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Dear Fellow Ministers,

Greetings again from Pasadena! It was certainly good to see many of you during the Feast at Jekyll Island and in the Poconos. It was, for my family and me, a wonderful and inspiring Feast, and from the reports I received from various ones who attended at some of the other sites, it was, again, the "best ever" in every way!

We had a total of 31 ordinations during the Feast! Eight of these were raises in rank. Mr. Reg Platt was ordained as a pastor, and raised in rank from a local elder to preaching elder were Mr. Nelson Haas in Wheeling, West Virginia; Mr. James Jenkins in Jackson, Mississippi; Mr. Ron Miller in Kelowna; Mr. Dave Mills in Jacksonville, Florida; Mr. John Mitchell in Tulsa, Oklahoma; Mr. Greg Sargent in Buffalo, New York, and Mr. Paul Zapf in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

In addition, 23 were ordained as local elders in God's Church. These were Mr. Bob Boyce in Peoria, Illinois; Mr. John Cheetham in Concord, New Hampshire; Mr. George Contos in Manhattan, New York; Mr. Leroy Dawson in Tucson, Arizona; Mr. Oswald Engelbart in Dallas, Texas; Mr. Bill Freeland in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Mr. Keith Hoyt in Wichita, Kansas; Mr. Gerald Knochel in Peoria, Illinois; Mr. Joel Lillengreen in Tupelo, Mississippi; Mr. Ken Mattson in Saint Louis, Missouri; Mr. Rand Millich in Eugene, Oregon; Mr. George Patrickson in Vancouver, B. C.; Mr. Maurice Preteroti in Wheeling, West Virginia; Mr. Glenn Purdy in Columbia, South Carolina; Mr. David Roenspies in Akron, Ohio; Mr. Allan Ruth in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Mr. Charles Scott in Lakeland, Florida; Mr. Wayne Shiflet in New Orleans, Louisiana; Mr. Terry Swagerty in Portland, Oregon; Mr. Donald Traynor in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Mr. Gene Watkins in Pasadena, California; Mr. Tom Williams in Baltimore, Maryland, and Mr. Richard Zimmerman in Manhattan, New York.

Congratulations to all of you! It is certainly encouraging and inspiring to see the growth that God is giving His Church at this time!

Since my last letter, we have begun two new Churches. The Church at the Feast site in Mount Pocono began on August 30 with 181 in attendance. Mr. Raymond Cole will now be pastoring this Church along with the Manhattan A. M. Church.

On September 14, the Church in Jacksonville, Florida, began with an attendance of 167. Mr. James Kunz will now have a Lakeland - Jacksonville circuit, and Mr. Darryl Henson will assume the responsibility of the Miami Church.

Two new Churches -- Bluefield, Kentucky, and another in the Pittsburgh area -- are now being planned and should begin soon, and we are beginning two new Bible Studies in November. Mr. Guy Engelbart will take the monthly Study in Ponca City, Oklahoma, which will begin on November 6, and Mr. Fred Kellers will take the bi-monthly Study in Norfolk, Virginia, which will begin on November 19.

So far in 1968, we have begun 25 Churches which brings the total to 192 worldwide -- 160 in the United States and Canada with an average attendance of 299 each, and 32 in foreign countries with an average attendance of 148.

In addition, there are 50 outlying Bible Studies worldwide, 192 Spokesman Clubs and 75 Visiting Program Training Classes.

With the new ordinations at the Feast, the total ordained ministers has now gone over 300! There are now 304 ordained ministers around the world!

Also, some of you might be interested to know that there are now 595 deacons and 209 deaconesses around the world.

I now have some "baby news" for you. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Demarest announced the birth of their son, Clifton Alan, on September 1, weighing seven pounds and one ounce.

And on September 4, a six-pound, 14-ounce boy -- Sheldon Arch, Jr. -- was added to the family of Mr. and Mrs. Arch Bradley.

On the same day, September 4, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Hechel were blessed with a baby daughter. She weighed an even eight pounds, but I don't know what they named her.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cheetham are the happy parents of a son, Robert Michael, who was born October 27 and weighed an even seven pounds.

Congratulations to all of you! As usual, all mothers and babies are reportedly doing fine.

At this point I would like to bring to your attention a serious matter and request, on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. James Kunz, your prayers for their son Alex. Mr. Kunz wrote to me in September about the worsening condition of his son, who has been having convulsions -- sometimes several in one day. The convulsions are somewhat similar to those caused by epilepsy, but Mr. Kunz feels they might be caused by low blood sugar. Since Alex blacks out unexpectedly, they have had to keep a football helmet on him at all times to protect his head from injury when he falls. Please pray with us that God will intervene and heal him.

#### Now for some INSTRUCTIONS:

In several Church areas, the leading man in the area failed the Visiting Program Training Class Entrance Examinations and was therefore not accepted for the class. These men should not in any way be allowed to serve as spiritual advisors or teachers to the brethren. They should not be giving sermonettes in Church or serving as lead men on the Visiting Program.

