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TO ALL CONGREGATIONS

Re: Discontinuation of Use of *House-to-House Record* (S-8) and *Please Follow Up* (S-43) Forms

Dear Brothers:

During the time that they have been in use the *House-to-House Record* (S-8) and the *Please Follow Up* (S-43) forms have served well to help us fulfill our commission to preach God's word 'urgently, decently and by arrangement.'—2 Timothy 4:2; 1 Corinthians 14:40.

At this time, we would like to inform you all that effective immediately, we are discontinuing the use of both the *House-to-House Record* (S-8) and the *Please Follow Up* (S-43) forms.

The S-8 and S-43 forms are no longer being printed for publisher use. This is to avoid giving the impression that the branch office or a congregation is collecting personal information about individuals in the field. Each publisher's participation in the field ministry is a personal endeavor. Therefore, publishers may keep personal records of not-at-homes and return visits in any manner they deem fit, including using personal notebooks or personal electronic devices. If a publisher meets someone who speaks another language, the publisher may take the initiative to locate someone in a foreign-language speaking congregation or group who is qualified to assist, or the publisher may assist the interested person to enter his own contact information on jw.org.

If any publishers have copies of these forms in their field service bags, we kindly ask that they destroy them immediately.

May Jehovah continue to support us all as we continue to demonstrate zeal in his service.

Your brothers,

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c: Circuit overseers

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PS to bodies of elders and circuit overseers:

The coordinator of the body of elders should, please, arrange for this letter to be read to the congregation at the first midweek meeting after its receipt. Thereafter, it should be posted on the information board. **However, this postscript should neither be read to the congregation nor be posted on the information board.**

The Service Overseer should take the lead to ensure that all remaining copies of these two forms (the S-8 and S-43) are destroyed immediately.

Elders and circuit overseers should not provide their own forms to publishers, nor insist that records be kept in a particular manner, or provide any formal channels for locating foreign-language speakers.