

AN OPEN LETTER FROM THE LEADING BROTHERS IN THE LOCAL CHURCHES IN
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TO ALL THE SAINTS IN THOSE CHURCHES

October 21, 2006

To the dear saints in all the local churches in Southern California:

Grace and peace be multiplied to you from our Lord Jesus Christ.

The undersigned brothers, all being leading brothers in the churches in Southern California, issue this letter to affirm our agreement with the entirety of 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). Along with the great majority of the local churches throughout the earth, we declare our oneness with the blending co-workers in their taking the grave action of quarantining Titus Chu and some of his co-workers because of their works of division in the Lord's recovery. We also wish to strengthen your faith and encourage your hearts in these days by underscoring certain matters that are covered in the blending co-workers' statement.

In response to the accusations made by Titus Chu and some of his co-workers, we, the churches in Southern California, (1) strongly deny that we are part of a global organization headed up by the blending co-workers simply because we appreciate and follow these co-workers who continue steadfastly in the New Testament ministry as embodied in the ministry of Brothers Watchman Nee and Witness Lee; (2) strongly deny that we are under the control of Living Stream Ministry as a headquarters simply because we support its work and benefit from its service; (3) strongly deny that we are "ministry churches" and not local churches simply because we adhere to the general ministry which has established and built up all the local churches in the Lord's recovery; (4) strongly deny that we are forced into the practice of conformity and uniformity simply because we regularly use printed materials like *Holy Word for Morning Revival* and participate in the seven annual "feasts" (international conferences and trainings); and (5) strongly deny that we are exclusive in our receiving of genuine believers in Christ into fellowship simply because we refuse to accept the deformed teachings and degraded practices of Christianity. All the accusations made by Titus Chu and his supporters are false and insulting and should be rejected by all of us.

We, the churches in Southern California, emphatically testify that (1) we receive fully the teachings of Watchman Nee and Witness Lee as the ministry of the age which conveys the vision of the age to all the Lord's children; (2) we seek and depend on the common fellowship of all the churches in the Body of Christ as genuine local churches that practice local administration, respect the boundary of locality, recognize the oneness of the Body, and hold Christ as the unique Head; (3) we accept the leadership of the blending co-workers in the New Testament ministry among us, because the co-workers, as a blended group in coordination and in harmony of fellowship, faithfully lead us by the healthy teaching of the apostles and of the New Testament ministry, which is according to God's economy; (4) we hold the high peak truths released by Brother Lee near the end of his life as experienceable in our daily lives and indispensable for the building up of the Body and the preparation of the bride; and (5) we endeavor to practice the God-ordained, scriptural way of gospel preaching and shepherding for the organic function, increase, and growth of the church as the Body of Christ.

In the years following our Brother Witness Lee's departure from us, Titus Chu sought to exert his influence in Southern California with the help of his local supporters who circulated books and audio tapes containing his messages among some of the Chinese-speaking saints. A number of the affected ones joined Titus Chu's training in Cleveland. Others, by receiving certain divisive teachings and dissenting views, became unhappy with the churches in Southern California to which they belonged. The activities of Titus Chu and his supporters, though they were not widespread and were halted when discovered, had the subtle effect of undermining the one accord within and among the churches and diminishing the saints' confidence in the present leading in the Lord's recovery. To date, there are still some in the churches in the Southern California area who spread the views and ways of Titus Chu. We therefore urge all the saints to beware of persons who promote the teachings and practices of Titus Chu and to cease contact with those who are contagious with the germs of dissension and division. We should all remember that a little leaven leavens the whole lump (1 Cor. 5:6). We urge all the saints not to read the writings published by Titus Chu and his supporters in either printed or electronic format (Web sites, e-mails, etc.). Such materials will inevitably infect an unsuspecting believer with spiritual disease and death. Finally, as stated in the aforementioned warning statement of the co-workers, we admonish the saints not to be neutral concerning the present divisive situation and to overcome all natural and personal affection when dealing with it.

