



Midweek Meeting Announcements

Date: **June 23, 2022**

CBOE's Initials: JJ

NOTE: All announcements should first be approved by the Coordinator of the Body of Elders.
Please read these announcements to the congregation.

Please take note of the following announcements:

1. Resolution to the Congregation:

[Present resolution to the congregation.]

2. Convention Viewing / Convention Campaign:

The schedule for viewing the convention is posted under the "Events" tab on the e-board. The campaign to invite people to watch the convention begins this Saturday, June 25th. We will also resume public ministry this Saturday. You may refer to the announcement Brother Little made last week Thursday which is posted under the "Announcements" tab on the e-board. In addition, during campaigns, all field service groups will meet together for the meetings for service at 10:00am on Saturdays.

3. Brother Kenneth Harrell passed away over the weekend. Memorial service arrangements are currently being made and will soon be announced. Feel free to reach out to Sister Harrell to share words of comfort and encouragement.

4. Literature Items:

Literature items have arrived. Meeting Workbooks, *Watchtower* Study Editions and Large Print Study Editions are included. You may pick them up at the literature counter or see your group overseer to have them delivered to you. As a reminder, these items are available electronically.

Tioga Announcements for the Public Ministry

FOR THE CONGREGATION:

The Body of Elders collectively came to agreement outlining the Tioga Public Ministry arrangements. Our overall theme as we communicated centered around safety and sound reasoning. We want to share our direction with the congregation.

- Field Service Locations for meetings
 - We recommend that we continue to meet on Zoom for all meetings for field service. In 6 months, December 2022, we'll re-look at this to see if any changes need to be made.
- Branch Approved Methods of Witnessing
 - Return Visits
 - In-person return visits can be made, **starting June 25**, with the strongly urged precautions:
 - Wear a mask
 - Do not make in-person return visits alone
 - Be mindful of the time making the return visit. Evening is not recommended
 - What happens when making the return visit and other neighbors engage us, not violently, but curious as to what is going on? - *Snippet from the Reference OD pages 96-97, para 27* - **"We today can let the Kingdom truth shine forth by our words and actions whenever there is an opportunity for us to tell others about the good news."**
 - Bible Studies
 - This method of our ministry should follow the example the **Return Visits** just discussed.
 - Cart Witnessing
 - Our concern is safety.
 - The Cart Witnessing will start off on the weekends, **starting Saturday, June 25th**
 - Saturday
 - 8 -10
 - 10 -12
 - 12-2
 - Sunday
 - 2:30- 3:30
 - We'll monitor this form of witnessing for 30 days to potentially open it up Sunday through Saturday with any needed adjustments
 - We'll utilize the same signup sheet we used previously for use of the Carts

- Seven carts are available for use and they appear to be in good condition
- Those who are interested in this phase of the ministry **must qualify**
 - The publishers must inform their FSGO their interest in this form of the ministry even if they previously qualified
 - The Service Committee will make the approvals with the input of the FSGO
- Location of Carts will be what we used previously
 - We're also on the lookout for any new additional locations
- Street Witnessing
 - We share the same concerns for Safety as we have with Cart Witnessing
 - The recommendation is when engaging in this form of witnessing, have multiple publishers engaged, definitely more than two and during reasonable hours.
- Car Witnessing
 - This is not a formal arrangement by the Branch
 - We recognize though that some of our friends engage in this informal form of witnessing
 - Safety again is our concern. If we continue to engage in this form of witnessing the encouragement to have a car full of publishers, at least 4, and constantly be aware of your surroundings. Carjackings are on the rise so heightened awareness is needed