

15th April 2019

To all bodies of elders

## **Dear Brothers**

As Jehovah's people, the way we prepare for and respond to disasters is a reflection on our respect for Jehovah, his name, the sanctity of life, and evidence of our love for others, especially for "those related to us in the faith."—Gal. 6:10; Ps. 36:9.

To assist in our disaster preparedness, HLCs' have been asked to produce a list of, any brothers or sisters (in good standing) who currently have any degree of professional, clinical expertise (*this would be over and above any first-aid qualifications*). Are there any in your congregation who would fit this criteria? Would they, in principle, be prepared to be contacted should a future need arise that might involve their medical skills? Of course, the availability of these brothers and sisters will be dependent on their personal circumstances at the time they may be contacted. This is understood; we are simply requesting an 'in principle' willingness to be contacted should a need arise.

We would like you to ascertain their willingness to have their names, congregation, contact details, and clinical skills registered with us in case of a future need. If any of these brothers or sisters has a completed A-19 or DC-50, lodged with the Branch, please also state that.

Please could we ask that, as a Body, you discuss this and make contact with those in your congregation to whom this applies and pass their details on to us, if they are willing, by the end of May.

Can we take this opportunity to express our grateful thanks for your continued cooperation and hard work as you shepherd the flock of God in your care.

Your brothers