



WATCHTOWER

BIBLE AND TRACT SOCIETY OF NEW YORK, INC.

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TO: ALL CONGREGATION SERVICE COMMITTEES IN THE UNITED STATES AND
BERMUDA

Dear Brothers:

This letter is an explanation of the packing list that accompanies shipments of literature you receive from the Society. Please pay particular attention to Section 17, a new feature we are adding to future packing lists. For your reference, we enclose a sample packing list with the sections numbered, and will explain each in turn.

Section 1

ASSIGNMENT NUMBER. This is a packing list number that is assigned when the Society processes a literature request submitted by your congregation. (See the section of this letter "Reporting Discrepancies to the Society.")

Section 2

PACKING LIST DATE and CONGREGATION NUMBER. The "Packing List Date" is the date the Society prints the packing list. The "Congregation Number" refers to the number the Society has assigned to your congregation. (See the section of this letter "Reporting Discrepancies to the Society.")

Section 3

SHIPPING SECTION. This area of the packing list indicates the section of the country your congregation is assigned. Each congregation is assigned to one of four "Shipping Sections." As explained on page 4 of the *Watchtower Publications List*, a specific date is assigned to each section for mailing Literature Request Forms to the Society. You should actually mail your Literature Request Form, using the special envelope for this purpose, on the date indicated. If you mail the form later than the date stipulated, the Society may choose to hold your literature until the next shipment scheduled for your section of the country.

Section 4

YOUR REQUEST NO., YOUR REQUEST DATE, and SELECTION NO. To facilitate record keeping, you may choose to assign numbers to the Literature Request Forms you submit. We will acknowledge the numbers you assign in the area designated: "Your Request No." (See paragraph 18 of the *Watchtower Publications List*.) "Your Request Date" refers to the date you filled out the form. The "Selection No." is a number the Society uses for internal reference. You will not need to use or refer to this number in correspondence you send to the Society about literature shipments. (See the section of this letter "Reporting Discrepancies to the Society.")

Section 5

REQUEST NUMBER. This is a number the Society assigns literature requests submitted by your congregation.

Section 6

SHIPPING ADDRESS. This is the shipping address for literature the Society currently has on file for your congregation. If the shipping address is incorrect, please telephone the Society right away and provide a new shipping address for literature, following up with a completed S-36 form. You should correct this address even if your congregation normally receives its shipments of literature at an Assembly Hall or a Literature Distribution Center. (Please see paragraph 14 of the *Watchtower Publications List*.)

Section 7

ROUTING INFORMATION. If your congregation normally receives its literature through an Assembly Hall or a Literature Distribution Center, this section will list the name(s) and telephone number(s) of those the distribution center will notify when a shipment is ready to be picked up. Please regularly check this information, and telephone the Society when it is inaccurate, following up with a completed F-239 form. (Please see paragraphs 14 and 39 of the *Watchtower Publications List*.)

Section 8

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS. This section is for internal office use of the Society. Normally it contains the name of the carrier and the level of rush service your congregation requests. (See paragraphs 11 and 12 of the *Watchtower Publications List*.)

Section 9

QUANTITY SHIPPED. This area of the packing list shows the number of items actually shipped.

Section 10

ITEM DESCRIPTION. This area of the packing list shows the titles of the items you requested.

Section 11

LANGUAGE. "Language" refers to a particular language in which you specified that we fill the item. In most cases, the language is the primary language of your congregation. (See paragraph 21 of the *Watchtower Publications List*.)

Section 12

NOTES. A number, such as "1," "2," "3," or an asterisk (*) will appear in this column. The numbers refer to coded messages that appear at the end of the list of shipped items, and indicate the action taken on the noted item (Example: "Quantity was cut. See *Watchtower Publications List*, par. 25."). An asterisk (*) designates all special-request items (see paragraph 24 of the *Watchtower Publications List* for a complete list of all special-request items). Individuals that requested special-request items should be notified when they arrive.

Section 13

REQUEST RECEIVED. "Request Received" refers to the date the Society receives your congregation's Literature Request Form.

