

# Announcement

June 3, 2022

## FOR ELDERS

1. **Resuming In-Person Forms of the Ministry:** We deeply appreciate you dear elders for maintaining a positive attitude toward the preaching work during the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition to the announcement for congregations, please note the following reminder.

2. Sharing in the field ministry has always been a personal expression of each Christian's faith and desire to preach the good news of God's Kingdom. (Matt. 28:19, 20) We are confident you will follow the direction from the branch office while being careful not to add unnecessary rules. (2 Cor. 1:24; Gal. 6:5) Since each publisher's circumstances vary, no one should feel pressured to participate in any specific method of preaching. Though some of you may not be comfortable sharing in a particular form of the public ministry at this time, you should be careful not to impose personal preferences on others. We pray constantly for you brothers and thank you for your loyal support in this important matter.—Heb. 6:10.

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## FOR CONGREGATIONS

1. **Resuming In-Person Forms of the Ministry:** We are delighted to share the following news with you. On May 31, 2022, the Governing Body informed all Branch Committees that they may now resume all forms of public witnessing with the exception of the door-to-door ministry. In-person Bible studies and return visits may also be resumed. After considering the local situation in our branch territory, we are pleased to provide the following direction that will be of assistance to you as you carry out your personal ministry.
2. In addition to in-person return visits and Bible studies, approved forms of the public ministry include special metropolitan public witnessing, cart witnessing, street witnessing, business witnessing, prison witnessing, harbor witnessing, and informal witnessing. The use of face masks is encouraged when engaging in public witnessing. The elders will begin organizing arrangements for witnessing in public places.
3. We rejoice that we will have additional opportunities to share the good news of God's Kingdom with our neighbors!—Matt. 28:19, 20.