

October 7th, 1992

TO THE ELDERS IN THE CHURCH IN VANCOUVER
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Dear Brothers;

We would like to confirm our invitation to you brothers to come this month to Toronto for fellowship. We believe it is crucial that all three of you come together with us for this time. Also we acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 26th and we are thankful that you will earnestly bring the concerns of our September 4th letter before the Lord.

As you mentioned in our telephone conversation, we also do not wish to enter into unruly argument over the various matters which we are both concerned about. However we feel that it is important that a sufficient time be set aside in order to have a thorough fellowship in a calm spirit of love and dignity. In Acts 15 we see an example of how a problem between two churches which was related to the truth was solved in such a manner. We believe that the Lord is still able to enter into such a time and lead us into a satisfactory conclusion.

Brothers, as in Acts 15, we feel the concerns between us are urgent and as responsible brothers, we should soon come together. If acceptable to you, we suggest that you come for the weekend of October 23rd through 25th or October 30th through November 1st. We would like to meet with you on Friday evening and on Saturday and the Lord's Day. In addition to these times of fellowship with the local elders and co-workers, we hope that you could attend our corporate meetings.

From our recent written and verbal fellowship with you, we can tell that you brothers have many things in your heart and we want to give you the adequate time to present these matters to us. We too have several concerns and also would like to soberly present them to you. Without such a time set aside for thorough fellowship, misunderstanding can only multiply. We are faxing this letter of invitation so that you would have adequate time to prepare your flight plans. In our confirmation in the mail we will enclose a cheque for \$2500.00 to cover your air fare. When you have made your flight plans, please call us or [fax (416) 223-4450], so that we can arrange to pick you up at the airport and bring you to your hospitality.

Since we want to ensure that opportunity is given to fellowship all the matters, we suggest the following topics be covered:

1. In your letter of August 13th you stated that you did "receive the other side of the picture from different sources". Further to what you have heard from these different sources and the initial fellowship to you from Allen Jones during his April visit to Vancouver, we would like you to ask any questions to us regarding the things that you have heard from the other different sources. We hope your concerns could be addressed through this candid and open time.
2. We would also like to set aside a time when each of you could fellowship how the Lord has spoken personally to you, as you have taken the concerns, outlined in our letter of September 4th, to Him.
3. Also we have concerns regarding Brother Chia's return visit from Brazil in which you spoke in a meeting with the divisive group led by [REDACTED], after stating in your first visit that you refused such an offer from them. You as an elder from another locality also openly associated with [REDACTED] during your return visit here, knowing that he has been disciplined by the elders in the locality you were visiting. There seems to be a discrepancy between what you stated in your August 13th letter and your actual practice.
4. Besides such verses as Romans 16:17 and Titus 3:10 we have also been led to other portions in the Word regarding these matters of discipline in the churches. We have also some further confirmation to this truth from the teaching of Brother Watchman Nee which clearly directs us, as local churches in the One Body, how to conduct ourselves regarding such matters.

Brothers if there are any other matters which you would like addressed, please let us know when you confirm your flight plans and we will ensure they are added to the points of our fellowship.

In closing, we deeply sense our need to join together in sober and authoritative prayer to the Lord so that prior to that time everything of our natural man and flesh could be properly lain at the foot of the cross and that He could achieve His purpose and restore the trust between us. Grace and Mercy to all of us as we prepare for this crucial time of fellowship.

Your brothers in the love of Christ,



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The church in
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