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TO ALL BODIES OF ELDERS

Re: Circuit Overseers' Weekly Schedule

Dear Brothers:

This letter clarifies how you make arrangements for congregation meetings during the visit of the circuit overseer.

The October 2008, *Our Kingdom Ministry* states: "Circuit Overseer's Visit: . . . On Tuesday the Theocratic Ministry School and Service Meeting will be held followed by a song. Then the circuit overseer will give a 30-minute talk. As is currently done during the week of his visit, another evening will be designated for the Congregation Bible Study followed by a song and the circuit overseer's service talk. The meeting will close with a song and prayer."

Thus, the first meeting of the visit will always be held on Tuesday. The second meeting will be held on either Thursday or Friday evening. If a congregation usually meets on Friday, then the second meeting of the visit will be held on the Friday and the meeting with elders and ministerial servants would be held on the Thursday evening. Also, if another congregation meets in the hall on Thursday but the hall is free on Friday, then the second meeting of the visit will be held on the Friday and the meeting with elders and ministerial servants would be held on the Thursday evening. Circuit overseers do not expect the congregation to change the second meeting to a Thursday when the congregation usually meets on a Friday evening.

Also, a congregation should not change the Public Meeting to a different day or time during a circuit visit. For example, if the congregation usually meets on a Sunday afternoon, they will meet at their usual time on the Sunday of the circuit overseer's visit. Likewise, the public talk, *Watchtower* Study and service talk may be held on Saturday if the congregation normally holds the Public Meeting on this day.

We are confident that bodies of elders and circuit overseers would keep these points in mind when preparing the schedule for the visit of the circuit overseer. This will ensure that things take place "decently and by arrangement" and the visit will cause a minimum of disruption in the lives of the publishers and other congregations who may use the Kingdom Hall.—1 Cor. 14:40.

Please be assured of our warm Christian love and best wishes.

Your brothers,

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c: Traveling Overseers

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