

# Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses



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TO ALL BODIES OF ELDERS IN THE UNITED STATES

Dear Brothers:

This is to provide you with additional information regarding the Kingdom Ministry School for the 2002 Service Year.

**Supplementary Course:** The supplementary course for congregation elders will be held during the 2003 service year rather than immediately following the Kingdom Ministry School.

**References:** Please review the following material in advance of the Kingdom Ministry School:

## **Elders and Ministerial Servants**

- *Organized to Accomplish Our Ministry*, pages 30-8, 55-7\*
- *The Watchtower*, October 15, 1996, pages 15-24
- *Our Kingdom Ministry*, January 1999, page 8
- Romans chapter 12

## **Elders**

- 1991 Kingdom Ministry School textbook, pages 40-2, 90-142\*
- *The Watchtower*, June 15, 2000, pages 29-31\*
- *The Watchtower*, October 15, 2000, pages 30-1\*
- Notification of Disfellowshipping or Disassociation (S-77) form [The secretary should circulate a copy of the form among the elders prior to the school.]

\* Please bring this reference to the school

**Lapel Cards:** You will soon be receiving lapel cards from your circuit overseer. Elders and ministerial servants will need to wear these to gain entry to the school. The presiding overseer should keep the cards in a safe place until the week of the school, when an appropriate card should be given to each elder and ministerial servant. If you receive extra lapel cards, the presiding overseer should return these to the circuit overseer the next time he sees him. Do not return extra lapel cards through the mail. If you need additional lapel cards, the presiding overseer should contact the circuit overseer.

**Hotel Arrangements:** If you have not made hotel reservations and you plan on doing so, you will need to make them before the end of September. After that time, hotels will be allowed to take back rooms not already reserved. As mentioned in the March 26, 2001, letter, if you encounter difficulty in making your reservations at any of the listed hotels, inform your presiding overseer so that he may contact the Convention Office at (718) 560-7400.

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At the 2001 district conventions, brothers saved hundreds of thousands of dollars by following the direction not to pay any energy or fuel surcharges added to their hotel bills. Such surcharges were invalid because we already had a contract with each hotel stating the full room rate. The same is true for the rates listed for Kingdom Ministry School hotel accommodations. Therefore, if any hotel on the list for the school tries to levy any surcharge that is not a local, state, or other tax, ask that this be removed from your hotel bill. Also, please inform the brother in charge of rooming at the school location about this matter.

In the following cities where the school will be conducted at a hotel, the host hotels are full and overflow hotels shown here are available. At all other locations, the host hotels still have rooms available.

**ATLANTA, GA (Nov. 23-25 ONLY)**

Westin Peachtree Plaza  
210 Peachtree Street NW  
Atlanta, GA 30303  
Phone: (404) 659-1400  
Rate: \$59.00 (includes parking)  
2 blocks from the Omni Hotel

**BATON ROUGE, LA (Dec. 28-30 ONLY)**

Hawthorn Suites  
3045 Valley Creek Road  
Baton Rouge, LA 70808  
Phone: (225) 923-3377  
Rate: \$41.00 (free parking)  
2 blocks from the Radisson Hotel

**COLUMBIA, SC**

Best Western Executive Inn  
1720 Bush River Road  
Columbia, SC 29210  
Phone: (803) 561-9027  
Rate: \$39.00 (free parking)  
Across the street from the Sheraton Hotel

**SPOKANE, WA**

Hawthorn Inn & Suites  
3808 North Sullivan Road  
Spokane, WA 99216  
Phone: (509) 893-0955  
Rate: \$50.00 (free parking, free hot buffet breakfast)  
1 mile north of the Doubletree Hotel

We pray Jehovah's blessing on your efforts to attend this occasion of spiritual instruction.

Your brothers,

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Jehovah's Witnesses

**NOTE:** The presiding overseer should meet with all elders and ministerial servants in the congregation as soon as possible. Please read this letter *in its entirety* to the brothers. Thereafter, the secretary should make sure that any brothers appointed between now and the time of the school also read this letter. Please review the March 26, 2001, assignment letter before contacting the branch office if you have additional questions.