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TO ALL BODIES OF ELDERS IN THE UNITED STATES:

Dear Brothers:

The Kingdom Hall Assistance Arrangement uses designated contributed funds to pay for property damage to Kingdom Halls and for expenses and liability claims arising from incidents at Kingdom Halls. Jehovah's blessing on the fine support that all have shown have made it possible to provide this assistance all these years without any change in the suggested contributions.

Previously, the suggested contributions were derived from a formula based on the value of each Kingdom Hall. Thus, brothers in areas where there is only one congregation per Kingdom Hall were contributing much more than those meeting in Kingdom Halls with several, often larger congregations. Consequently, to allow an "equalizing to take place," we are implementing an adjusted way for congregations to contribute, based on the number of publishers.—2 Corinthians 8:14.

If each congregation contributed \$4.50 per publisher per year, the total would approximate the amount contributed the previous year by all of the congregations combined. To avoid burdening the brothers with one large expense, we recommend that each congregation pass a resolution to contribute monthly based upon the number of its publishers. (For example, $\$4.50 \times (\text{No. of Publishers}) \div 12 \text{ months} = \$ \text{ per month}$). Please note that your previous annual contribution covered the period ending October 1, 2002, so you may want to include amounts for three months with your December 2002 contribution. Since this will be a monthly donation, it should be cared for by each congregation instead of by the operating committee in the case of congregations that share a Kingdom Hall.

When remitting your contribution via the Watchtower Electronic Funds Transfer System (WEFTS), enter the amount at the telephone prompt designated Kingdom Hall Assistance Arrangement. This prompt is accessed under the "Other Donations or Payments" menu. Please **do not** include this contribution with any payments on your Congregation Account.

We are pleased to administer this arrangement by which all congregations can share in assisting one another. We join you in praying for Jehovah's blessing on our efforts to care properly for our buildings and to accommodate all those who turn to such centers of true worship to learn more about our Grand Creator.

Your brothers,

Watchtower B. & J. Society
OF PENNSYLVANIA

cc: Traveling Overseers