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PROTOCOL FOR TRAVEL TO OR THROUGH STRATEGIC LOCALITIES

Beloved Brethren,

The movement of the brethren universally including travel for legitimate business is often for the mutual benefit of the fellowship. It is especially appreciated by those localities without a regular interchange.

Strategic localities are typically located close to large cities and medical institutions where their airports also serve as major transport hubs. As a result, these localities tend to receive a large number of brethren visitors travelling for business and medical needs.

Wisdom is needed in making arrangements to travel to these cities, as this can be a burden to some localities due to their fewness of number. To this end, counsel has been sought as to how best to coordinate travel and accommodation which can be summarized as follows:

The following protocol should be followed as a prerequisite of righteousness so that businesses in these localities are not disrupted and that undue burden is not placed on the sisterhood.

- Speak to responsible persons BEFORE booking any flights to ensure timing is convenient.
- Limit the overnight stays to a minimum required to efficiently fulfill business commitments.
- If you are only transiting through a city arrange connecting flights to avoid having to leave the airport.
- Be sensitive when taking your wife (only do so if absolutely necessary) and consider whether she can accompany you during the day.
- Ensure that your trip does not impinge on local business or family life.
- Do not assume that a weekend stay should be included when on a business trip.
- Consider adequate remuneration:
 - a. Host: per person per day/night
North America US \$100
Europe €50
 - b. Local School: per person per day/night
North America US \$100
Europe €100

The brethren are expected to use wisdom and discretion. When these matters are attended to righteously then the true level of the fellowship is maintained and the brethren are refreshed to mutual advantage.

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Localities to be considered especially in this regard include:-

Bendorf, Düsseldorf, Endbach, Gummersbach, Hamburg, Novi Ligure, Paris, Rome, Siegen, Terrassa, The Hague, Zürich, Baltimore, Boston, Chicago, Cleveland, Columbus, Detroit, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, New York, Rochester, San Francisco, Westfield

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