Section 14

QUANTITY REQUESTED. "Quantity Requested" is the quantity of a particular item you requested on the Literature Request Form.

Section 15

QUANTITY PENDING. If the Society's stock is limited and we cannot ship the full quantity of an item you requested, we will show the portion not shipped as "Quantity Pending" on the packing list. When we restock the item, we will ship the remainder to your congregation in a later shipment. (Please see paragraph 27 (1) of the *Watchtower Publications List* for more information on our pending procedure.)

Section 16

SPECIALTY CODE. This code specifies a particular part of an item being shipped (in the case of an item that has multiple parts). (Example: *Sing Praises...* (8 CD-Audio) with the number 2 in the "Specialty Code" column indicates that disc number two of the set is being shipped, not the entire set.)

Section 17

LISTED BELOW IS A SUMMARY OF ALL PENDING ITEMS. Unless the packing list is for a special shipment, it will show all "Pending Items" your congregation requested. If the indicated SUMMARY OF ALL PENDING ITEMS does not correspond to your records, please indicate the discrepancy and return a photocopy of the packing list to the Society, Attn.: Desk FLH. You should follow the same procedure to adjust or cancel the quantities of "Pending Items." Perhaps a publisher requests an item, and then moves to another congregation. When this happens, the secretary should write the quantity he wants us to cancel in the "Qty To Cancel" brackets, sign it, photocopy the packing list and return it to the Society, Attn.: Desk FLH.

Reporting Discrepancies to the Society

To report discrepancies to the Society, please include your "Congregation Number" and the "Assignment Number" on the correspondence, as explained in paragraph 32 of the *Watchtower Publications List*. You should indicate in your letter, signed by the secretary and presiding overseer, whether we should reship any missing items, or whether we should adjust our records and you will request the missing items again. If the discrepancy involves items shipped to you in error, please report this in writing and wait for the Society's direction before actually returning the items (see paragraph 37 of the *Watchtower Publications List*). For additional details on reporting discrepancies see paragraphs 32-36, 40 of the *Watchtower Publications List*.

We are providing four copies of this letter, one for each member of the service committee and the literature servant. You brothers should read this carefully. Then, the secretary and service overseer should take the time to discuss it with the literature servant and his assistants. Thereafter, the secretary should place a copy of this letter in the congregation file. The literature servant should keep his copy available for future reference so that the brothers working with the literature will have a proper understanding of the Society's procedures.

Thank you for taking the time to review this information. We feel it will help you brothers to understand how the Society handles your requests for literature. With this letter, please accept an expression of our warm Christian love and good wishes.

Your brothers,

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"THIS GOOD NEWS OF THE KINGDOM WILL BE PREACHED"

Assignment Number

2345678

Packing List Date 2/26/96
Congregation Number 108761

Your Request No. 296
Your Request Date 2/16/96
Selection No. 2238

Request Number 2126500

Shipping Section 2-Central

Shipping Address:
LAURELTON CONG
EUGENE OR
JOHN OVERSEER
123 MAIN ST
EUGENE OR 97123

Routing Information:
JWAH WOODBURN OR
JOE PICKUP (503) 555-4444
HENRY CONTACT (503) 655-5666

Special Instructions

Shipping Address correct? Use form S-36 to update

Routing Information correct? Use form F-239 to update.

Table with columns: QUANTITY SHIPPED, ITEM DESCRIPTION, LANGUAGE, NOTES, REQUEST RECEIVED, QUANTITY REQUESTED, QUANTITY PENDING, SPECIALTY CODE. Includes various Bible and tract items.

- (1) It is more convenient to obtain a complete set.
(2) Please do not write in the shaded areas of the S-14 form.
(3) Quantity was cut. See Watchtower Publications List, par. 25.

Report discrepancies promptly writing, giving Assignment Number.

Table with columns: Qty, LISTED BELOW IS A SUMMARY OF ALL PENDING ITEMS, Qty To Cancel. Lists pending items for cancellation.

Pending items correct? To cancel, indicate quantity in box, and send a copy to the above address, "Attn: Desk FLH."

Secretary's Signature