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BODY OF ELDERS
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Dear Brothers:

Thank you for your letter dated June 9, 2007, wherein you provided additional details on the past and present circumstances of Brother . Before we offer direction as to how Brother can be used in the congregation, we will need clarification of certain points mentioned in your letters dated March 12 and June 9, 2007.

In your letter dated March 12, 2007, you state: "It was at that time that Brother and Brother talked to Brother about the accusation that had made, he did not deny it." (Underlining added) Yet, in your more recent letter dated June 9, 2007, you state that he denies touching Sister 's genital area. If we understand matters correctly, he does admit to running his hands up her legs on several occasions. Please clarify what is meant by the statement, "He did not deny it," in your March 12 letter. It would seem that when informed of the elders' responsibility to report the alleged abuse to the secular authorities, Brother would have clearly stated the extent of his physical interaction with Sister . Did the two elders clearly explain to Brother when he was confronted in 2002 that Sister accused him of fondling her genitals? If so, has Brother changed his response to the charge between 2002 and 2007?

We would also appreciate clarification as to how Brother is viewed by the secular authorities. In view of the fact that the alleged abuse was reported, is he on a state-sponsored list or web site of known sex offenders? Is he required to report to the authorities if he moves?

When responding to this inquiry please refer to the date and desk symbols indicated above. The Congregation Service Committee should sign your correspondence. We take advantage of this opportunity to convey our warm Christian love and greetings. It is a privilege to be working shoulder-to-shoulder with you in serving Jehovah and our brothers during these momentous times.—Zephaniah 1:14.

Your brothers,
*Christian Congregation
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