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To: NASU Steering Committee Members,

We, the brethren of the Clinton Arkansas Ecclesia, find it expedient at the current time to reaffirm our previously declared position regarding the North American Statement of Understanding. After much prayerful consideration with the scriptures at hand we chose, and choose, to stand apart from any participation therein. In order for there to be true fellowship, we believe there must be agreement on doctrinal issues without any confusing documents that attempt to bring two (or more) opposing groups together as one.

Furthermore, we do not recognize the Committee as representative of the Unamended body and their concerns. Just as with all previous attempts at "unity", we of the Unamended (Unchanged) household are expected to compromise the beliefs that make up our foundation. We wish to make it known that we have no desire to take part in a vote concerning the NASU, as we believe it will only cause further division in the Christadelphian Body. Paul says, "Mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned, and avoid them". We are told in Proverbs 6:19 that God hates those who sow discord among brethren. We do not wish to take part in any further unity efforts unless they are based on Unamended doctrines.

We have found strength through all the Unamended Ecclesias that have made their positions known by rejecting this proposal. It is very uplifting to see that there are others who are willing to "hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering", and not dilute the doctrines of scripture.

The truth of the scriptures, defined in the Original Unamended Statement of Faith, is our basis of fellowship. This will be our basis of fellowship until the return of Christ and we welcome those with the same beliefs into our ecclesia.

May Christ return soon,

The Brethren of the Clinton, Arkansas Unamended Ecclesia

CC: Unamended Ecclesias in North America