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TO ALL BODIES OF ELDERS IN ENGLAND AND WALES

Re: Elders' duties as trustees of a charity

Dear Brothers:

We are writing in connection with elders' duties as trustees of a charity registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales. This letter replaces the letter dated LEA December 31, 2008, to all bodies of elders regarding elders and bankruptcy orders. That letter should be removed from the congregation file and be destroyed.

In a small number of cases an elder may become subject to a bankruptcy order, an individual voluntary arrangement (IVA) or in some other way be disqualified legally from acting as a trustee. Such elders must formally be discharged as a trustee. Our Legal Department has prepared the appropriate paperwork, with explanations of how this should be used, and we are inviting any body of elders that has a member in this position to write to us immediately for further details. Please provide the name of the elder, along with his role in the congregation. (If you have already complied with legal formalities there is no need to write to us again.) If this situation arises in the future, please contact our Legal Department immediately.

By way of reminder, any elder who ceases to serve as an elder or as a trustee must be removed promptly from the register of trustees held in the Charity Commission database.

We thank you for your cooperation in 'paying back Caesar's things to Caesar.' (Matt. 22:21; compare Romans 13:1-4.) Please accept our Christian love and best wishes.

Your brothers,

Watch Tower B. & J. Society
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PS to the secretary:

This letter should be retained in the congregation file along with other material relating to charity matters.