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TO ALL BODIES OF ELDERS

Re: Coordinator of the body of elders

Dear Brothers:

The Governing Body appreciates the fine brothers who serve as congregation elders and the work they do in advancing Kingdom interests. Many elders have served in this capacity for decades, and we benefit from their wisdom and fine example of faith and loyalty in caring for Jehovah's sheep.—Acts 20:28; 1 Pet. 5:2, 3.

As the organization continues to expand, there is a need for more brothers to reach out and a need for those who now serve as elders to take on more responsibility. To assist in this effort, the Governing Body has decided that, effective September 1, 2014, brothers who are 80 years of age or older will no longer serve as a coordinator of the body of elders. Of course, a coordinator of the body of elders who is not yet 80 years of age might also modestly decide that it would now be best to have another brother take on this role.—Mic. 6:8.

If, in view of the foregoing, it will be necessary to recommend a change in the brother serving as the coordinator of the body of elders, this matter should be given due consideration at an upcoming elders' meeting. If the next visit of the circuit overseer to your congregation will not be until after September 1, the recommendation could be held until his visit.—*ks10* chap. 2 par. 13.

In the *Shepherding* textbook, chapter 2, paragraph 11, after the first sentence, each elder should insert "He must be less than 80 years of age."

We thank you for your loyal support of these theocratic refinements. (Isa. 60:17; Rev. 1:20) Please accept an expression of our warm Christian love.

Your brothers,

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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.