

April 21, 2006

Dear Brethren,

The undersigned felt we should clearly convey our feelings and conclusions resulting from the NASU process. In order to carry out all things decently and in order, it is important to understand each other fully and clearly. To that end, this letter conveys our conclusions.

We believe God has richly blessed our work together, enabling us to establish through extensive joint discussions with open Bibles, that we share the Scriptural principles of the One Gospel as conveniently recorded in the NASU. The resulting fact that we are your brethren in Christ, has been joyfully and repeatedly acknowledged by Central and Unamended brethren alike.

By grace, those in fellowship with the Father and our Lord Jesus through the One Gospel are united in fellowship with each other (1 John 1:3). Unity has now been achieved. We are united in our walk, united in purpose, and united in the One Gospel. We know of no other scriptural criteria to unity and fellowship than these. Accordingly, we do not recognize or acknowledge any barrier to full fellowship between us, including breaking bread together. Nor do we know of any scripture that indicates acceptance of a wall of division between brethren of Christ who walk together and share the One Gospel.

We understand the concerns some brethren have about potential "fellowship policy" issues should this recognition of true scriptural fellowship become mutually acknowledged. As Christadelphians, all aspects of our walk in Christ have been, are, and will continue to be based on principle, as taught by our Lord and his apostles. In this regard, we extend to you our assurance that we agree to honourably and respectfully submit to the application of any of the iterations of the accompanying mutually drafted principles of fellowship. In addition, we make the following statement.

"The ecclesias listed below formally declare that our belief, teaching and fellowship practice are based on the scriptural principles of the One Faith, as summarized in the October 2003 NASU. By way of assurance to our Amended brethren, we reject the assertion that God cannot or definitely will not raise to judgment those outside covenant relationship, and we will not tolerate such teaching in our ecclesias".

This is our open invitation and plea to you - our fellow brethren in the One Gospel for whom Christ died. Please accept our fellowship at the Lord's table, walk with us in faith and courage, and cease to recognize any division that has no application to brethren of like mind who share the One Gospel.

We request your response (at a time convenient to you) and we pray that this acceptance of fellowship will be mutual, so that we might move forward productively together and leave the memory of this tragic division behind.

Your Brethren in the One Hope

The Arranging Brethren of the following Ecclesias: Bloomington Ill., Chicago Ill., Guelph Ont., Picton Ont., Marion Ill., Ossington Ave. Ont., Rockford Ill.