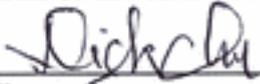
As overseers who have been entrusted with the care of God's flock, we intend to be vigilant over the churches in Southern California so that they will be kept away from sectarian activities of any sort. We pray that with the help of proper fellowship in the Body all the saints will have a clear view of the present situation and be able to face it with proper discernment. In relation to this, we also recommend three additional documents released by the co-workers along with their warning statement: "A Special Fellowship with the Saints in the Lord's Recovery Concerning Certain Letters from Twenty-one of the Blending Co-workers to Brother Titus Chu in 2005 and 2006"; "The Way to Deal with the Present Turmoil in the Lord's Recovery" (excerpts from the ministry of Witness Lee pertinent to the present situation in the Lord's recovery); and "Different Teachings and Dissenting Views of Titus Chu and Certain of His Co-workers." The four documents are posted at www.afaithfulword.com/statements/index.html. As always, we need to be steadfast and immovable for the testimony of the Lord's recovery and for the truths it upholds. We should be reminded that our warfare is not against blood and flesh but against the dark, spiritual forces of evil in the heavenlies, against whose stratagems we stand and whom we withstand, putting on the whole armor of God by means of all prayer (Eph. 6:10-18). We must also remember and trust in the fact that we are in the LORD'S recovery and that He, the faithful One, will sustain and protect it as the pupil of His eye (Zech. 2:8).

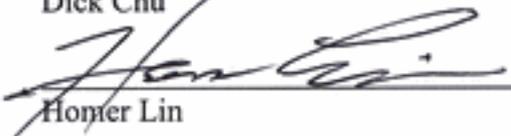
May the Lord preserve all the saints in His recovery in the genuine oneness of the Body of Christ, which is the oneness of the Triune God and the oneness of the Spirit (John 17:21-23; Eph. 4:3), for the preparation of the bride of Christ. In places where the damage caused by the present problem in the recovery is substantial, may He give light to the bewildered ones, resolve to the wavering ones, healing to the broken ones, and repentance to the dissenting ones. May He keep all the churches in Southern California and around the earth from any effects of division so that they can be built up in the peace of God (Acts 9:31).

We commit you all to God and to the word of His grace.

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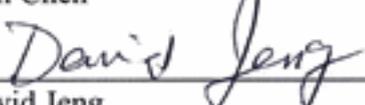

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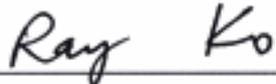

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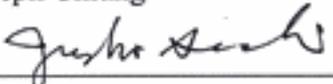

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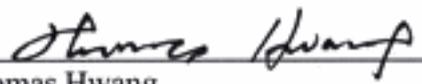
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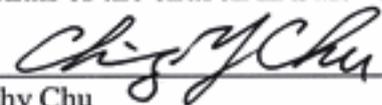

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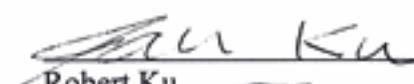

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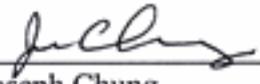

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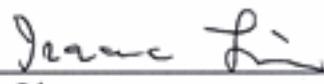

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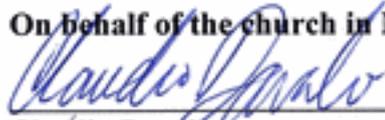
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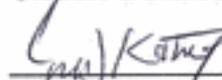
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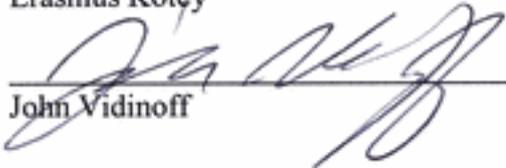
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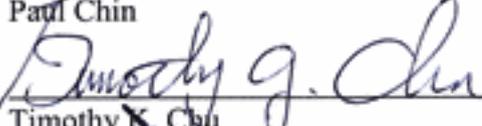
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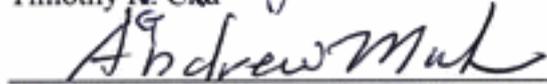
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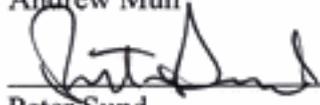
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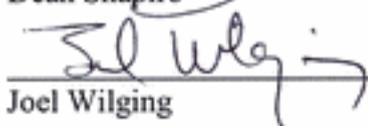
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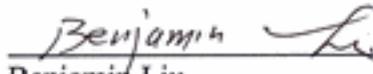


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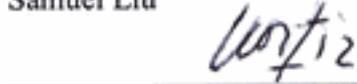
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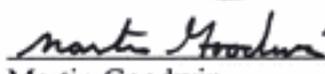


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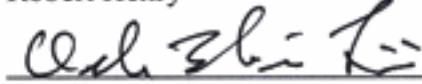
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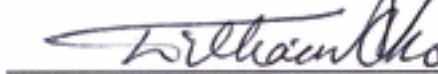


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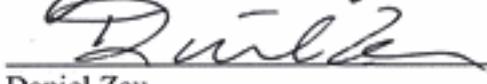
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