"A NEWER, HOLIER APPROACH."

This chart represents the way some members had come to perceive the old program, compared to how we hope all will understand what it means to minister.

THE OLD WAY	THE NEW WAY
Home and visiting teaching	Ministering
Duty	Love
Box*	Pearl
What do I do?	*Why* do I do?
Process	Outcome
☐ Focus on task	◦ Focus on person
☐ Once-a-month visit	◦ Simple, flexible contact(s)
☐ Bring a set message	◦ Spirit-led gospel sharing
What counts?	Accountable for spiritual welfare
Assigned to brothers and sisters	Entrusted with brothers and sisters
Report that it's done	Change hearts

* A parable is told of a jeweler who had a precious pearl but was saddened when the people who came to see it focused more on the beautiful box it sat in rather than the pearl itself. As we shift from home and visiting teaching to ministering, we can better focus on the "pearls" of meaningful ministering rather than the "box" of policy and procedure.

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