

ADDENDUM TO “SHEPHERD THE FLOCK OF GOD”—1 PETER 5:2

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INTRODUCTION

1. This document is designed to be used in conjunction with “*Shepherd the Flock of God*”—1 Peter 5:2. It contains direction that applies specifically to our branch territory. We encourage each elder to make appropriate notes in his personal copy of the *Shepherd* book directing attention to this document. If an elder is deleted for reasons other than moving to another congregation with a favourable recommendation, any electronic copies of *Shepherd Addendum* in his possession should be deleted.

CORRESPONDENCE AND RECORDS

2. The body of elders may decide whether to retain *Congregation’s Publisher Records* (S-21) electronically or in printed form. (See *Shepherd*, chapter 22, paragraph 12.) The local arrangements for handling congregation files and territory should comply with applicable data protection laws.—See *Instructions for Use of Personal Data* (S-291).

UNDOCUMENTED ALIENS

3. UK Visas & Immigration (UKVI) in the United Kingdom and the International Protection Office (IPO) in the Republic of Ireland handle requests from undocumented aliens to remain in the country. Permission to be in these countries has to be sought from UKVI or the IPO respectively. How can the elders determine whether a publisher has petitioned or is actually petitioning for legal residency? The document(s) he should be able to show include anything from UKVI or the IPO, which is generally self-explanatory. When questions concerning undocumented aliens arise in other countries in the Britain branch territory, contact the branch office for advice.—For additional direction on this topic, see *Shepherd*, chapter 29, paragraphs 3-7.

WEDDINGS

4. Legal requirements for registering Kingdom Halls and individuals for solemnizing marriages vary from country to country. When questions arise, please contact the branch office.—See *Shepherd*, chapter 27, paragraphs 2-3.