

Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses



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TO ALL BODIES OF ELDERS

Re: Kingdom Ministry School

Dear Brothers:

We are pleased to provide you with some additional information and direction for the upcoming Kingdom Ministry School. Please carefully read and follow the instructions below.

Publications and references: We encourage you to carefully review each of the publications and references listed at the end of this letter. We are providing you with this information in advance so that you will be able to read and meditate on it before attending the school. Please bring these publications with you to the school along with your Bible and notepaper.

Use of electronic devices: As a reminder, the use of electronic tablets or laptop computers during the school is not allowed. Of course, what each one does in preparation for the school is a personal matter.

Program: Along with this letter, we are providing a program containing the title of each part. The program should be brought with you to the school location.

Lapel cards: Lapel cards will be provided for use as identification. They will be shipped to the mailing address of the coordinator of the body of elders. He should keep them in a safe place until the week before the school. Then he should distribute them to the other elders. This may prevent the cards from being lost. They should be worn when entering the school location and at all times during the school.

If an elder has moved away or for some other reason there are extra cards, the coordinator of the body of elders should give them to the circuit overseer at the school location. He should not send the cards through the mail. If for some reason the coordinator of the body of elders does not receive enough cards, he should contact the circuit overseer for assistance. The circuit overseer will be provided with a small supply of extra cards.

Attendance: The Governing Body desires that elders from the same congregation attend the school at the same time. However, if an appointed elder is not able to attend with the elders of his congregation because of extenuating circumstances, he can contact his circuit overseer for the dates and locations of schools in neighboring circuits. The circuit overseer will then contact the neighboring circuit overseer and request permission for the brother to attend. The brother's coordinator of the body of elders should provide him with a lapel card. If he attends the school before other elders in his congregation, he should be instructed to keep the information strictly confidential until after the other brothers from his congregation have attended.

We are looking forward to this special program of instruction, and we pray for Jehovah's rich blessing upon all the arrangements made for the Kingdom Ministry School and upon your efforts to shepherd the flock in a fine way. To benefit fully from the instruction that will be provided

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during the school, we encourage you to read and meditate on the study material. However, the most important thing to prepare is your heart. (Ezra 7:10) Therefore, pray to Jehovah for “an obedient heart.” (1 Ki. 3:9) We pray that Jehovah will continue to bless your diligent efforts. Please be assured of our warm love and Christian greetings.

Your brothers,
*Christian Congregation
of Jehovah's Witnesses*

cc: Traveling overseers

Please read and become familiar with this material prior to attending the Kingdom Ministry School:

- April 10, 2012, letter to all bodies of elders regarding pornography. Number the indented paragraphs 1-15. The bullet points should not be counted as paragraphs but should be included with the preceding paragraph.
- *Shepherding* textbook, chapter 2, paragraphs 1-9, 22-23, 27-30 and chapter 12, paragraphs 1-3

Publications and references that you should bring to the school:

- April 10, 2012, letter to all bodies of elders regarding pornography
- *Shepherding* textbook
- *Organized* book