

Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses



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TO ALL BODIES OF ELDERS

Re: Elders assigned student talks on the Theocratic Ministry School

Dear Brothers:

This is to provide clarification as to whether elders assigned student talks on the Theocratic Ministry School should receive counsel from the platform. The instructions in the *Theocratic Ministry School Schedule for 2015 (ss15)* state: “The auxiliary counselor’s responsibility will be to give private counsel, if needed, to elders or ministerial servants regarding any speaking assignment they may handle, including parts on the Theocratic Ministry School, Service Meeting parts, public talks, and conducting or reading at the *Watchtower* Study and the Congregation Bible Study.”

However, when an elder, a ministerial servant, or any other publisher handles Assignment No. 1, No. 2, or No. 3, it will be appropriate for the school overseer to give from the platform commendation and, as needed, kind counsel for improvement in the art of speaking and teaching. (Titus 1:9) All in the congregation will benefit from the fine example of humility and love displayed by the brothers who take the lead.—1 Pet. 5:2, 3.

Please be assured of our warm Christian love and greetings.

Your brothers,

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c: Circuit overseers

PS to coordinator of the body of elders:

Please ensure that the body of elders is aware of this direction. In circumstances where the school overseer is a ministerial servant, he should be advised as well.