

To Whom It May Concern:

I write today regarding evangelistic work that the Family Health and Education Resources ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church will soon be conducting in your community. Student literature evangelists will be going door-to-door distributing free religious literature, praying with community members, enrolling interested individuals in Bible Studies, and seeking donations to support the program.

The Literature evangelistic program of the Adventist Church has been in existence for well over 100 years and is an important part of the Church's missionary work and evangelism. As student literature evangelists they are following the Great Commission that Christ gave His followers in Matthew 28:18-20.

In order not to disturb the community or be bothersome, this program usually runs from 10:00am to 9:00pm, July 10 – July 24. Further, all our students carry identification recognizing them as part of the Family Health and Education Resources Program. They also carry radios or cell phones to contact their onsite leader, who can provide more information while in the field.

Some communities have ordinances governing door-to-door sales, canvassing, or solicitations. However, the Supreme Court has protected door-to-door advocacy based upon the free exercise and speech clauses of the First Amendment. The Court has been particularly suspicious of any prior restraint on these activities, such as requiring a permit or registration process. If your city has an ordinance that it believes applies to our activities, I ask that you contact us as soon as possible so we can discuss this.

We believe our evangelistic activities fall squarely within the protected zone of the First Amendment. Unless we hear differently, we do not plan on applying for any permit or registering prior to beginning our missionary work.

It is our desire to provide family, health and educational resources that will serve to bless local communities. We are happy to provide more specific information regarding the program upon request, and we look forward to working in your community and with your office as necessary.

PLEASE FORWARD THIS INFORMATION TO YOUR LOCAL POLICE/SHERIFF DEPARTMENT.

Please accept this letter as acknowledgment of our Family Health and Education Resources Seventh-day Adventist youth missionary project that will take place in your area. If you have any other questions, please don't hesitate to call us at 517-316-1515.

Respectfully yours,



David Pano
Literature Ministries Director

As confirmation that you received this information, we would ask that you please fill out the following and email this letter back to the email listed below. *We understand that your signature is not an endorsement of our project, but simply recognition of our presence in your community.*

PLEASE PRINT

Name of county: _____

Name of city/twp/village (circle one): _____

Received by: _____

(Signature)

(Print Name)

Date: _____

Return Email: pher@misda.org