

December 15, 2004

To: Brethren of the NASU Steering committee

We are in receipt of your recent correspondence requesting our Ecclesia to vote on the NASU "Unity Proposal Package".

We sincerely believe your current call for a vote on the "Unity Proposal Package" will not bring the desired unity, but yet more strife and division. The Orlando Ecclesia, in all good conscience, cannot participate in a process which is leading to further unrest and division within Ecclesias and the body at large. We believe a vote "yea" or "nay" would make us party to sowing discord among brethren (Prov. 6:19), and is not decent and in order (1Cor. 14:40). We believe "the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men," (Dan. 4:17) as well as the Ecclesia. We dare not be found casting our lot against his will. "The lot is cast into the lap; but the whole disposing thereof is of the LORD." Prov. 16:33

We recognize your sincere effort and your hope for unity and peace in Christadelphia before the Lord's return. All peace loving Brethren yearn for such an ideal. Yet, we do not believe the NASU is representative of our Ecclesia in Orlando. Genuine unity amongst like minded brethren is a highly desirable goal, but the North American Statement of Understanding does not definitively reflect our understanding of God's Word.

For our part, we will focus on provoking unto love and good works (Heb 10:24), strengthening the things which remain, (Rev.3:2), and following after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another (Rom 14:19), within our Ecclesia and with those who share our understanding of the Scriptures.

The Truth of the Bible, defined in the Original Unamended Statement of Faith, is our basis of fellowship. This has been our basis of fellowship from the foundation of our Ecclesia and is announced each first day before partaking of the Emblems and will continue to be so until the Prince of Peace brings the fullness of fellowship union to his bride.

If the Unamended fellowship is to be further divided, it will be as a result of the vote.

In the Hope of Israel,

THE ORLANDO ECCLESIA

cc: Unamended Ecclesias in North America