



# CO Checklist

Prepare a packet of evidence that supports your claim that you are a conscientious objector. Your packet should include:

- A cover letter addressed to the Selective Service System stating very briefly why you are opposed to war and serving as a combatant in the military.
- A copy of your draft registration form on which you have written "I am a conscientious objector."
- Responses to the three questions Selective Service will ask to determine the sincerity of your position.
- At least two letters of reference from a teacher, a leader or mentor in the community, a person with whom you disagree but who respects your position, or a Sunday school teacher or pastor.
- Supporting documents, such as:
  - Copy of your baptismal certificate
  - Newspaper and magazine clippings reporting on your peace and service activities (mission trips, attendance at youth conference, workcamps, local service projects, etc.)
  - Copies of term papers or essays on subjects related to conscientious objection
  - Copies of five or six entries from the journal you've kept in which you reflect on your faith, your decision to be a conscientious objector

**Make a copy of the entire packet. Keep one copy for yourself. Send the other to:**

Church of the Brethren  
Global Mission and Service  
1451 Dundee Avenue  
Elgin IL 60120

