



# WATCH TOWER

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TO ALL BODIES OF ELDERS

Re: *Advance Decision To Refuse Specified Medical Treatment* Document

Dear Brothers:

Enclosed is a manuscript entitled “Obeying God’s Command to Abstain From Blood,” a copy of the new *Advance Decision to Refuse Specified Medical Treatment* document, and *Instructions for Filling In the Advance Decision Document*. The presiding overseer should give this material to the secretary. The secretary should ensure that each Congregation Book Study overseer is supplied with these items in order to assist publishers in their groups to fill in the new *Advance Decision* document properly. In order to do this, copies of the *Advance Decision* document and *Instructions* document should be taken from the accompanying shipment, and the manuscript photocopied. Other elders may have copies of this material as desired. The secretary should give the original documents to the brother handling the part in the Service Meeting scheduled for the week of December 19, 2005.

A consignment of the *Advance Decision* (dpa) document, *Instructions* document (dpai), and *Identity Cards* (ic) should accompany this letter. Please could each secretary check to ensure that items and quantities match the amounts listed on the literature shipment packing list. If any item is missing, he should immediately telephone the Literature Office (020 8371 3393). If the congregation requires an additional supply of the *Advance Decision* (dpa) document, *Instructions* document (dpai), or *Identity Cards* (ic), these may be requested using the *Literature Request Form* (S-14). The *Instructions* document may also be photocopied.

Please note that new publishers baptized during the course of the year should receive an *Advance Decision* document to fill in.

All previous versions of the *Health-Care Advance Directive* (HCAD), *Advance Medical Directive/Release* card, and *Advance Directive Guide* should be removed from your stock and destroyed. As a reminder, publishers should carry on their person the original *Advance Decision* document, not a photocopy. Publishers should make photocopies of their *Advance Decision* document to be supplied to the witnesses who signed the document, their General Practitioner (GP), the congregation secretary, and for placing, for example, in a purse, wallet, handbag, or the glove compartment of their car. Additional photocopies may be lodged with whomever else they wish to have a copy.

We take this opportunity to send you an expression of our warm love and best wishes.

Your brothers in Jehovah’s service,

*Watch Tower B. & J. Society*  
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Enclosures

Copies: Travelling overseers