

Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses



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TO ALL BODIES OF ELDERS IN THE UNITED STATES BRANCH TERRITORY

Re: *Questionnaire on Publishers Conversant in Another Language*

Dear Brothers:

In the U.S. branch territory, there are now more than 1,800 congregations and groups in 85 languages other than English and Spanish. The branch office receives numerous requests to follow up on interest shown by individuals speaking these languages. In view of the need to give a more thorough witness in these language groups, we are updating our records of qualified baptized publishers (both brothers and sisters) who are able to speak, read, and write in a language other than English, Spanish, or the language of the congregation. This survey is similar to what was last done in 2014.

At the next midweek meeting, please make an announcement explaining that the branch office is interested in locating *exemplary* publishers who are conversant in a language other than English, Spanish, or the language of the congregation, in order to follow up on interested persons. For example, an English-speaking publisher may be conversant in Tagalog, or a Russian-speaking publisher may also be conversant in Ukrainian. Qualified publishers who would like to participate should inform the secretary.

If the Congregation Service Committee approves the publisher, the secretary should complete the *Questionnaire on Publishers Conversant in Another Language* (S-17). Please submit a new questionnaire on all qualified publishers, *including those submitted in the past*. If a publisher speaks two or more languages, list his name under the separate language sections on the questionnaire. Please return the questionnaire to the Public Witnessing Desk in the Service Department using jw.org e-mail **no later than February 15, 2018**.

Please explain to the publisher that he may be requested to care for *Please Arrange for a Qualified Publisher to Call on This Person* (S-70) forms when there are no nearby congregations or groups in the target language. This may require that he call or write the person of interest, especially if the individual lives some distance from the congregation's territory.

At times there may be no publisher in the U.S. branch territory conversant in the target language. Under those circumstance, the *Please Arrange for a Qualified Publisher to Call on This Person* (S-70) form will be sent to the English or Spanish-language congregation in whose territory the person lives. The congregation should continue visiting the interested person to help him progress spiritually to the extent possible.

We look forward to Jehovah's rich blessing on these arrangements. (Rev. 7:9, 10) Please be assured of our warm Christian love and best wishes.

Your brothers,

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c: Circuit overseers