

February 1, 1993

To the Elders of the Church in Vancouver  
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Dear Brothers,

We, the elders and responsible brothers of the undersigned churches in Canada, are writing to you to express our very deep concern over your recent handling of certain situations that seriously affect the oneness of the Body of Christ and the carrying on of the Lord's Recovery in Canada and throughout the earth.

Specifically, we refer to your declared stand of not refusing to receive ones who have caused and continue to cause division in the Body of Christ, and to your participation in the activities of a divisive one.

Firstly, we refer to the fact that you did not refuse Joseph Fung to a Lord's table meeting in Vancouver. You have also participated in private meetings with this person.

Joseph Fung has been proven to be one who has damaged and is still damaging the Lord's Body by causing division. This was clearly made known to the local churches around the world, including Canada, by an open letter from 45 churches in California, dated May 15, 1990. Further letters of discipline have also been written and endorsed by the responsible brothers of all of the churches in Taiwan, dated September 22, 1992, and all of the churches in West Malaysia, dated December 26, 1992.

The churches who were represented in the California letter quarantined Joseph Fung and three other brothers. They did this for the reasons which were documented as follows:

"These four brothers 1) have denied the standing of the churches in the Lord's recovery; 2) have produced divisive meetings; 3) have attempted to draw saints away from the local churches to follow after themselves; and 4) have made unfounded and malicious attacks upon some leading brothers in the recovery and especially upon Brother Lee and his ministry."

The open letter from the churches in California is not only indicative of the stand of those churches, but also of the stand of the Body of Christ, which includes the churches in Canada, and the stand of many saints in the Church in Vancouver. Why brothers, would you oppose the stand that is for the maintaining of the oneness of the Body and the furtherance of the Lord's Recovery? We earnestly plead with you to reconsider your position in this matter for the sake of the Lord's recovery and the oneness of the Body of Christ. Why should we not quarantine

those who have spiritually torn down many dear saints and have brought in confusion and serious harm to many churches ? Isn't this a grave offence to the Lord and a tremendous damage to His Body and His churches ?

Secondly, we are shocked by Brother Chia's participation in the divisive activities of [REDACTED], who also is a brother under the discipline of the Body. By receiving this brother, by participating in his meetings, by encouraging the idea of his setting up a divisive meeting, and by ignoring and even deliberately acting against the fellowship of the elders of the affected churches in the greater Toronto area, there is now a grave offence to those churches and a damage to the oneness of the Body of Christ.


With respect to Joseph Fung and [REDACTED], you have clearly violated the teaching of the scriptures in Romans 16:17 and Titus 3:10. These verses are crucial for the Body of Christ to protect itself from the germs spread by division makers. However, in order to justify your position, you have taught differently from the New Testament and both brother Watchman Nee and brother Witness Lee regarding the meaning and use of these verses.

Brothers, we urgently appeal to you to have a turn back to the oneness of the Body and of the churches and of the leading brothers of the churches. We plead with you to have a change now so that we can all go on together in one Body. As your brothers who desire to be faithful to the Lord and His recovery, we ask you to see that your insistence to maintain your present position can only do further damage. We urge you to receive the fellowship of this letter and of the Body, to be one with the Body's feeling and decision.

Finally, in the interest of not prolonging the awkward situation caused by your stand and your actions, and of making the stand of the churches in Canada clear to the saints and the churches throughout the earth, we respectfully request that you respond to this letter as soon as possible. May the Lord have mercy on us for the sake of His heart's desire.

Your brothers in Christ,

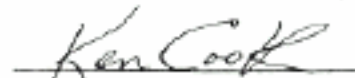
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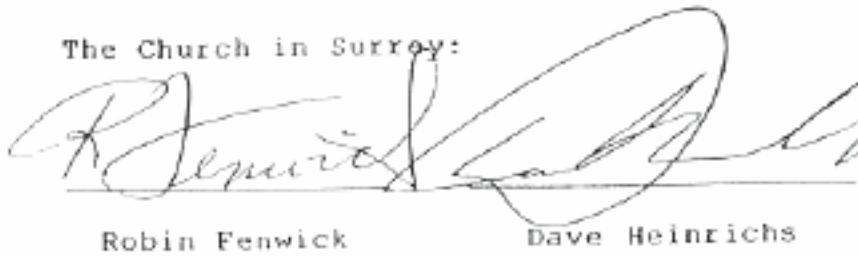
  
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