We've noticed that some of the telephone bills which have been put on expense cards in recent months have been too high. For the benefit of all of you, I wanted to remind you to exercise caution in making any long-distance calls which are going to be paid for by the Work. Ask yourself, "If I was paying for this call, would I make it -- or would I write a memo or letter to handle it?" We do not in any way want to hinder you in fulfilling your responsibilities, and we realize that a telephone call can sometimes save time and money. On the other hand, we know that many of the calls that come in to Headquarters could just as easily have been handled in another manner, and it is reasonable to assume, then, that calls are made elsewhere on the same basis.

Also, any personal long-distance calls should always be deducted from your bill and not put on your Monthly Expense Card.

I now have some instructions regarding third tithe. At this time of year just after the Feast, some of our third-tithe "widows" are beginning their third-tithe year. We are usually asked to increase their third-tithe allotment by the amount of third tithe that they are paying. This means that we would be, in effect, sending back to them what they send in to us, which is obviously not the most efficient way to handle this situation. We have, therefore, changed the policy as outlined in the old Third Tithe Manual. We won't announce this to the brethren, but in administering third tithe, when a widow is receiving third tithe assistance, or in a situation where she would need third tithe assistance if she paid third tithe, then she does not have to pay third tithe. This will, of course, apply only to those who are eligible for third tithe assistance, and it just means that as long as a widow is receiving third tithe she does not have to pay it -- or someone who is not receiving third tithe would not have to pay it if after paying it, she would need to receive it.

Also, I would like to give you a chart outlining the basic expenses for a moderate standard of living in the various parts of the country. This is the guide used by the Church Administration Department in evaluating the budgets which are submitted on the third-tithe form. You would be amazed at the variation in some of the budgets which are submitted. Some ministers, for example, have allowed as much as \$100 for food for a widow and one child, while others have allowed as little as \$30 for food for a similar family. We have had to adopt certain standards in order to standardize the administration of third tithe as much as possible since different ministers vary a great deal in their evaluation of how much is needed to maintain a moderate standard of living.

This chart is based on a minimum - maximum limit for the basic expenses which can be more or less fixed. Other expenses, such as rent and transportation expenses, vary a great deal, and we must depend on your judgment in setting the budget allowance. For all the items on the budget, you as the minister are responsible for evaluating whether the amounts are reasonable for each situation. Don't just ask the widow and accept whatever she tells you, but help her in setting up a budget that is adequate and reasonable.

The amount for food will vary depending on the number of individuals, the area of the country and the age of the children, while the other expenses on the chart will vary primarily depending on the number of individuals, and up to a certain point, the age of the children.

Number of Individuals	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Food	\$40-50	\$60-80	\$80-100	\$100-120	\$120-140	\$140-160	\$160-180
Clothing	\$5-10	\$10-15	\$15-20	\$20-25	\$30	\$35	\$40
Recreation	\$5	\$10	\$10-15	\$15	\$20	\$20	\$20
Incidentals	\$10	\$10	\$10-15	\$15	\$20	\$20	\$20

On another matter, it is time to remind the brethren that the deadline for them to send in their Love Fund receipts is December 15. Anytime between now and December 15 is fine. You should announce that anyone who has made contributions to the Love Fund since March 1 who wants the amounts added to his annual receipt should send in his Love Fund receipts to Headquarters.

(We have not recorded Love Fund donations here at Headquarters since that date.) You should announce this next Sabbath, and remind them again on December 7.

Some of you have asked again about receiving a Confidential Book, which is what we call the address book for the ministers and Churches around the world. We realize that it would be ideal for all of you to have an up-to-date Confidential Book at your disposal, but there are two basic problems. First, the addresses are constantly changing, and unless we were to mail out all the changes and have you correct your book every week, you could not depend on any of the information since it might have changed. Sending you all these changes involves a great deal of work -- not only for us to mail you the changes, but also for you to keep up with them. Secondly, this is highly confidential information, and proliferating these books becomes more and more undesirable each year. All of you will just have to continue to call your District Superintendent for the information when you need it, and if the brethren come to you needing the information on such short notice that they cannot write to Headquarters, they can call us, and we will give them the information after determining that they attend Church.

Well, that about winds up another letter. Mr. Herbert Armstrong is now in Tokyo, Japan; however, as of now we have heard no official news of his trip. I'm sure you will be hearing the results soon -- either through a Co-Worker letter or in my next letter. ~~Remember to pray for the success of his trip, and continue to pray diligently for the Work.~~ The Work especially needs your prayers and the prayers of the brethren at this time, not because the income is seriously down -- October has been a record month for income in the history of God's Work -- but because the needs of the Work have skyrocketed as a result of the extensive advertising campaign that we began last summer. We are seriously lacking in manpower and equipment in almost every department, but we don't have the money to hire enough additional personnel and to buy enough new equipment. In every way the Work needs to expand greatly, but the income is just not sufficient to allow us to expand enough to meet our needs.

The situation is serious, men, and I hope you can grasp the sense of urgency that we feel very deeply here at Headquarters every day as we see the needs of the Work. We know that all of you are also hard-pressed to meet your responsibilities, so let's pray for the Work -- and also for each other!

Your brother in Christ,



Roderick C. Meredith

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