

# Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses



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TO ALL CONGREGATIONS

Re: Magnetic Boards and Posters for Public Witnessing

Dear Brothers:

We are pleased to inform you of an upcoming arrangement to provide magnetic boards and posters for use in public witnessing. These new items can be used along with the current public witnessing equipment. The magnetic posters are weather-resistant and are designed to keep their dignified appearance for much longer than the paper posters that some congregations may be using. In addition, the magnetic posters can be applied to and removed from the magnetic board repeatedly without causing damage to the artwork.

It is exciting to see how Jehovah has blessed the public witnessing work in recent years! Literature display carts, stands, tables, and kiosks are being used extensively in our global preaching effort. Over 250,000 literature display carts have been shipped all over the world, helping to reach many people. The public witnessing equipment that has been made available to congregations is dignified, efficient, and in some cases custom-made for our work. It has contributed to the success of the public witnessing arrangement. However, the equipment does not come without cost to the organization. We are confident that you will consider this expense when making contributions to the worldwide work. All donations that are forwarded to the branch office are used for various aspects of the worldwide work, including disaster relief, support for missionaries and circuit overseers, construction of Kingdom Halls, and the production and distribution of Bibles and other publications. We show our appreciation not only by donating but also by taking good care of the congregation's public witnessing equipment and protecting it from damage. As the use of public witnessing equipment continues to expand, we are confident that Jehovah will bless your generous support of these arrangements.

We send our warm Christian love.

Your brothers,

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c: Circuit overseers

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PS to bodies of elders:

This letter should be read to the congregation at the first midweek meeting after its receipt. If the congregation recently requested literature display carts, stands, tables, or kiosks from the branch office, the elders should determine the cost of that equipment by consulting the information in the September 2016 version of the *Public Witnessing Supplies* (S-80) form. When the letter is read to the congregation, the congregation should be informed of the items recently requested and the total cost of those items to the organization. **This postscript should neither be read to the congregation nor posted on the information board.**

In due course, congregations will be able to request a “starter kit” from the branch office that will include a magnetic board along with a selection of magnetic posters featuring a variety of topics. Congregations will also be able to request individual magnetic posters or a magnetic board along with only one magnetic poster, which will feature [jw.org](http://jw.org). At that time, the *Public Witnessing Supplies* form will be updated to include information about the magnetic posters and boards. The service overseer and the literature servant should be alert to announcements regarding when such items are available for request. Magnetic posters will feature selected topics rather than featuring specific magazines or other literature. Nonmagnetic posters will still be available for download in PDF format from [jw.org](http://jw.org) for local printing. Please note that adhesive posters should not be used on the magnetic boards as this will damage the magnets.

As noted above, there is a cost associated with providing magnetic posters and other public witnessing equipment. Good discretion is needed to ensure that the equipment and posters that are requested will be financially supported by the congregation.