

# Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses



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TO ALL CONGREGATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES BRANCH TERRITORY

Re: Child Custody Packet

Dear Brothers:

A packet of legal material is available to assist publishers who are involved in lawsuits over child custody and visitation matters in which our religion is under attack. The packet should be requested by the *body of elders only* in a case in which it is evident that the publisher's religious beliefs will be at issue. For those facing secular issues on child custody or visitation, helpful information can be found in the October 2009 *Awake!*, pages 21 and 27; the December 8, 1997, *Awake!*, pages 3-12; the chart found in the April 22, 1991, *Awake!*, page 9; and the October 22, 1988, *Awake!*, pages 2-14.

We send our warm Christian love.

Your brothers,

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PS to bodies of elders:

At the next midweek meeting, please arrange for an announcement to be made to the congregation that a letter on the above-noted subject has been posted on the information board. Before calling the Legal Department to request a child custody packet on behalf of a publisher, please review paragraphs 23-25 of the letter dated November 6, 2014, to all bodies of elders.