

Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses



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TO ALL BODIES OF ELDERS

Re: School for Congregation Elders

Dear Brothers:

We are pleased to inform you that the School for Congregation Elders will continue to be conducted in our branch territory. Future classes will consist of seasoned elders and newly-appointed elders.

Seasoned elders will be invited to attend again after a minimum of five years have passed since their last enrollment. The branch office will determine when newly-appointed elders should be invited. When selected to attend one of the classes, you will receive an invitation letter approximately eight months before the start of the school.

The school will continue to be held at local Kingdom Halls and Assembly Halls. Most elders will be assigned to attend a location close to home, making it possible to commute each day.

If an elder serving in a foreign-language congregation wishes to attend a class in English or Spanish, he may contact the Service Department (845-306-1100, extension 46998). In due time, classes will be scheduled in the following languages: French, Greek, Haitian Creole, Korean, Italian, Portuguese, Russian, and Tagalog.

As stated in the September 15, 2012, issue of *The Watchtower*, the purpose of the school is “to help elders care for their responsibilities in the congregation and to deepen their spirituality.” Therefore, we encourage you to make every effort to attend the school.

We take this opportunity to commend you for all your fine work as you faithfully care for your many responsibilities. Please be assured of our warm Christian love and best wishes.

Your brothers,

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cc: Field instructors
Traveling overseers