

Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses



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TO ALL BODIES OF ELDERS

Re: Pioneer meetings with traveling overseers

Dear Brothers:

This letter updates the direction in paragraph 4 of the November 1, 2003, letter to all bodies of elders regarding encouraging the pioneers.

Since November 2001, a fine provision has been made for the service overseer (or another elder selected by the body of elders if he is unavailable) to attend the special three-hour pioneer meeting with the circuit and district overseer held in conjunction with the circuit assembly. Of course, when a pioneer elder attends, no one else needs to be selected. This elder takes notes on the program and thereafter the presiding overseer includes on the agenda for the next elders' meeting a few highlights for the brother to share with the entire body of elders.

We are pleased to inform you that beginning in September 2008, this arrangement will be expanded to include the meetings the circuit overseer holds with the pioneers during his visit to the congregation. The same guidelines described above will apply to this new arrangement. Although the auxiliary pioneers will be dismissed after the first half of the meeting, the elder selected to attend should remain for the entire meeting. The branch office will continue to provide an outline for the elders to consider with regular and special pioneers in December. However, this new arrangement should further assist you to support the pioneers in your congregation.

It is our sincere prayer that Jehovah will continue supplying you with his spirit as you lovingly shepherd the flock of God in your care. (1 Thess. 1:2, 3) We send our warm Christian love.

Your brothers,

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c: Traveling overseers

PS to secretary:

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