

Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses

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TO ALL BODIES OF ELDERS

Re: Kingdom Ministry School for the 2015 service year

Dear Brothers:

We are pleased to provide you with some additional information and direction for the upcoming Kingdom Ministry School.

Publications and references: We encourage you to review carefully each of the letters and publication references listed below. Please bring this material with you to the school along with your Bible, *Shepherding* textbook, *Organized* book, and *songbook*.

- w14 11/15 pp. 28-29
- w14 4/15 pp. 3-7
- ks10 chap. 3 pars. 1-14
- July 13, 2014, letter to all bodies of elders regarding appointment and deletion of elders and ministerial servants
- June 26, 2014, letter to all bodies of elders regarding *Notification of Disfellowshipping or Disassociation (S-77)*
- March 17, 2013, letter to all bodies of elders regarding showing consideration for those involved in theocratic projects

Prior to attending the Kingdom Ministry School, each elder should make the necessary adjustments and notations in his *Shepherding* textbook. A list of these adjustments is found in *Index to Letters for Bodies of Elders (S-22)* under the heading “*Shepherding* Textbook.”

Use of electronic devices: The use of electronic devices is permitted. However, recordings, cell-phone transmission, and video streaming are not permitted. Any personal notes taken, whether hardcopy or electronic, are not to be distributed.

Program: Along with this letter, we are providing a program containing the title of each part. The program should be brought with you to the school location. Please note that the first session will be approximately four hours in length and the second session will be approximately five hours.

Lapel cards: Lapel cards will be provided for use as identification. They will be shipped to the mailing address of the coordinator of the body of elders. He should keep them in a safe place until the week before the school. Then he should distribute them to the other elders. This may prevent the cards from being lost. The lapel cards should be worn when entering the school location and at all times during the school.

If an elder has moved away or for some other reason there are extra cards, the coordinator of the body of elders should give them to the circuit overseer at the school location. He should not send the cards through the mail. If for some reason the coordinator of the body of elders does not receive enough cards, he should contact the circuit overseer for assistance. The circuit overseer will be provided with a small supply of extra cards.

Attendance: The Governing Body desires that elders from the same congregation attend the school at the same time. However, if an appointed elder is not able to attend with the elders of his congregation because of extenuating circumstances, he can contact his circuit overseer for the dates and locations of schools in neighboring circuits. The circuit overseer will then contact the neighboring circuit overseer and request permission for the brother to attend. The coordinator of the body of elders in the brother's congregation should provide him with a lapel card. If he attends the school before other elders in his congregation, he should be instructed to keep the information strictly confidential until after the other brothers from his congregation have attended.

We are looking forward to this special program of instruction, and we pray for Jehovah's rich blessing upon all the arrangements made for the Kingdom Ministry School and upon your efforts to shepherd the flock in a fine way. Please be assured of our warm love and Christian greetings.

Your brothers,
*Christian Congregation
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c: Circuit overseers

PS to coordinator of the body of elders:

At the next congregation meeting, please confirm that each elder is familiar with the contents of this letter.