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TO ALL BODIES OF ELDERS IN CANADA

Dear Brothers:

We are pleased to supply some guidelines for you concerning the use of computerized visual aids, such as PowerPoint presentations, during our five regular congregation meetings.

Chapter 47 of the *Benefit From Theocratic Ministry School Education* book clearly sets out the balanced view of using visual aids. Please note that the encouragement is to use visual aids sparingly. (*be* p. 249, par. 5) Although some feel there is merit in using computerized visual aids at congregation meetings to enhance teaching, to assist the audience to concentrate, and to aid retention, this feeling is not shared by the organization. The Governing Body has discouraged an innovative use of visual aids, which can actually result in distracting the focus away from God's Word and the spiritual food being provided by "the faithful and discreet slave" during congregation meetings. (Matt. 24:45; Ps. 119:105) Elders and ministerial servants have been encouraged to use more conventional methods of teaching during their presentations from the platform, displaying the "art of teaching" by means of enthusiasm, questions, and illustrations—methods that were used by the Great Teacher. (Titus 1:9; Matt. 19:16) Especially should teaching from the platform focus attention on what is in the Bible.

Please be assured of our warm Christian love and best wishes.

Your brothers,

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c: Traveling Overseers