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TO ALL BODIES OF ELDERS

Re: Procedure for Handling Certain Cases of Wrongdoing

Dear Brothers:

We appreciate the attention and support you give to any assigned to your congregation who serve as Bethel family members, construction servants, full-time and part-time commuters, full-time and part-time construction commuters, remote servants and volunteers, field missionaries, special pioneers, Assembly Hall servants, and Bible school facility servants. We are confident that you and the brothers and sisters who serve in these special capacities enjoy an interchange of encouragement, building up each other's faith.— Rom. 1:11, 12.

At times, problems may arise even with those who enjoy special privileges of service. Thus, we wish to inform you of the procedure to follow when handling cases of serious wrongdoing on the part of those mentioned above. If you come to know of an accusation against one of these brothers or sisters assigned to your congregation, two elders with knowledge of the circumstances should *immediately* contact the Service Department. Specific direction will be provided on how to handle the case and what kind of report is to be sent to the branch office. For example, depending on who was involved and where the offense took place, elders from outside your congregation, such as elders serving at Bethel, may be asked to handle the case.

This letter has been added to the list of policy letters that will be cited in *Index to Letters for Bodies of Elders* (S-22).

We send our warm Christian love and best wishes.

Your brothers,

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c: Circuit overseers