

Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses



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TO THE BODIES OF ELDERS OF ALL FOREIGN-LANGUAGE CONGREGATIONS AND GROUPS

Re: Foreign-language *Our Kingdom Ministry*

Dear Brothers:

Beginning with the December 2010 edition of *Our Kingdom Ministry*, most of the United States foreign-language field began receiving the edition that is produced for the translating branch territory. In the past, translating branch offices were pleased to provide translation of the United States English edition. However, as translation needs increase, there is a need to simplify the workload of the translation teams. This adjustment will allow the translation teams to concentrate their efforts on other projects. The edition of *Our Kingdom Ministry* used in the translating branch territory carries the approved schedules for the Congregation Bible Study and the Theocratic Ministry School for that particular language group. However, please continue to implement the following direction that also appeared in the December 4, 2009, letter to all bodies of elders.

Meeting schedule for foreign-language congregations: Generally, the meeting schedule for the Congregation Bible Study, the Theocratic Ministry School, and the Service Meeting is outlined in the foreign-language edition of *Our Kingdom Ministry*. However, there will be occasions when foreign-language congregations must adjust the Service Meeting schedule. For example, the foreign-language edition of *Our Kingdom Ministry* may carry an article that applies exclusively to the congregations serving under the translating branch office, such as an article regarding a special preaching campaign for that branch territory. In that case, the article should not be considered. The body of elders should select an appropriate part from the Service Meeting schedule in the United States English edition of *Our Kingdom Ministry* for consideration. A summary of the article, not a word-for-word translation, could be presented.

The coordinator of the body of elders should examine the United States English edition of *Our Kingdom Ministry* each month to make sure that direction applying to all congregations in the branch territory is followed. For example, the annual branch letter, articles dealing with district conventions, and certain announcements should be considered at the Service Meeting. The local needs part could be used to cover such material, or it may be necessary to replace a part on the Service Meeting scheduled in the foreign-language edition of *Our Kingdom Ministry*.

May Jehovah continue to bless you and give you his holy spirit as you preach the good news. (Rev. 14:6, 7) We send our warm Christian love and best wishes.

Your brothers,
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cc: Traveling overseers