

To the Christadelphian NASU Steering Committee:

The Members of the Worcester Christadelphian Ecclesia have given much prayer and thought to the subject of reunion, and can fully appreciate the benefits that could be enjoyed in a common fellowship. "Behold, how good and how pleasant *it is* For brethren to dwell together in unity!" (Psa. 133:1) is most certainly a situation to be desired, but only if there is true unity, not one that is bonded by tenuous language and fragile wording that leaves much unsaid. "But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy" (James 3:17)

Our Ecclesia after having carefully studied the NASU bridging document, find that we can neither endorse it nor participate in the voting process. Like the founding brethren of our Ecclesia in Worcester, we feel that we cannot compromise those things that have been so fundamental to our beliefs and as such, we choose to continue to break bread exclusively on the BUSF. All meetings held under the auspices of the Worcester Ecclesia are held in adherence to the BUSF. If that action causes us to exist in a minority fellowship, so be it, We are an autonomous Ecclesia and will continue to function as such.

We fear that the NASU will result in further division in the Brotherhood. It is our hope that inter-ecclesial activities (gatherings, Bible Schools, etc.) will continue as they have in the past as essential activities of fellowships whose members are in agreement with each other without the additional stress of accommodating others whose first principle beliefs are different than our own.

These last days offer a difficult enough challenge as we continue to struggle to maintain our individual lamp stands. It deeply saddens us here in Worcester to think of how the body will be affected by this process, realizing that only strife not unity will result. It is our earnest prayer that the matter will be resolved without causing further division in the Brotherhood.

The Worcester Ecclesia of Christadelphians

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Ecclesial Secretaries: Please share this letter with your members. Thank you.