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TO ALL BODIES OF ELDERS IN CANADA

Re: Invitation campaigns—Handling Do Not Calls and “No Flyers” signs

Dear Brothers:

During the last several years, we have seen Jehovah speeding up the preaching work under his Son's direction. (Isaiah 60:22; Matthew 28:19, 20) This has included the invitation work for the Memorial of Christ's death and the handbill invitation for district conventions. Publishers have enthusiastically participated in these invitation campaigns by thoroughly covering their territory. In view of that, we wish to provide direction for the following two scenarios: (1) individuals who in the past have requested that we do not call, and (2) mailboxes or doors with a “No Flyers” sign.

Do Not Calls: The service overseer will want to make sure that publishers do not leave an invitation at homes where the householder has asked that we not call. This is in harmony with the direction in *Our Kingdom Ministry* for June 1994, “Question Box.” (Also see *Our Kingdom Ministry* for November 1998, page 4, paragraph 9) It would be inappropriate for publishers to simply work all the territory, leaving invitations at not-at-homes, without first checking the territory card for those who have asked that we not call.—Matthew 8:34.

No Flyers: At times, we may come across “No Flyers” signs on the householder's mailbox or door. Granted, we do not view our invitations as “flyers.” However, in such a situation, it would be wise that no invitation be left when there is no one at home. Rather, the publisher should mark the address as a not-at-home and endeavour to call at another time when the occupant is home. This would show respect for the householder.—Matthew 7:12; Romans 12:10.

Before the upcoming Memorial campaign, the local needs portion of the Service Meeting should be used to remind publishers how to handle the two scenarios covered in this letter. Please commend our brothers and sisters for their desire to see the good news preached and highlight the fact that we dignify our work by respecting the wishes of those upon whom we call.

It is a pleasure to work with you for the advancement of Kingdom interests. Please be assured of our warm Christian love and best wishes.

Your brothers,

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