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TO ALL CONGREGATIONS

Re: *Help to Face Issues About Blood—On DVD*

Dear Brothers:

The Governing Body has approved the production of a new DVD prepared for the sign-language field containing documents in American Sign Language (ASL) regarding our stand on blood. This will assist our deaf brothers and sisters to make Bible-based decisions when they face serious medical situations. We are pleased to provide a few details about this new publication.

The title is *Help to Face Issues About Blood—On DVD*. The disc will be packaged in a slim case. Congregations can request a DVD for each baptized and unbaptized publisher. The ASL edition will also be made available on the jw.org Web site to approved elders and ministerial servants. This version will be available in the same video formats as the ASL edition of *The Watchtower—On DVD* that is currently available on the site, and it can be used only on a computer or compatible handheld device. It may be copied and distributed to baptized and unbaptized publishers who have a device on which the program can be viewed. The DVD includes:

- *Instructions for Filling Out the DPA Card (dpai)*
(Note: Although the DPA card is not used in Canada, principles from the instructions on the DVD can be applied when filling out the *Advance Medical Directive (AMD)* card. The document “Points to Consider When Completing the *Advance Medical Directive*” is available to each baptized publisher to assist in filling out an AMD.)
- *Are You Ready to Face a Faith-Challenging Medical Situation?—November 1990 Our Kingdom Ministry* insert
- “Questions From Readers,” *The Watchtower*, October 15, 2000, pages 30-31
- “Questions From Readers,” *The Watchtower—On DVD*, July 1, 2004 (*The Watchtower*, June 15, 2004, pages 29-31)
- *How Do I View Blood Fractions and Medical Procedures Involving My Own Blood?—November 2006 Our Kingdom Ministry* insert

We trust this will help deaf publishers to understand and to explain the Bible's teachings on the sacredness of blood and how it affects our choice of medical treatment. Please accept an expression of our warm Christian love.

Your brothers,

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cc: Traveling overseers

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PS to body of elders:

If you have deaf publishers associated with your congregation, please arrange for an announcement to be made to the congregation at your next Service Meeting that a letter on the above-noted subject has been posted on the information board. This postscript should not be posted.

In the coming weeks, *Issues About Blood* will be available on the jw.org Web site to elders and ministerial servants who have the *View Sign Language Documents—General* role. The video will be accessible by clicking on the picture under the “Sign Language” heading in the left column of the *Documents* tab. Elders in sign-language congregations or in congregations sponsoring a sign-language group will want to keep a copy of *Issues About Blood* in the congregation file for reference. If newly baptized publishers do not already have a copy of this DVD, the secretary should make sure it is provided to them at the time they are given the AMD card. The literature servant may now begin sending requests for personal copies of the DVD using item number 9269.