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

We carefully read in its entirety and with much prayer 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" (Oct. 1, 2006).

As we are relatively new (less than ten years) and geographically isolated in the far Northwest corner of California, and therefore largely unknown to the churches which are in Christ, it seemed good to us, both for our own sake ("take heed to yourselves") and for the sake of all the churches ("and to all the flock", Acts 20:28) to make our standing, position, and resolute conviction regarding the one Body, the one ministry, the one publication work, and the blending co-workers clear, and known to all.

Therefore, desiring to stand with one accord and in one spirit with all the churches, and not desiring to seem neutral in this matter, we offer this testimony:

I. *Regarding the one Body*: Seeing that the one Lord, who is the one Head, has only one Body, and also seeing that to divide this one Body for any reason is the most egregious of offenses against our precious Lord, we do hereby refuse any person or any publication that would seek to divide the Body, either overtly or covertly, for any reason, and must consider them according to Romans 16:17 as divisive ones.

II. *Regarding the one Ministry*: Seeing that the masterpiece of God, which is the one new man, has only one mouth, and can receive only one food, it follows that there must be, and can only be, one ministry to serve the unsearchable riches of Christ to constitute and build up the one Body of Christ. We cannot therefore receive any ministry or ministries that are not in absolute harmony; absolute oneness, and one accord, with the one ministry of the New Testament, as received by us from Watchman Nee, Witness Lee, and now being served to us by the blending co-workers.

III. *Regarding the one Publication Work*: Seeing that God only has, and has only ever had one speaking, it follows that there can and must only be one publication work to trumpet the current, up-to-date speaking of the one God. Those of us who have presented ourselves to the Lord and have had our ear bored through with an awl, wish to hear no uncertain sound, but only that which the Spirit is saying to the churches. Therefore we

strongly agree with the practice of having only one publication work in the Lord's ministry, as taught and practiced in the recovery for the past eight decades.

IV. Regarding the blending co-workers: The fellowship and labor over the years by several blended co-workers has been vital in establishing the church in Crescent City, beginning with brothers Sterling Byassee, Gary Kaiser, and Paul Hon in the early 1990's, and, continuing with semi-annual visits, shepherding, and tender oversight by brother Paul Hon. Additionally, over the years several co-working brothers have traveled through here to blend with and strengthen the church in Crescent City, including Sterling Byassee, Jake Jakobson, and Bob Danker. These blending brothers have been indispensable in helping us to regard and appreciate Watchman Nee and Witness Lee as the unique ministers of the age with the unique ministry of the age. They have also helped us to see and appreciate the blending co-workers as the organic continuation of this ministry. Through the seven annual feasts and in particular through the supply of the Holy Word for Morning Revival (HWMR), we have not only been betrothed to Christ as our dear Husband, but are being richly supplied and knit together by means of the joints and sinews, and are growing with the growth of God. We are deeply grateful to the blending co-workers for their labor in serving the unsearchable riches of Christ to all the churches for the building up of the organic Body of Christ.

Although no one here has ever met Titus Chu or any of his co-workers, nor has anyone read any of his publications or those associated with him, we cannot help but feel the pain, confusion, and bewilderment brought into the Body by this present turmoil, as we are not only holding the Head, Christ, but are in an organic union with all the saints in all the churches.

Therefore, we, the serving brothers in Crescent City, would like to affirm our agreement with the entirety of the recently released statement by the blending co-workers on October 1, 2006 mentioned above.

We would also like to declare our desire to be preserved in, and to diligently keep the genuine oneness of the Body of Christ, which is the oneness of the Triune God and the oneness of the Spirit, for the preparation of the bride of Christ. Amen

Grace be with all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ in incorruptibility,

. Fred B Northrup