

Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses



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TO ALL CONGREGATIONS

Re: Important witnessing reminders

Dear Brothers:

May we take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation for your enthusiastic support for the great evangelizing campaign currently being conducted worldwide. Every effort is being made to ensure that a "thorough witness" is being given, even to the remotest parts of the earth. (Acts 20:24) The public witnessing with trolleys is proving to be exceptionally successful in meeting people who normally would not be at home during our regular house-to-house witnessing.

In connection with the expression "bearing thorough witness" we are mindful that the evangelizing activity is directed by the "angel flying in midheaven." The angelic forces under Jesus' control know who have a heart rightly disposed to embrace the truth. Such individuals may be contacted through the regular house-to-house ministry, informal witnessing, special public witnessing, or by any other available means.

If we remember this basic fact then we will not feel obliged to resort to methods that unduly upset the householders. For example, page 7 of the January 1994, *Our Kingdom Ministry* (Britain edition) had a Question Box answering the question, "How should matters be handled when the householder insists that Jehovah's Witnesses make no further calls at his home?" To ignore such a request will not contribute towards furthering the good news but will only result in intensifying any bad feelings that might exist. The branch office receives many telephone calls and letters from irate householders because these simple guidelines have not been observed. We strongly recommend that you review this material. If you do not have a hard copy, may we suggest you look it up in *Watchtower Library* (*Our Kingdom Ministry*, June 1994, page 2).

Now, another situation has arisen with regard to *Kingdom News*, leaflets and brochures. This year we have three campaigns with special distribution features, e.g. Memorial, District Conventions and *Kingdom News* No 38. If a householder has a notice "No Junk Mail" what are we to do? Our literature is NOT junk mail. It contains precious Bible truths, so vital to the physical, mental and spiritual well-being of individuals and families. But most householders do not differentiate between unsolicited items left through their letter box. To them, it is ALL junk mail! Such individuals are not slow to write threatening letters or make irate telephone calls to the branch office. It would be wise and discreet to acknowledge their definition of junk mail and refrain from leaving any kind of literature through the letter box. We would still call at the home in the usual way but, if no one is at home, we would NOT leave any literature through the letter box. If circumstances change and a person indicates he is searching for God, the "angel flying in mid-heaven" will take note of this favourable attitude. By means of the multitude of angels under his command we can be sure that such a person will be brought into contact with the truth, through whatever appropriate means that may be available.

By imitating the principle behind the apostle Paul's reasoning at 1 Corinthians 9:19-22 we will give an effective witness without causing unnecessary offence. Thank you for your cooperation in applying these fine guidelines in your ministry and be assured of our warm Christian love as we share together in distributing *Kingdom News* No. 38 during November.

Your brothers,

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PS to the coordinator of the body of elders:

Please arrange for this letter to be read to the congregation at the first Service Meeting after its receipt. Thereafter it should be placed on the noticeboard.