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TO ALL BODIES OF ELDERS

Re: Reading scriptures at the *Watchtower* Study

Dear Brothers:

Elders have asked how to handle texts for required reading when conducting the *Watchtower* Study using articles in the format instituted in the January 15, 2008, edition. We hope the following guidelines will provide some assistance.

Should texts marked “read” be read by the assigned paragraph reader, or may someone else from the audience read such scriptures? This decision is left to the judgment of the *Watchtower* Study conductor. Nevertheless, “read” texts should be read by someone who reads well.

When should “read” texts be read? This, too, is being left to the discretion of the *Watchtower* Study conductor. At times, “read” texts will be cited at the very beginning of a paragraph, such as in a verse-by-verse consideration of a Bible passage. In that case, the texts would be better read before the paragraph. However, other “read” texts might be read before the question is asked, particularly if the answer to the question is found in the scripture. Still other “read” texts may be read at some point during the general discussion of the material when other cited verses are brought in for consideration. Please note that whereas in our audio recordings of *The Watchtower* “read” texts are read at the point that they are cited in the paragraph, this is not a pattern to be followed in the congregation *Watchtower* Study. At our congregation meetings, paragraph reading should be uninterrupted.

For the meaning of the word “compare” when used before a cited scripture text, please refer back to *The Watchtower* of January 15, 2008, page 3, paragraph 4. It will be advantageous for bodies of elders to review periodically the direction supplied in the letter to all bodies of elders dated April 3, 2007, regarding guidelines for *Watchtower* Study conductors.

Please be assured of our appreciation for the fine work of *Watchtower* Study conductors in helping congregations get the sense of the spiritual food being supplied at the proper time. We send our warm Christian love and best wishes.

Your brothers,

Watch Tower B. & J. Society
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PS to the secretary:

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