

Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses



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TO ALL BODIES OF ELDERS

Re: Discontinuation of Pioneers Assist Others program

Dear Brothers:

Since 1998, the Pioneers Assist Others program has been an excellent provision for pioneers to help publishers become more effective in the field ministry. Many encouraging comments have been received from pioneers and publishers expressing appreciation for the arrangement and describing the numerous benefits they have received. (1 Thess. 5:11) The program has also helped pioneers to gain valuable experience assisting others in preaching from door-to-door, in making return visits, and in conducting Bible studies. Many pioneers now invite publishers to share with them in various facets of the field ministry on a regular basis.

In view of these good results and for other practical reasons, it is now felt that the Pioneers Assist Others program has accomplished its purpose. Therefore, this program will be discontinued as of August 31, 2010. You may convey this information to any pioneers and publishers who are currently sharing in the program. However, there is no need for an announcement to be made to the congregation as a whole. Although the Pioneers Assist Others program is being discontinued, pioneers and experienced publishers should continue to be encouraged to look for opportunities to help others. Periodically, practical suggestions will be published in *Our Kingdom Ministry* as to how this could be done.

Please warmly commend the pioneers for their self-sacrificing efforts and loyal support of the organization. We send our warm Christian love and best wishes.

Your brothers,

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cc: Traveling overseers

PS to secretary:

In view of the above direction, on August 31, 2010, the November 5, 2004, October 1, 1999, and January 20, 1998, letters to all bodies of elders regarding the Pioneers Assist Others program should be removed from the congregation permanent file of policy letters and be destroyed. You may wish to update the congregation copy of *Index to Letters—For Bodies of Elders* (S-22) at that time as well.