



Midweek Meeting Announcements

Date: **June 16, 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. Resuming Public Ministry Locally:

Let's give our attention to our Service Overseer—Brother Kevin Little—as he outlines when and how we can safely and orderly resume public ministry in our congregation's territory.

2. Brother Harrell is now resting at home . The family says that it is OK for the friends to stop by and visit briefly.

3. Accounts Report For May:

[Read Accounts Report For May 2022.]

4. Emergency Contact Information:

As a reminder, if you have not already done so, please submit to your group overseer your current contact information - along with an emergency contact - as soon as possible. Remember, your emergency contact (if possible) should be someone out of the area who will likely not experience the same emergency or disaster as you. [Give example. (Hurricane)] You may download a form from the e-board or contact your group overseer with the information needed.

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