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January 8, 2008

TO ALL BODIES OF ELDERS

Re: Regional Building Committee Expenses for Kingdom Hall Inspections

Dear Brothers:

Since December 2006, Regional Building Committees have been performing biennial inspections of Kingdom Halls. This programme is reaping many positive results, and we wish to express appreciation for your co-operation and prompt follow-through on the reports and suggestions provided by the regional committees and their inspection teams.

The physical inspections have enabled the regional committees to assess future construction and remodelling needs of Kingdom Halls in their region. Additionally, the assistance provided by experienced volunteers has proved most beneficial by identifying areas needing improvement.—Prov. 15:22.

A thorough Kingdom Hall inspection usually requires a team of volunteers and may take several hours. Sometimes these volunteers may have to travel a considerable distance to reach the Kingdom Hall. Therefore, the congregations using the Kingdom Hall being inspected should take the initiative to hospitably arrange for refreshments or meals for the volunteers and reimburse from congregation or Kingdom Hall Operating Committee funds receipts submitted for fuel expenses. There is no need for the elders to present a resolution to the congregation for approval to reimburse the brothers. Rather, this will be viewed as a recurring operating expense. Arrangements for hospitality can be organized when the regional committee contacts the presiding overseer of the title-holding congregation to schedule the inspection.—Rom. 12:10; 1 Pet. 4:9; 3 John 5-8.

Please continue sending to your regional committee a copy of the completed *Fire Risk Assessment and Safety Inspection Worksheet* (T-34) promptly each September. (Do not send to the branch office.) Once the first round of inspections has been completed, it is anticipated that future inspections will require fewer items of follow-through and ultimately less work for all involved. We encourage you to continue to be responsive to the recommendations provided by these inspection teams.

We pray that Jehovah's spirit continue to be upon this arrangement, and again we express our deep appreciation for your fine spirit of co-operation. Please accept our warm love and Christian greetings.

Your brothers,

*Watch Tower B. & J. Society*  
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c: Regional Building Committees  
Travelling overseers

PS to the secretary:

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

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Likely, not all volunteers will need to take advantage of this arrangement. However, it is hoped that for those who need it, this provision will assist them to continue caring for this critical aspect of the Kingdom Hall maintenance programme. As a reminder, only necessary expenses should be submitted so that a financial burden is not placed on the congregations. Please accept our appreciation for your care of these matters.