

TESTIGOS CRISTIANOS DE JEHOVÁ

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TO THE BODIES OF ELDERS

Re: Index to letters S-22

Dear Brothers:

As a follow up to the letter dated January 5, 2016 regarding the Index to Letters for Bodies of Elders, we are pleased to inform you that as of November 9, 2016, an Interactive online version with links to all letters, both in Spanish and English, will be available on jw.org. You may find this new document by navigating to the tab *Documents* → *Forms*, typing “S-22” in the *Search* field, or choosing the “Index to letters” category.

☐ S-22 Index to letters: English Interactive online version

ACCOUNTS
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This online version will prove to be a practical resource, which can be consulted on a regular basis. It will be kept up to date with the latest version of the published letters, which can be directly downloaded.

November 2016 version of the *Index to letters for the Bodies of Elders* (S-22). Another new feature available in the *Index to letters for the Bodies of Elders* (S-22) is that both pdf and online versions will be synchronized with the version provided by World Headquarters. As a result, there will no longer be a local version of the S-22. This allows for the simplification and standardization of the *Index to Letters*. As you will see while reading the November 2016 version, the section *Letters referenced in 'Index to Letters for Bodies of Elders'* contains an up-to-date list of letters that should be present in the congregation files. This list is quite different from the previous one. For this reason, as there are significant changes, we would like to ask for the collaboration of all congregation secretaries in updating the congregation files.

Another important change, made necessary by the standardization, is the use of the same dates for the letters in both the Spanish and English versions. In the past, some letters in Spanish were dated with the date in which the letter had been translated into Spanish. This means that the dates of those letters did not match with those published in English by the World Headquarters.

You will be happy to know that those letters have been updated and published again on jw.org with the corrected date. The dates of those updated letters will match with the references published in the electronic versions of the *Shepherding* book (ks10-E).

In the attachment, you will find a complete list of the updated letters, the subject, the previous date and the updated date. Please take into account this list in relation to the handwritten references in your *Shepherding* book. From now on, any reference to a letter, in another letter, outline, meeting or theocratic school, will include the updated date, as it has been published in the November 2016 version of the *Index to letters* (S-22), both in pdf and online, as well as the attached table.

Other letters that do not appear in the *Index to letters* (S-22). Some letters still applicable in our branch territory do not appear in the S-22. These letters will still be available on jw.org. We encourage you to use the *Search* options of jw.org to find them out. Once the letters have become outdated, they will be removed from jw.org.

Letters or forms that do not apply to our branch territory. In some cases, the Index might have a reference to a letter or form that is not used in our branch territory. In this case, the online version will show a “broken” link to the document, as shown in the following image:

LETTERS REFERENCED IN INDEX TO LETTERS FOR BODIES OF ELDERS

1/3/06	Re: Hospital Liaison Committees
 [11/7/06]	Re: Charitable donation programs

We are very sure that this update of the index to letters and its online version on jw.org will allow all bodies of elders to carry out the pastoral and shepherding work of the congregations more efficiently. (1 Peter 5:2, 3). We would like to thank your kind collaboration in this matter.

Please receive our Christian love and best wishes.

Your brothers,

Testigos Cristianos de Jehová

Attachment

c. circuit overseers

List of letters with the updated dates

Updated date	Previous date in Spain	Subject
4/1/2007	7/2/2007	Re: Undocumented aliens
12/8/2007	12/28/2007	Re: Local needs parts
3/8/2008	6/8/2008	Re: Baptizing individuals who have communicable diseases
4/4/2008	6/4/2008	Re: Pioneer meetings with traveling overseers
5/3/2008	6/5/2008	Re: Review of assembly programs (note)
11/7/2008	12/7/2011	Re: Field service reports
5/23/2010	7/23/2010	Re: Assisting inactive ones
10/7/2010	1/10/2011	Re: Spiral binding of <i>Shepherding</i> textbook
10/12/10	2/12/2011	Re: Wedding procedures and scriptural freedom to remarry
11/17/2010	2/17/2011	Re: Letters of introduction
5/25/2011	8/15/2011	Re: Public speakers
9/7/2011	9/17/2011	Re: Correspondence from branch office and congregation file
12/11/2011	1/31/2012	Re: Arrangements for those who must travel to seek care for special medical needs
1/6/2012	1/22/2013	Re: Disaster preparedness and response
3/6/2012	4/20/2012	Re: Reminders from Kingdom Ministry School held during 2011 service year
4/10/2012	8/27/2012	Re: Pornography
4/22/2012	10/4/2012	Re: Reading scriptures at <i>The Watchtower</i> study
10/19/2012	11/23/2012	Re: Sign-language interpretation
3/17/2013	4/29/2013	Re: Showing consideration for those involved in theocratic projects