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Dear Brothers of the NASU Initiative:

We have no objection to uniting on a sound scriptural basis.

However, the NASU document does not attempt to do this. Careful wording can convey or support two different viewpoints. Careful wording allows brothers and sisters to apply their own conception as to what the words convey, while in fact the wording is intended to convey only one meaning. Such an approach is deception. Brethren have been aware of this approach in the past, and have rejected it.

We should beware of brethren in any reunion effort who focus on "getting the wording just right, then perhaps both sides can accept it." (not emphasizing that there has to be unity of belief), " Vague and ambiguous wording does not produce unity of belief, only easing of conscience. "Can two walk together except they be agreed?" (Amos 3:3)

We as brethren and sisters have come to the following conclusions:

- 1) NASU does not have the authority to promote a reunion between the two fellowships, for they have not been delegated by either.
- 2) NASU does not truly represent the truths held by the Unamended Christadelphian body.
- 3) They do not mention error taught or condoned by Amended ecclesias.
- 4) NASU has not defended their position in regard to the criticism leveled against them by many ecclesias.
- 5) They have not defended themselves against those who oppose their concept of reunion, which in fact is an absorption of brothers and sisters to enlarge the Worldwide Christadelphians concept under the BASF.
- 6) Voting by request of an unauthorized committee should not be the method of deciding who should and who should not be fellowshipped.
- 7) NASU has no right to request a vote, because you are not authorized by anyone, and in our opinion, you are taking a census, especially when individual names are required to see who is and who is not in favor of your presentation. (It appears that you have used the results of the vote of the last FOU reunion attempt in deciding

where to focus your attention. And perhaps with that in mind, to know who to continue to influence and those who would not be likely to conform to your thinking.)

The NASU committee must be aware that they are causing divisions and dissent in the brotherhood, not by scriptural admonition, but by worldly wisdom. We are obligated to speak out when scriptural truths are being trampled on. We should all be watchmen. If we do not sound the alarm, or if the watchman heard the sound of the trumpet and took no warning, we are told his blood shall be upon him. Rom. 16:17-18: "Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple" (those who have not yet attained to a full understanding, *nor able to come to a fuller understanding of the truth*). "To whom much is given, much is required."

We would suggest that you desist and not ask for a vote.

To avoid divisions and dissensions we need to strengthen those within and teach those without. We can do this if we speak with one voice. In this way we honor God and His word. We need to turn our attention to our neighbor, until the time comes spoken of in Jeremiah 31:34: "And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

This is not written because we excel in understanding, but in an effort to apply scripture to a situation that exists and is dividing the household. It is easy for all to proclaim "these are the last days" as we discern conditions in the world - but ignore the fact that Christ said, (Luke 18:8 KJV) "when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?" and that there would be those that "if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect." (Matt. 24:24)

Since the NASU does not represent the doctrines we believe, we must reject it.

Members of the Quincy Christadelphian Ecclesia

We meet on the understanding of beliefs intended in the Unamended Statement of Faith and welcome all who do so.

Cc: North American Unamended Ecclesias