

REPUBLIC, MISSOURI UNAMENDED CHRISTADELPHIANS

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To the Christadelphian NASU Steering Committee:

After receiving the recent NASU Unity Proposal Package dated November 1, 2004, we the members of the Republic, Missouri Unamended Christadelphian ecclesia desire to affirm our position clearly in relation to the “Unity” proposal.

First of all we wish to state that we **do not** recognize the NASU committee or process as having any authority in that neither the effort or its committee were authorized by the Unamended ecclesias continent wide to take on such a project in order to explore the matter of unity between Amended and Unamended ecclesias in North America. The NASU committee does not even remotely represent a cross section or the interests of the Unamended community at large. The Unamended community made its position known very clearly regarding unity with the Amended by a convincing rejection of the proposal made by the *Christadelphians For Unity* effort in the late 1980’s. The position and wishes of the Unamended community should have been left to stand.

Nevertheless, feeling a responsibility to “*be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you*”, and attempting to leave no room for the NASU committee to misrepresent or ignore our position in a final tally we wish to make it known that our ecclesia **UNANIMOUSLY enters a DECLARATION OF REJECTION**. Our basis of fellowship (ecclesial and inter-ecclesial) will continue to be solely based on the principles outlined and defined in the *Birmingham Unamended Statement of Faith* exclusive to any statements (e.g., the BASF or NASU) that undermine or nullify the doctrines and basis of fellowship outlined therein.

As far as our ecclesia is concerned there will be no “Phase 2” of the NASU process. The information provided in “Phase 1” will be enough. Our “course of action” is set. We will have no further dealings with the NASU effort – an endeavor that has proven to be a straining and divisive influence on the Unamended community. “*Mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned, and avoid them.*” (Rom. 16:17,18).

Sincerely,

The Brothers and Sisters of the Republic, Missouri Unamended Ecclesia.

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