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To All Bodies of Elders

Re: Wise Use of Literature, Magazines and *Our Christian Life and Ministry Workbook*

Dear Brothers:

Over the years you have been doing very well in caring for the distribution of magazines to publishers and to the general public as well as ensuring that the brothers receive the needed quantities of the *Our Christian Life and Ministry Workbook*. We commend you all for your hard work in caring for the spiritual needs of our brothers and those seeking for the truth. However, there is a growing problem we would like to bring to your attention.

There have been reports that some congregations have excess magazines, both of the study and the public editions, as well as *Meeting Workbook* that have piled up. As you know, once the study period is past there is usually no urgent need for the study edition of the *Watchtower* and *Meeting Workbook*. In addition, the costs of production and clearing of these periodicals from the port have increased in recent years. Moreover, many publishers are now using electronic devices and as such do not need the hard copies of the study periodicals.

In the light of the foregoing, we would like to remind bodies of elders, especially the Service Overseer, to make sure that congregation requests for these periodicals are reviewed periodically so that there would be no left overs, including *Watchtower* and *Awake!* for the ministry.

Literature: For proper coordination and cooperation of Kingdom Hall Literature Group, we would also like to remind you to refer to the May 9, 2016, letter regarding literature-coordinating arrangement so that things take place decently and by arrangement and also avoid overstocking—1 Corinthians 14:40.

Please accept our warm Christian love and best wishes.

Your brothers,

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c: Circuit overseers

P.S. Brothers, we kindly remind you, especially secretaries, to use the *congregation inbox* on jw.org instead of your *personal inbox* in requesting congregation needs. Thank you for taking note of this.