

Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses



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TO ALL BODIES OF ELDERS

Re: Abhorrent forms of pornography

Dear Brothers:

In harmony with the updated direction outlined in “Questions From Readers,” pages 30-31, in the March 15, 2012, issue of *The Watchtower*, the underlined text below shows the text that is to be modified in the third bullet point in paragraph 14 of chapter 5 in the *Shepherding* textbook. Each elder should mark this revision in his personal copy of the textbook.

- **An entrenched practice of viewing, perhaps over a considerable period of time, abhorrent forms of pornography that is sexually degrading.** Such pornography may include homosexuality (sex between those of the same gender), group sex, bestiality, sadistic torture, bondage, gang rape, the brutalizing of women, or child pornography. Brazen conduct would be involved if the offender was promoting such material, such as by inviting others to view it, thus giving evidence of a brazen attitude. —w12 3/15 pp. 30-31; w06 7/15 p. 31.

This update is not retroactive. So there is no need for elders to reopen cases that have been handled in the past. If you have questions regarding the handling of a current matter, please write to the branch office with full details so that we can assist you.

We send our warm Christian love.

Your brothers,

*Christian Congregation
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cc: Traveling overseers

PS to secretary:

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