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TO ALL BODIES OF ELDERS

Dear Brothers:

We would like to take this opportunity to let you know that an adjustment is being made in the way announcements should be made to the congregation regarding judicial reproofs, disfellowshippings, and disassociations.

Before making an announcement to the congregation that an individual has been reproofed by a judicial committee, disfellowshipped, or has disassociated himself, it should be put in writing and given to the presiding overseer. He should check the announcement to make sure it conforms to the guidelines previously outlined by the Society. (See Our Ministry book, page 148.) Thereafter, one of the elders who served on the judicial committee, perhaps the chairman, should simply read the announcement to the congregation. Putting the announcement in writing, having it checked for wording and content by the presiding overseer, and then having it read to the congregation by an experienced elder, will assure that what is said is Scripturally and legally correct. This will help protect the congregation and Society from becoming involved in any unnecessary legal difficulties.

Your cooperation in following this procedure in the future will be appreciated. May Jehovah's blessing continue with you as you endeavor to shepherd the flock of God entrusted to your care. Be assured of our warm Christian love and best wishes.

Your brothers,

Nathaniel B. & J. Society
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