

Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses



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TO ALL BODIES OF ELDERS

Re: Applause When Reinstatements Are Announced

Dear Brothers:

We wish to direct your attention to a recent adjustment. In the past, it was viewed as inappropriate for the congregation to applaud when the elders announced a reinstatement. (*km 2/00 p. 7*) However, as will be explained in the May 2016 issue of *The Watchtower*, page 32, there are Scriptural reasons to allow for spontaneous, dignified applause when such announcements are made. Therefore, if publishers choose to applaud, the elders should not discourage them from doing so.

Please accept an expression of our warm Christian love.

Your brothers,

*Christian Congregation
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c: Circuit overseers