



WATCH TOWER

BIBLE AND TRACT SOCIETY OF BRITAIN

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July 8, 2010

TO ALL CONGREGATIONS

Re: School for Congregation Elders

Dear Brothers:

As these “last days” draw to a close, our “Grand Instructor” provides us with education and timely spiritual training that cares for the needs of his precious sheep. (2 Tim. 3:1; Isa. 30:20) At last year’s annual meeting held on October 3, 2009, in the United States, a very encouraging announcement was made that the Governing Body will be expanding the School for Congregation Elders. Further to this announcement, we are pleased to inform you that the School for Congregation Elders will commence in Britain from March 2011.

The school will be held progressively throughout Britain, at Kingdom Halls or Assembly Halls. The five-day course will begin on a Monday morning and will end on Friday at noon.

Jehovah is certainly fulfilling his promise to teach his household and direct them in his ways. (Isa. 54:13) We join with you in rejoicing at this new provision from Jehovah, and we pray that it will serve to his praise and for the benefit of his people.

Your brothers,

Watch Tower B. & J. Society
OF BRITAIN

cc: Travelling overseers

PS to the body of elders:

Please arrange for this letter to be read to the congregation at the first Service Meeting after its receipt. The letter should **not** be placed on the noticeboard.

The school will begin in north London and after some months a second school will begin to operate in the north of England. The majority of the elders will be given about eight months’ notice of the dates and venue where they are invited to attend. We will not be inviting whole bodies of elders to attend at the same time, but will send invitations to selected elders. In most areas the school will be conveniently located within commuting distance. There will be no need for overnight accommodation. In order for all the elders to attend, it will be necessary for the schools to operate continually for about three years. Please note that at this time the school in Britain is only being taught in English.

We believe you can understand that there are many factors to consider when preparing the enrolment for each class. Likely, it will require elders to adjust their personal affairs in order to attend the class to which they are assigned. We thank you in advance for your willing cooperation. Until you receive an invitation to attend, *please do not call or write to the branch office about the school.*