

Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses

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Dear Brothers:

On March 9, 2010, the branch office received the report on your meeting with your circuit overseer and district overseer during their visit in February. As you are aware, the circuit overseer and the district overseer have recommended your deletion as elders. After careful and prayerful consideration of this matter, we agree with those who have taken the difficult position that you are not qualified to serve as elders. Your deletion as elders will be effective July 1, 2010.

Obviously, your deletion as elders will be a disappointment to you. However, there is still much you can do to be an encouragement to the congregation. Your whole-souled service to Jehovah is not dependent on an appointment in the congregation. The greatest privilege any human can have is sharing in the sanctification of Jehovah's name and declaring the good news of God's Kingdom. Therefore, do not let this turn of events overly discourage you or stumble you. We can learn a lesson from the steward of King Hezekiah named Shebna. Though dismissed from serving as a steward, Shebna was allowed to continue in the king's service as a secretary to his replacement. (Isa. 22:15, 19; 36:2, 3, 22) Thus, even though we are removed from a position of responsibility in Jehovah's organization for some reason, should we not continue to serve God in whatever capacity he permits?

As you are aware, the South Congregation in Redwood City will be dissolved effective July 1, 2010, and the publishers will begin associating with the English Congregation in Menlo Park. Also, the elders and ministerial servants in the South Congregation will be reappointed to serve with the English Congregation in Menlo Park effective July 1, 2010. Brother Ernest Douglas Brede has been appointed to serve as the coordinator of the body of elders in the English Congregation in Menlo Park effective July 1, 2010. Additionally, we have directed that Brother Brede and two other elders from the South Congregation attend the English Congregation's meetings to provide assistance during the transition period.

We desire that you continue to find joy in making your valuable contribution to the Kingdom work by your zealous activity in the Christian ministry. (1 Tim. 1:12) We are confident that Jehovah will bless you for doing so. We sincerely pray that you will qualify again

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for extra privileges of service sometime in the future. Please accept our warm Christian love and best wishes.

Your brothers,

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