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Dear David and Marie,

"But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another..."

I greet both of you in the love of Jesus and pray that His love be continually shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit which is given unto all of us. As promised, I am corresponding to you in response to your meeting with the Elders of Christ Fellowship Church (CFC) on Sunday, February 10, 2008.

As we have discussed, both Christ Fellowship Church and I, personally, strongly disagree wholeheartedly with your belief in and support of the "Anglo-Israel doctrine" as espoused on the website www.angloisrael.com and the Farrar Fenton organization. We believe this doctrine promotes a spirit of disunity, division, and superiority – qualities *opposing* the character of Christ.

As you know, Galatians 3:26-29 tells us that in Christ, there is no distinction of race or color. If you belong to Christ, you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise. Also, Philippians 3:1-8 says, "*Finally, my bretheren, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things again is no trouble to me, and it is a safeguard to you. Beware of the dogs, beware of the evil workers, beware of the false circumcision; for we are the true circumcision, who worship in the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh, although I myself might have confidence even in the flesh. If anyone else has a mind to put confidence in the flesh, I far more; circumcised on the eighth day, of the nation of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the Law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to the righteousness which is in the Law, found blameless. But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ. More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish in order that I may gain Christ...*"

My heart is to promote brotherly love, and from that, a genuine concern for our brothers and sister in the body of Christ. From this, must flow ministry to the world: saving the lost; healing the sick; going about doing good; destroying the works of the devil; prayer and fasting; encouraging one another unto good works; **getting involved**; one-on-one in the work place; in local and national politics; taking back our schools. I believe in being good stewards of what we have been given. We must go and do the Lord's work with such a powerful anointing that lives are changed – one person at a time – multiplying to change our nation and the world.

As you well know, as Pastor of CFC, our Heavenly Father requires me to watch over those He has entrusted to me. According to the Bible, Elders have been set in place to assist in having the mind of Christ on governing all matters pertaining to CFC. The Bible instructs us to have an

attitude and heart of submission to authority. Hebrews 13:17 says, "*Obey your leaders and submit (to them,) for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you.*"

Our passion as a church is to promote godly unity and brotherly love in service to our Lord Jesus Christ. We should strive for our conduct and everything we do to speak a "life's message" of encouragement and edification to other believers and to the lost. As I am sure you can understand, as Pastor, I need to make sure that all who are in any position representing CFC (such as volunteer, leadership, or service) work in this unity of brotherly love, in furtherance of spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ. Your belief in, and efforts to further, this false teaching, do not advance the goal of working in the unity of brotherly love in spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ. In fact, they are in direct opposition to it.

Therefore, the Eldership of CFC requests that you take a period of time to step aside from all areas of service at CFC in order to examine your hearts regarding your belief in the Anglo-Israel teachings. This period of time should start immediately and extend through Saturday, March 22, 2008. During this time we request that you attend all services held at CFC and also the Sunday Bible classes held at 9:15 AM. We ask that you utilize this time to earnestly seek a deeper relationship with our Heavenly Father through prayer, fasting, and study of the Bible through the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

I so appreciate that you have been willing to serve both me personally and the body of Christ at CFC. We must remember, however, that all service must be done with a heart-attitude of complete submission and obedience to Jesus Christ. We must strive to further the *truth* of the gospel of Jesus Christ. We must be focused on furthering His love, His encouragement, His truth, and we must have the same attitude that He had. Philippians 2:5-8 and 12-13 instructs us to have within ourselves "*the same attitude which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, (and) being made in the likeness of men.*" "*Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on the cross.*" We encourage you to seek becoming "*bond servants*" to Him so that your service in the world is centered on His heart of service and brotherly love. Any service centered on the thoughts and desires of natural man will only produce self-righteousness and dead works, which, according to Hebrews 6:1-2 is the first of six elementary teachings of our foundation in Christ Jesus.

During your period of seeking Him, (February 23rd through March 22nd), I, along with John Albus (Pastoral Care), will make ourselves available to you on a daily basis, at your request. During the last two weeks (March 8th through March 22nd), I request that both of you meet with John and me (together or individually) twice a week for a total of four meetings - please call the office to schedule them.

CFC has a strong vision and command from our Father "To love Jesus and to love others" (Luke 10:27 and John 13:14). According to the Bible we are the equality of God in Christ. As you reflect on your beliefs, we urge you to consider the following truths from the Word of God:

- Heb 10:14 – We are forever perfected in equality through Christ.
- 1 Tim 5:21 – We prefer not one before another, doing nothing by partiality.
- 1 Peter 3:8- We are of one mind with the Body of Christ, having compassion upon others, being courteous and full of love toward the brethren.

