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TO ALL BODIES OF ELDERS

Re: Reimbursing Travelling Overseer's Expenses

Dear Brothers:

Recently, the matter of how congregations can share in contributing toward the travelling overseer's expenses during the week of his visit was reviewed, and we wish to inform you of the following adjustment.

As has been the custom for many years, the presiding overseer, or one of the other elders, can approach the travelling overseer and invite him to submit his expenses for that week. When submitting his expenses, the travelling overseer should include receipts from items purchased. If the body of elders feels that the congregation would like to cover any or all of these expenses, the elders may now approve and reimburse these expenses at the end of the visit. There is no longer a need for the elders to present a resolution to the congregation for approval to reimburse the travelling overseer for his weekly expenses. Rather, this will be viewed as a recurring operating expense.

Expenses for which the elders may wish to reimburse the travelling overseer at the end of his visit to the congregation could include petrol, oil, dry cleaning, shoe repair, haircuts, some meals, and so forth. Reimbursement for similar expenses incurred by travelling overseers in conjunction with circuit events is normally considered by the collective body of elders in the circuit at their business meeting during a circuit assembly or special assembly day.

We are confident that this adjustment will serve to expedite the handling of expenses for our travelling overseers. Travelling overseers have much to do in the work of the Lord. (1 Cor. 15:58) How grateful we are that they serve joyfully as faithful stewards of Jehovah's undeserved kindness! We send our warm Christian love and best wishes.

Your brothers,

Watch Tower B. & J. Society
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c: Travelling overseers

PS to the secretary:

This letter should be retained in the congregation's permanent file of policy letters.