

The ministerial representative for the Eastern Youth Fellowship Committee contacted the bishop committee earlier this spring in reference to the plans of the brotherhood at Grantsville, Maryland hosting the meetings for 2001. In responding and saying that they would host the meetings it was also learned that they as a congregation had recently taken up the issue of the radio and had agreed to allow it's use.

The question that was raised to us was should such a move disqualify a congregation from hosting these meetings?

We considered the following in reaching our recommendation:

- 1. Two years ago we stood in very strong support at the ministers meeting when a recommendation was on the floor that we reaffirm our "no radio" usage.**
- 2. We also felt that it would be inconsistent to ask our youth to not have the radio at home but send them to a meeting hosted by those no longer affirming that standard.**

Our recommendation was then reached and shared that we feel it unwise to continue with the above planning. The meetings have been rescheduled and the announcement of the location will be forth coming.

On Wednesday, April 4 there was a joint meeting of all the bishop committee except Bro. Nelson Beachy and the full Grantsville ministry to discuss this issue. Agreement was reached there that they would plan to review their decision and also the related matters leading up to it and to consider the ramifications of their action.

May we all be in pray for each other as we "fight the good fight of faith" in standing true to Biblical principles and in establishing and maintaining Godly standards for our flock.

April 5, 2001

The Bishop Committee