- Phil 2:2-3 – We are like-minded with the Body of Christ, having the same love, being of one accord, and of one mind. We do nothing through strife or selfishness; but in all lowliness of mind we esteem others higher than ourselves.
- I Cor 1:10 – We are perfectly joined together in the same mind and judgment with the Body of Christ; having no part in divisions.
- Phil 1:27 – We stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving for the faith of the gospel.
- Psa 133:1 – We live together in unity with the brethren.
- Prov 1:3 – We are instructed of wisdom, justice, judgment, and equality.
- Rom 12:16 - We mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate; being of the same mind one toward another.
- Eccl 2:21 - Our labor is in wisdom, knowledge, and equality.
- Malachi 2:6 - The law of truth is in our mouth, and iniquity is not found in our lips: for we walk in peace and equity, and turn many away from iniquity.
- Eph 2:14 - We thank Jesus that He is our peace, and that He has made us one with others, and has broken down the middle wall of partition between us.
- I Cor 12:13 - We are by one spirit baptized into the Body of Christ, no matter the race or nationality; we are made to drink into one spirit.

We are asking you to adhere to the following if you desire to serve in any capacity at CFC:

1. Completely renounce the Anglo Israel doctrine. Completely remove from the websites <http://www.angloisrael.com>, www.farrarfenton.com, and all others like it, all reference to you through pictures, address, phone, email or personal website. Never discuss this doctrine or any similar to it with those attending CFC or to anyone on CFC's property at anytime.
2. While in any position of service or representing CFC in any capacity, please cease and refrain from attacking in any way the nation of Israel and those who support them, especially the United States of America. We hope that you will develop an attitude of prayer and love for both the nation of Israel and our country.
3. Please respect the office or position of the Pastor, elders, deacons, and teachers. Please do not challenge a leader or teacher at CFC with others present. If there are any questions, misunderstandings, theological or doctrinal questions, please discuss your issue in private with the teacher. If the issue cannot be resolved by one-on-one discussion, then your concerns can be brought to Pastor Arthur Purvis or John Albus (Pastoral Care).
4. Make a strong commitment to the Church's Articles of Faith and Teachings.
5. Repent and be restored for any past actions concerning the above.

Please be encouraged with Romans 13:1-8 *"Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God. Therefore whoever resists authority has opposed the ordinance of God; and they who have opposed will receive condemnation upon themselves. For rulers are not a cause of fear for good behavior, but for evil. Do you want to have no fear of authority? Do what is good and you will have praise from the same; for it is a minister of God to you for good. But if you do what is evil, be afraid; for it does not bear the sword for nothing; for it is a minister of God, an avenger who brings on the one who practices evil. Therefore it is necessary to be in subjection, not only because of wrath, but also for conscience's sake. For because of this you also pay taxes, for (rulers) are servants of God, devoting themselves to this very thing. Render to all what is due them: tax to who tax (is due) custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor.*

Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled (the) law."

We also hope you will consider the following scriptures regarding "truth" as you search your hearts:

- Heb 10:14 – We are forever perfected in truth through Christ.
- Eph 4:25-26 – We put away lying, and we speak truth with all men, for we are members one of another.
- Eph 6:14 – We stand, having our loins girded with truth.
- John 16:13 – The Spirit of truth has come into our life, and we are being guided into all truth.
- 3 John 1:4 – Father we thank You that it brings You great joy to know that we are walking in truth.
- Psa 86:11 – We walk in truth.
- Eph 4:15 – We speak the truth in love.
- John 8:32 – We know the truth, and the truth has made us free.
- Eph 5:9 – We study to show ourselves approved unto God, rightly dividing the Word of truth.

David and Marie, your signatures below will indicate your commitment to the time of reflection and prayer as described. During this time, please remember how important it is to become "like-minded" with our Heavenly Father and with one another. 2 Chronicles 13:11 states, "*Finally, brethren, rejoice, be made complete, be comforted, **be like-minded**, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.*" I love you both, and I believe, if we are like-minded, we can work together to further the gospel of Jesus Christ and bring godly change in our community. I do not believe you are bigots or racists. The Anglo-Israel website clearly has this appearance. I believe after talking with you, that you believe the same. It would break my heart if you decide you cannot be like-minded with us at CFC and choose to leave our church; however, I know the importance of being in unity. I bless you as you take this time of reflection and prayer.

In Christ Jesus,

Arthur Purvis,
Pastor / Senior Elder CFC

Agreed to:

David Ewing

Marie Ewing

Date