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TO ALL BODIES OF ELDERS

Re: Insurance for witnessing in public areas

Dear Brothers:

We write to provide guidance on the matter of insurance for witnessing in public areas in Britain and Ireland.

It is very encouraging to hear of a number of initiatives throughout the territory to increase our presence in public areas. Such initiatives have resulted in a number of congregations contacting the branch office with questions about insurance. We can at this time provide some general principles on this.

We see a need to avoid obtaining insurance in the name of the congregation or the organization because preaching is an individual activity.

There is no general requirement upon individual publishers or congregations to obtain insurance for public ministry on the public highway for shopping-trolley-sized equipment in Britain and Ireland. However, insurance usually seems to be required for licensed stalls within a market or a shopping centre. In Britain, such insurance is available from the Market Traders' Association at £48.00 per stall. If there is a need to obtain a more traditional public liability policy, perhaps because of the nature of the sites or their number, then such policies are available from reputable insurers. The policy may have to be taken in the name of the congregation as a charity in order to obtain the pitch free or because a named brother might not be able to man all the sites. However, if the insured could be an individual operating the equipment on behalf of the congregation, that would be preferable.

As has always been the case, the Kingdom Hall Assistance Arrangement does not apply to the ministry.

No doubt the expansion of these avenues of ministry will bring further praise to Jehovah's name. (Acts 20:20) We convey our warm Christian love and greetings.

Your brothers,

Watch Tower B. & J. Society
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cc: Travelling overseers

PS to the secretary:

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