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An open letter to the blending co-workers and to all the churches

We, the undersigned leading brothers of the churches in Northern California, affirm our full agreement with the recently released statement by the blending co-workers in the Lord's recovery entitled "A Warning to All the Saints and All the Churches in the Lord's Recovery Concerning Titus Chu and Those Who Promote and Disseminate His Divisive Teachings, Publications, Practices, and Views" (October 1, 2006). We believe that this action is the action of the Head, Christ, through His Body according to the admonition of the apostle Paul, "A factious man, after a first and second admonition, refuse, / Knowing that such a one is perverted and is sinning, though he is condemned by his own self" (Titus 3:10-11).

The teachings and publications of brother Titus Chu contain many false allegations which are divisive in their nature and intention. Specifically, we repudiate his allegations that the churches in Northern California, as part of the churches in the Lord's recovery: 1) are a part of a global organization headed by a group of blending co-workers; 2) that we are under the control of Living Stream Ministry as a headquarters; 3) that we are "ministry churches" as opposed to local churches; and 4) that we are forced into conformity or uniformity of any nature through our participation in the practices, conferences, trainings, and meetings of the churches in the Lord's recovery.

We affirm that we are standing together with the churches in the Lord's recovery in and for the oneness of the Body of Christ. In order to labor as one for the building up of the Body of Christ, 1) we are committed to the teachings of Watchman Nee and Witness Lee which we testify to be according to the teaching of the apostles of the New Testament ministry and which convey the economy of God contained in the Bible; 2) we stand in the common fellowship and blending of the genuine local churches in the Lord's recovery; 3) we recognize the leadership of the Lord's ministry carried out through a group of blending co-workers in coordination and fellowship with the local churches; 4) we labor for the building up of the local churches under a local administration committed to the functioning of every member according to the God-ordained way as revealed in the New Testament ministry; and, 5) we further affirm that the high peak truths released by Brother Lee during the latter part of his ministry are crucial and essential to the practice of the daily church life for the building up of the Body of Christ to consummate the New Jerusalem.

The term *quarantine* concerning Titus Chu and some of his co-workers as used in the statement "A Warning to All the Saints and All the Churches…" indicates that the teachings of this brother constitute an infectious "disease" which must be isolated in order to protect the whole body from becoming diseased—"a little leaven leavens the whole lump" (1 Cor. 5:6b). In some of the churches in Northern California, there have been instances in which the influence of the divisive teachings and dissenting views of Titus Chu have resulted in discontent, disaccord, and confusion among the saints. Therefore, we urge all the saints in the local churches to refuse to read any of these teachings in any format, to refrain from any contact with those who are promoting such dissenting views and practices, and further to maintain a strong standing with the ministry in the Lord's present recovery in a firm and faithful resolve that the Lord's recovery will go forward in one accord.

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