "Caesar's things to Caesar." (Matt. 22:21; 24:14; 28:19) Please be assured of our warm Christian love and best wishes.

Your brothers,

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PS to the secretary:

This letter should be retained in the congregation file along with other material related to forms.