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Announcement Letter March 2008

Dear Brethren:

We greet you again as another month has sped quickly past, and the next one is now upon us. It is hard to believe we are only weeks away from the Passover once again. But what a blessing we share to be able to orient our lives and our perspectives about the passage of time according to those seasons marked in God's calendar and His appointed occasions of special worship. To all of you sharing that same Spirit with us and anticipating God's upcoming Holy Day season, we express our continuing devotion to your service, with prayers that you are facing every challenge in life with resolve and optimism.

From week to week our workload in the church office can be demanding, and we have tied ourselves to a rigid schedule to try and make sure we provide the important services you need, and to do so with reliability you can count on. For me personally, managing my office workloads intertwined with an aggressive travel schedule—visiting brethren around the world throughout the year—requires some efficient synchronization (like juggling) to make sure nothing critical gets dropped. Thankfully, God has provided all that has been required to maintain that schedule and deliver on those promises without getting burned out in the process. For that I am deeply and continually thankful.

But in the heat of running from one priority to the other on a regular basis, what can often be missed is the expression of thankfulness to all of you who continue to support this work and make possible the thriving resilience of this remnant body. Oh yes, we all know it is God who miraculously sustains us, and without His intervention to bless and defend us there is no way this little group could have survived over the past three decades, let alone have any hope of enduring into the future. But one of the very means by which God has done His work of sustaining has been through your loyal and faithful support, provided by the Holy Spirit motivating and guiding you to hold firm to His Truth.

There have been a number of individuals in years past who have come to view themselves as indispensable to this group. Somehow they began to feel that their support (whether in personal influence, special skills, or perhaps their tithe contributions) was integral to our success, and that without them, we would fall apart. All of them have been proven wrong, because God has continued to provide loyal and dedicated brethren to fill every need. When one has faltered, God has provided a solution to take up the slack. It proves that not one of us is indispensable, including myself. If necessary, God could raise up servants from stones to cover any shortfall (Luke 3:8). I keep that very much in mind myself, lest I should ever come to think that God needs me. He does not. If I should ever begin to repudiate His Truth and fall away, God would provide an authorized replacement with legitimate credentials to carry forward so that the gates of hell will never prevail against that end-time Body (Matthew 16:18). So it is humbling to think about the incredible privilege He has given us to be part of this remnant, but with recognition that if any one of us fails, it will in no way derail the plans of God.

But with those principles in mind, it is still very appropriate to thank all of you for your continued support and positive orientation. What a blessing to serve so many who really love this way of life, and who prove it by the choices you make to put God first. Some of you have faced incredible challenges, and yet, with God's help you have weathered those storms and shown fruits that have inspired so many others around you. We have received many cards, letters, and e-mails of support very recently, and those personal expressions are very appreciated indeed. Thank you for the reconfirmation that we all love the same things—those things which God has revealed to His Church in this age. There is nothing like adversity to remind us of what we share in common, and how blessed is that fellowship with others of like mind. May God continue to strengthen us together to manifest that unity and oneness which is the hallmark of His faithful children (John 13:35).

Feast of Tabernacles in Townsend, Tennessee

For those planning to attend the Townsend, Tennessee, Feast site this fall, please be aware that Mr. Richard Litz will be the contact person for any questions that may come up concerning housing reservations, information about the Feast site, etc. Mr. Litz may be reached by phone at (865) 984-0649.

Death

We are saddened to announce the death of Mrs. Hereniah Akech Ajwoga of Suna-Migori, Kenya. She was a widow, a devoted member of the church, and ninety-five years of age at the time of her death on February 18. We extend sincere condolences to the Kenyan brethren and her family and friends who will miss her.

New Moon

The new moon, Nisan (first month), will begin on the evening of April 5. The new moon day is April 6.

Holy Days

Lead men should be making appropriate preparations for these days:

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| Passover | Friday, April 18 |
| Night to Be Much Observed | Sabbath, April 19 |
| 1st Holy Day—Days of Unleavened Bread | Sunday, April 20 |
| 2nd Holy Day—Days of Unleavened Bread | Sabbath, April 26 |

Trip Schedule

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| March 15 | Carlisle, England |
| April 18, 19, 20 | Providence, Rhode Island |
| April 26 | Baltimore, Maryland |

Recorded Sermon Schedule

| Sermon # | Mailed | Played | Title |
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| WSE-JB 101 | 02-07-08 | 03-01-08 | Pre-Passover Examination: Are You in the Faith? |
| WSE-JB 22-88-24A | 02-28-08 | 03-08-08 | Fund. of Belief: Divine Revelation What Is Truth? |
| WSE-RC 43-1 | 02-28-08 | 03-15-08 | Prepare Now for Passover #1 |
| WSE-RC 43-2 | 02-28-08 | 03-22-08 | Prepare Now for Passover #2 |
| Holy Day Sermons | 03-13-08 | Passover and Days of Unleavened Bread | |
| WSE-JB 102 | 03-20-08 | 03-29-08 | The True Legacy of Mr. Raymond C. Cole |
| HFT-RC 10-14-92 | 03-20-08 | 04-05-08 | What Are Our Weaknesses? |
| WSE-JB 22-89-24B | 03-20-08 | 04-12-08 | Fund. of Belief: Divine Revelation Overview of Divine Revelation |
| CL2 51 (RC) | 04-10-08 | 04-19-08 | Principles of Christian Living: Gentleness #1 |

In Christ's service,



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