



WATCHTOWER

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TO ALL BODIES OF ELDERS IN THE UNITED STATES

Dear Brothers:

In reporting cases when individuals have disassociated themselves by engaging in nonneutral activities, the following direction should be followed.

The implication of their action should be reported in harmony with Scriptural guidelines. Therefore, when completing the S-77 form, please use such expressions as "Violated neutrality" or "Took a nonneutral course." Isaiah 2:4 and John 15:17-19 support these descriptions, as pointed out on page 101 of *Pay Attention to Yourself and to All the Flock*. Other expressions should not be used. By reporting matters in this way, we are following the Scriptural direction regarding those who go out from us because they are "not of our sort," while we ourselves remain neutral as to the world and its affairs.—1 John 2:19; John 17:16.

Although this direction applies to the terminology used when reporting disassociations, the same caution is to be exercised in all correspondence with the Society or with other congregations. We pray Jehovah's rich blessings be with you as you continue to care well for the flock of God entrusted to your care.

Your brothers,

Watchtower B. & T. Society
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