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Chairman's Address: Chairman of the M.I.A.L.C. at Dayton, MN

Coon Rapids, MN 55448

Church Address: Minneapolis Independent Apostolic Lutheran Church 14000 129th Avenue North Dayton, MN 55422

cc: Trustees:

Dear Chairman

God's greetings!

I deeply appreciate the loving kindness and genuine efforts from you and the others during our meeting on March 11, 2020 regarding my request of October 31, 2019. However, discussing it in general terms while prohibiting any specifics seemed to eliminate any chance of reaching any consensus of understanding.

If I was in error on any specific points of my request, I had hoped that I would receive an objective correction from Scripture for which to repent and make amends. Instead, the assertions that have been offered to-date were subjective and shifted from "too much use of the Word instead of the Spirit" to "a lack of trust in God." Sadly, the meeting (though well intended) seemed to accomplish very little.

I want to verify that I accurately understand the deposition of my request as collectively expressed in the meeting. The key conclusions, as I understand them, are:

- 1. Church leadership will not be providing a formal written response to my request.
- 2. Church leadership will not be addressing any of the issues identified in my request.

If my understanding is incorrect, please let me know.

Lacking a concise response regarding the specific issues in my request, I have struggled to piece together and interpret your collective verbal responses into a coherent message. The best that I have been able to deduce and summarize to-date are these key primary points:

- 1. Believers must be discouraged from identifying or correcting errors, regardless of what Scripture says or what history has taught -- especially if the errors are pervasive.
- 2. Errors leading to false doctrines and heresies within the church are acceptable, so long as they are ignored and contribute to sustained harmony within the congregation and maintain recent traditions.

If I have interpreted your collective verbal messages accurately, then they are very disturbing and distressing.

I pray that God will keep you all in His love, and trust that through the Word He will reveal the seriousness of the issues and they are corrected before they cause irreversible damage to the church body, according to His will. If there is some way you think that I might assist, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time.

In the spirit of transparency (per essay "*Be Zealous And Repent*" 2.3.b) I am assembling a private blog so that those curious about these issues may read them directly and draw their own conclusions. I would be delighted to include any documentation or statement you would like to provide that clearly represents the position of church leadership in these matters. If you would like to contribute information, please provide it before May 1, 2020.

In God's peace and love,

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