

Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses



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TO ALL CONGREGATIONS

Re: Letter-Writing Campaign Supporting Jehovah's Witnesses in Russia

Dear Brothers:

As reported on jw.org, a ban on our Christian worship in Russia is imminent. If the Supreme Court of the Russian Federation decides against us, it will have dire consequences for over 170,000 brothers and sisters in that country.

To draw international attention to these serious matters, the Governing Body is arranging a global letter-writing campaign. All who are associated with the congregation are encouraged to participate. A set of instructions is now available in the "Newsroom" section of jw.org. Please carefully read and follow the instructions provided. If you do not have access to the Internet, the elders will be happy to supply you with a copy of the instructions. **Since the Supreme Court hearing is scheduled to take place on April 5, 2017, letters should be sent no later than April 1.**

Your participation in this campaign gives evidence of love for your brothers. (1 Pet. 2:17) At the same time, we know that the most important thing that any of us can do to support fellow Christians who face persecution is to supplicate Jehovah in their behalf.—**Read 1 Timothy 2:1-4.**

As we put our complete trust in Jehovah, we are confident that no weapon formed against Jehovah's people will have any success.—Isa. 54:17.

Your brothers,

*Christian Congregation
of Jehovah's Witnesses*

c: Circuit overseers

PS to coordinators of the bodies of elders:

Please arrange for this letter to be read to the congregation at the next midweek meeting and the next weekend meeting. Please print enough copies of the attached instruction sheet for those who may not have access to the electronic copy on jw.org.

PS to circuit overseers:

If you have a circuit assembly this weekend, please arrange for this letter to be read by the concluding speaker at the end of the last talk.