June 27, 2006

Dear Brother Titus:

We received your letter, dated October 2, 2005. In that letter you reiterated your suggestion for some of us brothers to meet with you and a few of your co-workers in person. We have delayed for some time in responding, for we brothers have had much fellowship and consideration about your request. Our past experience in having this kind of meeting with you makes it extremely difficult for us to expect that such a further time of fellowship will turn out to be profitable for the Lord's recovery and all the dear saints under our care. We brothers feel that we should tell you clearly what the many factors are that cause us great pause in having yet another time of fellowship with you.

- 1. Since Brother Lee went to be with the Lord, many of us have had special times of fellowship with you and some of your co-workers in person. Some of these meetings lasted for days. These times of fellowship have thus far led us nowhere, and sometimes they have even made the situation worse. It seems to us that after many of these times of fellowship, your claim that you are one with all the other co-workers simply gave you the boldness to speak and do things in a more unrestrained way, to the harm of the recovery.
- 2. We are very sorry to say it, but we have discovered that often your words to us in some of these times of face-to-face fellowship were false. We give as one example a time of fellowship among a dozen or so brothers in the summer of 2000 concerning the work in China. At that time you told us that although you had been to China many times, your trips were just for sightseeing and that you had never held any trainings or conferences there. You said that at most you had had only some informal fellowship with groups of no more than a dozen brothers. But afterwards we learned that in the spring of 1998 you conducted a nationwide training in Zhuhai of approximately sixty brothers, including many leading ones from all over China. This example and others like it have made us feel that you are not honest with us and that you will easily change the truth or hide facts from us.
- 3. After some of these times of fellowship, you did not keep promises that you gave to us while we were together. Again, we give as one example a time of fellowship in London in August 1998. In fellowship with the brothers at that time, you agreed that your tenmonth training in Cleveland being held that year would be your last one. But that was not your last training, and to this day you continue to hold these ten-month trainings in the Great Lakes area, contrary to what you agreed to do in fellowship with the brothers. Now many saints feel that your ten-month training is a source of rivalry with the training established by Brother Lee in Anaheim. This broken promise and others like it make us feel that you will not be faithful to your own word of promise and that you will easily say one thing in face-to-face fellowship but do something else afterwards.
- 4. On many occasions you have accused the other co-workers of trying to persuade the churches to close their doors to you and not to invite you to minister to them. However, it has come to our attention that in many cases it was your own unbecoming speaking and

actions in various localities that made the churches there decide not to invite you back. To accuse the brothers of things that your own actions have caused indicates that you do not realize what damage you are causing among the churches and that you hold the other brothers at fault for how the churches view you. This makes us feel that you will easily dismiss what concrete concerns we have for the churches as unwarranted persecution of you personally.

- 5. In your letter of October 2, 2005, you said, "We are co-workers." For us that means that we are co-workers according to the vision and pattern of work that we received from Brother Lee, who brought us into the work of the Lord's recovery as co-workers. We co-workers do not feel to depart in any way from that vision and pattern of work; rather, we receive Brother Lee's ministry entirely. However, you have been selective in your acceptance of Brother Lee's ministry, and on some matters you have even spoken contrary to this ministry. For example, your disagreement with the matter of one publication in the Lord's recovery, which both Brother Nee and Brother Lee practiced and which Brother Lee taught definitely, has made clear to us that you wish to take a different way in the work. This example and many others like it make it manifest to us that while we all may be workers, we are not in practicality, and thus in reality, co-workers, and that your basis for fellowship with us has changed.
- 6. You say, "We are co-workers." But how are we genuinely co-workers when you insist on conducting a work that distracts many saints from the one work in the Lord's recovery? Specifically, while all the recovery respects the seven annual gatherings which our Brother Lee himself encouraged us all to pursue, you have no hesitation in holding different gatherings at the same time and to promote different burdens in your speaking during these times. Last November, while we were having the annual Thanksgiving conference in Atlanta, and saints throughout the earth participated either in person or via Webcast, you held your own conference at exactly the same time in Naperville, Illinois. Then, last December you conducted a training of your own, and so timed its conclusion as to make it impractical for your "trainees" to attend the winter training, again one of the seven annual gatherings that are respected by all the recovery. This past January you conducted a conference in Columbus at the same time that the international Chinesespeaking conference was being held in Taipei. Are we really co-workers in the same work? Your actions indicate that you are doing your own work to deliberately draw the saints away from the one work in the recovery, and we feel that since this is your practice, there is little ground for us to fellowship genuinely as co-workers in the one recovery.
- 7. You tell others that you served with Brother Lee closely for many years, but we who also served with Brother Lee for many years know that you were not as close in your service with him as you lead others to believe. Further, Brother Lee himself warned groups of us at different times over a period of many years about your work, and we take his warnings most seriously. We offer these examples of Brother Lee's warnings about your work, which various groups of us heard from him over the years:

- In May 1986 Brother Lee pointed out to a few leading brothers in Taipei that "the work of Titus Chu is not the work of the Lord's recovery at all, because," he said, "his work is to put people into his own pocket."
- Because of the situation related to your work, Brother Lee said the following in August 1995 to a group of co-workers in Southern California: "What Titus has done is to build up a division."
- In a meeting with a group of co-workers from Taiwan in July 1996, Brother Lee warned a number of the co-workers not to follow you and not to work according to your way. In this meeting he said, "What kind of work does Titus Chu do? In the work in the United States he gives people a bad impression. The work he does is an individualistic work, without fellowship." Then, Brother Lee pointedly told a number of these co-workers, "If I were you, I would definitely not follow Titus Chu. You simply cannot follow him! For so many years I tried to help you many times, yet you are still following him. Only the blind would follow him!"

As Brother Lee's co-workers and ones who view him as our spiritual father, we feel that we must follow his warnings about your work. Further, we feel that if you were indeed Brother Lee's close co-worker, as you claim, you should have been the first to take his admonition regarding your work and to accept his very grave assessments of it. We know that Brother Lee tried for many years to help you, but as it was then, so it is now to no avail. Because you have remained unaffected in your work even by Brother Lee's own personal shepherding, we wonder how we, his co-workers, could possibly hope to persuade you to have a change in your way to work.

Because of this we can agree to have a further time of fellowship only if you are willing to have a genuine, substantive, and open change in the matters we have brought up above and in many times of fellowship we have had with you in the past. Brother Titus, the serious warnings from Brother Lee have been manifested increasingly in your work since our brother went to be with the Lord nearly nine years ago. Your work has been a work within, and not according to, the unique work of the Lord's recovery, which is the work of the ministry to build up the entire Body of Christ. In many places where you have gone to work, the result has been turmoil and discord, because you have made yourself an issue and a factor of division.

As stated in our previous letter to you, we have no intention to ostracize you or anyone else. However, we pray and sincerely hope that you will bring our fellowship to the Lord and that He would grant you the gift of repentance to turn from your divisive work. Our fellowship with you in person will be profitable only when your actions match your words and when we see the genuine fruits of repentance (Luke 3:8).

We continue to pray for you among ourselves, Brother Titus.

In Christ,

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