



# WATCH TOWER

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TO ALL BODIES OF ELDERS

Re: Expanded role of auxiliary counsellor

Dear Brothers:

Whereas *Our Kingdom Ministry* of October 2008 indicates that “the auxiliary counsellor’s responsibility will be to give private counsel, if needed, to brothers who present Bible highlights,” the auxiliary counsellor’s comments need not be limited to a brother’s presentation of the highlights. In seeking to help ministerial servants and fellow elders who may need assistance, the auxiliary counsellor may offer practical suggestions regarding *any* assignment given by elders or ministerial servants, including Service Meeting parts, public talks, readings, or conducting the Congregation Bible Study.

If there are a number of elders in your congregation who are capable speakers and teachers, then a different qualified elder may serve as auxiliary counsellor each year. In this way, not only is the work load shared, but more important, the elders and qualified ministerial servants will profit from the collective experience of a variety of brothers.

It is not necessary that the auxiliary counsellor offer counsel after each assignment by elders or ministerial servants, but only when he sees that a word of encouragement or a practical suggestion would help his brothers to make progress. On the other hand, he should appreciate that even brothers who give public talks can be helped to make further progress.—1 Tim. 4:15.

We use this occasion to send you an expression of our warm Christian love and best wishes.

Your brothers,

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

PS to the secretary:

This letter should be retained in the congregation’s permanent file of policy letters. You may wish to update the congregation’s copy of *Index to Letters—For Bodies of Elders* (S-22) at this time as well.