

CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

October 12, 2009

Congregation

Re:

Dear brothers,

We are writing to provide you with some background information pertaining to brother . As noted in our letter of introduction Brother cannot be extended any service privileges due to some circumstances that happened many years ago. Although the event occurred prior to Brother 's baptism, there was a recent stir involving someone in the congregation that brought to light that he is recognized by the State of Massachusetts as a Child Molester.

As we have been instructed by the Christian Congregation, you should not extend to Brother any specific responsibility that could be construed as an assigned duty, even though some might be considered minor. This would include things such as handling microphones, accounts, territories, literature and the like. Also, he would not be used to read the Watchtower or at the Congregation Bible Study, nor to conduct a meeting for field service. He also would not qualify to auxiliary or regular pioneer. While he can help with projects at the local level, he could not be approved to work on other Kingdom Halls or Assembly Halls.

The principles that appeared in the March 14, 1997 confidential letter to all bodies of elders apply here also. Brother has been advised that he should not be alone with any children and even refrain from displaying forms of affection for them such as holding them. It would certainly be inappropriate for a child not his own to spend the night in his home. It is advised even that not work alone in the ministry so as to protect the minor who might answer the door, as well as protect the reputation of the congregation as well as Brother himself. In this regard has had some difficulty. He has formed a friendship with a young publisher in the congregation (15yrs old) and has had to be reminded neither to pick him up for service nor to work together in the ministry

If you in the future consider Brother for any privileges you should contact the branch office before doing so. The desk to contact would be SDO:SST. If Brother moves from your congregation, remember to send a copy of your letter to this desk as well whereby you would outline these same instructions. (See July 1, 2006 letter to BOE)

If you have any questions please feel free to contact our coordinator for the body of Elders:

With our Christian Love
Congregation

Congregation Service Committee

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