

# Announcement

June 9, 2020

## FOR ELDERS

1. **Alternate Methods of Preaching:** We appreciate your hard work and diligent efforts in supporting the publishers' enthusiasm for alternate ways of preaching during this pandemic. However, we are concerned about publishers sending unsolicited text messages and e-mails when witnessing to individuals with whom they are not personally acquainted. Please continue to kindly remind publishers to use good judgment, to exercise due caution, and to display good manners when engaging in alternate methods of preaching.—1 Cor. 13:4, 5; *od* chap. 8 par. 25.

## FOR COORDINATORS OF THE BODIES OF ELDERS

1. **Announcement for Congregations:** Ensure that the announcement for congregations is read at the next midweek meeting.

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## FOR CONGREGATIONS

1. **Alternate Methods of Preaching:** During this pandemic, it has become necessary for publishers to engage more fully in alternate ways of preaching. We commend you for your zealous efforts to “preach the word.” (2 Tim. 4:2) Please note the following reminders:

(1) **Telephone Calls:** Be considerate. Do not call too early or too late in the day. **Please do not put a householder on speakerphone so that others can hear the conversation.**

(2) **Text Messages and E-Mails:** Text messages or e-mails should not be sent to individuals with whom you are not personally acquainted. In some cases, publishers who have sent such messages have received replies that are obscene or contain apostate content. Thus, it would be wise to limit text messaging and e-mails to return visits, Bible students, and other individuals with whom you are personally acquainted.

2. When sharing in the ministry, we appreciate your using good judgment, exercising due caution, and displaying good manners. (1 Cor. 13:4, 5) You can be sure that Jehovah will bless your zeal and determination “to bear thorough witness to the good news” during these challenging times.—Acts 20:24.