

# Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses



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TO ALL CONGREGATIONS

Dear Brothers:

Our attention has been drawn to a circular from the Ghana Education Service dated 14th November, 1991, and given the title “**SALE OF FLAG BADGES.**” The circular states that “Regional and District Education Offices and Educational Institutions have been authorized to sell these badges to both Teaching and Non-teaching personnel and students/pupils of educational institutions.” Some have wondered what the Christian's position is with regard to buying or displaying such flag badges.

The Governing Body's Scriptural stand on the matter is that if by law individuals are required to own or even display a national flag over certain buildings, each one can decide what to do according to his conscience. (Rom. 13:1; Acts 5:29) What is of primary consequence is, not merely the possessing of a flag, but how an individual acts toward it. It is what one does toward the flag that would indicate whether one shares in idolatry toward it. As long as what is required does not involve any form of idolatry, each one is to make his own decision and take full responsibility for the outcome.

With this statement we believe that all parents will be able to guide their school-going children as to what conscientious stand they must take regarding the directive.

It is our prayer that we will continue to enjoy relative peace, “in order that we may go on leading a calm and quiet life with full godly devotion and seriousness.”—1 Tim. 2:2.

We send along our warm good wishes and love.

Your brothers,

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