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TO ALL BODIES OF ELDERS IN THE UNITED STATES

Dear Brothers:

The January 15, 2001, issue of *The Watchtower* reported on the organized way in which Jehovah's Witnesses are continuing to move forward with the Kingdom work in all the earth. It also explained how various legal entities are used as instruments to facilitate the spreading of the good news. Such entities or corporations are necessary to conform to local and national laws, as required by God's Word. (Romans 13:1) The corporations known as Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Pennsylvania, formed in 1884, and Watchtower Bible and Tract Society of New York, formed in 1909, continue to serve their purpose. This includes the publishing of Bibles and Bible-based publications, handling matters related to property ownership, organizing relief efforts, and so forth.

Due to the diversity and scope of our work, the Governing Body has approved the formation of additional corporations to care for certain needs of Jehovah's Witnesses here in the United States. One of these is named **Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses**. Thus, from now on most of the correspondence received by congregations and bodies of elders in this country will be transmitted with this letterhead. Such correspondence will include matters dealing with congregations, circuits, districts, conventions, Assembly Halls, and Regional Building Committees. Therefore, please direct all future correspondence on any of such matters to Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Other activities, such as providing Bible-based literature and supporting certain aspects of the work of Hospital Liaison Committees in the United States will continue to be cared for through Watchtower Bible and Tract Society of New York, Inc. This means that literature requests and matters pertaining to Hospital Liaison Committees should be directed to Watchtower of New York.

We thank you for your cooperation with these adjustments made by the Governing Body in fulfilling its assignment to care for all the master's belongings. (Matthew 24:45-47) May Jehovah continue to bless us as we move forward "with firm conviction in all the will of God." (Colossians 4:12) We send you our warm Christian love and greetings.

Your brothers,

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