

**AN OPEN LETTER OF FELLOWSHIP
TO THE SIGNATORIES OF A WARNING LETTER
CONCERNING
“TITUS CHU AND THOSE WHO PROMOTE AND DISSEMINATE
HIS DIVISIVE TEACHINGS, PUBLICATIONS, PRACTICES, AND VIEWS”**

October 24, 2006

We are very saddened after reading, with much prayer, your warning letter dated October 1, 2006.

We marvel that you have so quickly come to the conclusion that Titus Chu and the so-called “those who promote and disseminate his divisive teachings, publications, practices, and view” are divisive and therefore deserve to be quarantined. We believe that you have taken an unwarranted and totally inappropriate action (of quarantine). Furthermore, we are concerned that your unnecessary and reckless action will lead to some very grave consequences—unintended or otherwise. Surely we all realize that such an erroneous judgment is not inconsequential. According to our estimation, you have made a judgment that will likely mar the Lord’s testimony on the earth as you have also called for “all the saints and all the churches in the Lord’s recovery” to join you in this quarantine action. We are therefore forced to write this open letter on behalf of the church in Cincinnati and the saints in Mason whom we care for.

Please allow us to fellowship with you a few reasons why we feel this way:

- 1) We believe that a genuine and proper local church should not practice **restricting** the saints to the reading of the writings of Watchman Nee and Witness Lee **exclusively**. Such a requirement is not an essential element of our common faith. It will only denominate us within the Body of Christ. Instead of building up the Body of Christ, this very restriction divides the Body. We also believe that a genuine and proper local church should not accept the unscriptural teaching that the ministries of these two servants of the Lord are **equal to** the New Testament ministry. The latter is unique as it is the unique ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ. The former are only a part of the latter, and should never compete with nor replace the latter. If God so desires, He could always raise up more servants as His ministers to contribute, each in part, to His unique ministry, as He has done in the past. This is why, as both Watchman Nee and Witness Lee testified, they stood on the shoulders of the Lord’s servants before them. However, we observe that even as recent as in your warning letter you still spoke of the “ministry of Watchman Nee and Witness Lee, which is the New Testament ministry”. We feel that this has been the cause for you brothers to separate yourselves from those who do not hold such a view, as has been demonstrated over and over again.
- 2) We feel that we cannot go along with any decision that is not based on facts.
 - a. We are aggrieved to find that your accusations about Titus and the so-called “those who actively promote and defend his ministry”—altogether eight accusations were presented in your warning letter—are unsubstantiated. Since these accusations, to the best of our knowledge, were either false or twisted, we

believe that they are baseless. Moreover, they may have the effect of deceiving the hearts of the simple.

- b. We do not find as factual that Titus and the so-called “those” saints were separating themselves from the ministries of Watchman Nee and Witness Lee. On the contrary, our conscience can testify that Titus and “those” saints have in fact been faithful to the ministries of these two brothers, especially with respect to their central line and intrinsic elements. For example, time and again Titus reminds us to focus on the all-inclusive Christ, who is the centrality and universality of God’s economy, and to experience Him as our everything unto the building up of His Body through the bulding up of the local churches, as emphasized by both Watchman Nee and Witness Lee. In contrast we find some of you brothers to be very mixed in your speakings—on the one hand, your speakings are based on the ministries of these two brothers; on the other hand, you emphasize matters that are not at all central and essential according to our two brothers’ ministries. Just to name a few examples, some of you brothers promote: (a) the policy of one publication as the trumpet for the oneness of the Body, (b) the teaching of the “seven feasts” as the only seven gatherings for the one universal organic Body of Christ, (c) the measuring of whether or not one is in the flow of the Lord’s recovery based on whether or not one is using morning revival books. On some occasions we brothers feel that your speakings may actually lead the saints in the Lord’s recovery away from the central line and focus of the New Testament ministry that our two dear brothers were always endeavoring to bring us into.
- 3) We feel that by writing the warning letter you have rejected the scriptural way of having proper and adequate and thorough fellowship among all parties concerned.
 - a. We believe that the Acts 15 kind of fellowship is the scriptural way to arrive at a solution. It involves all the parties concerned so as to facilitate a proper and adequate and thorough fellowship. Hence, together with a good number of brothers from the Great Lakes area, we wrote three letters over the past 16 months to around twenty of you brothers to request for this Acts 15-type fellowship. But you brothers brushed aside our requests by saying, “The true Acts 15 conference that you requested **had already taken place** over a period of many months in meetings of the co-workers from all parts of the earth” (your unsigned letter dated Dec. 6, 2005). We are puzzled how a “true Acts 15 conference” could have taken place without the presence of the brothers from the Great Lakes area. Moreover, you said that you were only open to another kind of fellowship, one that excludes Titus. Specifically you said, “We realize that some of you have not had adequate opportunity to fellowship in spite of the history recorded in this letter. We are open to consider a time or times of fellowship with you. However, we feel that any such fellowship **should not be complicated by the presence of Titus and by the unresolved issues that we have with him, which we are pursuing separately.**” We have to disagree with this kind of exclusive fellowship. Since Titus was made “the issue”, he should all the more be involved. Only then could we have a meaningful and true Acts 15 fellowship. However, your warning letter shows that you brothers have simply rejected our requests and gone ahead to judge Titus in absentia.
 - b. We are aware that brother Titus has recently written a response letter to you. We notice that in that letter Titus has raised several critical issues that are relevant

to all the local churches (note: we are not referring to his explanations that addressed specifically your written accusations). But hitherto you have not responded to those questions yet you have issued your warning to all the churches (and all the saints). How do you then expect the local churches to make a meaningful decision before the Lord concerning your quarantine warning, unless you simply want them to follow your call blindly? Furthermore, how could you ever have pursued “separately” a proper and adequate and thorough fellowship with Titus if you have not responded to his concerns? Therefore, you have only demonstrated to us that you had predetermined to judge Titus and purge him.

In view of the above, we cannot but come to the conclusion that we should not take heed to your unwarranted and baseless warning. In addition, since you have not been forthright with your explanations, we are very concerned that it may turn out to be you—and not Titus or some of his coworkers—who are doing the work of division. Therefore we humbly beg you to “put off the lie... [and] speak truth each one with his neighbor, for we are members one of another” (Eph. 4:25).

We also appeal to you not to make issue with our saints over these matters that are concerned with *men and books*, nor to condone those saints who would do so (be it on your behalf or not), for such matters will only bring in negative elements that are totally unprofitable to the church here.

Finally, our stand is to hold the Bible as our unique constitution. It is our earnest desire to practice both our individual Christian life and our corporate church life according to what is revealed in the Bible. Some of the crucial items are: (1) we will continue steadfastly in the teaching and fellowship of the apostles, for this is revealed in the Bible; (2) we will continue to embrace the ministries of brothers Watchman Nee and Witness Lee, for they help us to know the Bible and to experience, enjoy, love, and treasure it; (3) we will continue to receive the genuine and proper ministers of God, including brother Titus Chu, for God has given them to us for our perfecting unto the work of the ministry, unto the building up of the Body of Christ; (4) we will continue to receive believers according to God and Christ (not according to man-made policies nor human traditions nor any such thing), for this is taught in the Bible; (5) we will continue to be in the true fellowship of the Son of God with any believer or any church that desires the same so that we can co-work with our Lord Jesus for the building up of the local churches throughout the earth unto the building up of the Body of Christ.

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