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TO ALL BODIES OF ELDERS

Re: Assisting all baptized publishers to fill in the *Advance Decision* document

Dear Brothers:

For over 30 years the Governing Body has provided a card so that each one of Jehovah's Witnesses can be identified in emergency situations as one who rejects blood transfusions, in obedience to God's command to "abstain from blood." (Acts 15:28, 29) With the release of our new *Advance Decision to Refuse Specified Medical Treatment* document in 2005, we now have a document that effectively provides both legal protection and the means to convey important medical wishes regarding matters of conscience.—Proverbs 22:3.

However, reports indicate that many have not yet taken the time to execute the new *Advance Decision* document. This can lead to numerous difficulties—some of which are very serious. In most cases, our brothers simply need personal attention in order to better understand some of the issues involved. The November 2006 *Our Kingdom Ministry* contains an insert that will help many of our brothers to complete this document. With this in mind, we request that all book study overseers make themselves available to assist each baptized publisher in their group. Besides reviewing the helpful material referred to in the insert as needed, the chart on pages 8 and 9 of the August 2006 *Awake!* may also prove to be educational. All elders should carefully review these materials along with their personal copy of the attached outline and demonstration.

Presiding overseers should verify that each book study overseer has offered the needed help to those in his group. In providing such assistance, all should be careful not to impose their conscience on those who request help.—Galatians 6:4, 5.

In addition to whatever inserts are available from extra copies of the November 2006 *Our Kingdom Ministry*, you will receive five extra insert reprints with a future literature shipment. The congregation secretary should place all of these additional copies in the congregation file alongside the extra *Advance Decision* documents and *Instructions for Filling In the Advance Decision Document*. Newly baptized publishers should be given these three items and receive the above-mentioned practical assistance. When this initial supply is depleted, the secretary can request a few additional inserts on the monthly literature request form.

We deeply appreciate your extra effort to help our brothers to be better prepared for the distressing medical situations that commonly arise due to both aging and "unforeseen occurrence."—Ecclesiastes 9:11; Isaiah 32:1, 2.

Your brothers,

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c: Travelling overseers