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TO ALL BODIES OF ELDERS

Dear Brothers:

Re: Local needs parts

When the brothers who present the local needs part on the Service Meeting give it serious prayerful thought, they can provide fine instruction, admonition, and motivation especially suited for the congregation. To ensure that the greatest benefit comes from this part, the body of elders should discuss the specific needs of the congregation at their quarterly meetings. (*ks91* pp. 77-80) They should also determine which of these needs will be given attention during each upcoming local needs part and the specific local elder who will be assigned to prepare each one.

What are some appropriate topics that could be considered? Perhaps there is a current trend that the congregation needs to be aware of, such as negative talk, personality conflicts, questionable entertainment and recreation, or an uncooperative spirit with regard to congregation arrangements. Other topics might include a review of the last circuit overseer's report, the current meeting attendance figures, the progress of new ones, or ways to start more Bible studies. Whatever the topic, the local needs part should provide sound and loving Scriptural instruction to motivate the congregation to action.

However, the body of elders should not invite Hospital Liaison Committee members or medical professionals to either present or share in a local needs part, perhaps regarding filling out the *Advance Medical Directive* card or some related matter. Likewise, they should not arrange for such individuals to present special talks or programs at Kingdom Halls or other locations for this purpose.

We trust that following this direction regarding local needs parts will allow the congregation to obtain the most benefit from this important element of our Service Meetings. Please accept an expression of our warm Christian love and best wishes.

Your brothers,

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cc: Hospital Liaison Committees
Traveling overseers

PS to secretary:

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