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TO ALL CONGREGATION SECRETARIES

Re: Pioneer Service School Credit

Dear Brothers:

In recent months we have received many questions regarding how to count the 40-hour credit that regular pioneers receive when they attend Pioneer Service School. We are now pleased to convey the current direction from the Service Committee of the Governing Body.

Please note that regular pioneers receive the 40-hour credit regardless of how much actual field service time they put in that month. This would be the case even if adding the 40-hour credit to their actual field service time would surpass their monthly goal of 70 hours. This, of course, is a different arrangement than what is outlined for those who are given credit for other theocratic activities, which, generally speaking, would only permit credit up to the monthly hour goal. Please see our letter to all bodies of elders dated September 5, 2007. Also, see our annual letter concerning regular pioneer activity which this year is dated ST January 15, 2008.

If the school spanned two months, the 40-hour credit will apply to the month in which the majority of the days fall. If the days of the school are split evenly between two months, the students may individually determine to which month they would like to apply the 40-hour credit. However, this 40-hour credit should *not be included* with any field activity reported to the branch office by the congregation secretary.

Please ensure that any pioneers in your congregation who attended Pioneer Service School this year are now credited with 40 hours.

Thank you for your co-operation. We send our warm Christian love and best wishes.

Your brothers,

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