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Via E-Mail

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Branch Committee
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Re: Privacy Laws and Proposed Revision of S-77 Form

Dear Brothers:

We have at hand your letter dated LLD September 12, 2008, No. 105, and its enclosures, regarding the matter referenced above. You ask for our approval of the adjusted S-77 form (*Notification of Disfellowshipping or Disassociation*) and the Instructions for Completing the S-77 form. You also ask if *all* of the Scriptural references listed on the Instructions for specific disfellowshipping offenses need be listed on the adjusted S-77 form. In addition, you also ask how the adjusted S-77 form is to be identified, distinguishing it from the previous form.

We approve your proposed letter to All Bodies of Elders as well as your proposed adjusted S-77 form and Instructions. Also, *all* of the Scriptural references listed on the Instructions for specific disfellowshipping offenses should be listed on the adjusted S-77 form. As for designating your adjusted S-77 form, use "S-77-E-Au (10/08)."

Finally, we thank you for your explanation of how you propose to track persons accused of or disfellowshipped for child molestation or other abuse, and we look forward to receiving your further correspondence regarding the merits of forming a separate legal entity to minimize liability exposure.

Please be assured of our warm Christian love and best wishes.

Your brotheru.

Service Committee

c: U.S. Legal Department