

FROM: Elders, Church in Toronto

TO: The Members of the Church in Toronto

REGARDING: The Establishing of a "LIVING STREAM MINISTRY CHURCH" in Toronto, Canada

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

You may have read or received an invitation purporting to come from "The Church in Toronto" (from the Email address: thechurchintoronto@gmail.com) inviting you to a series meetings this coming weekend (April 14-15) at the RAMADA HOTEL—Toronto Don Valley. That invitation (posted on lastadam.com) bears the names of David Wang & Ron MacVicar, brothers who until recently met with us. These two brothers have now publicly declared their separation and disassociation from the church in Toronto [see their "Declaration & Clarification."]

We want you to be crystal clear that, despite their deceptive self-designation as "The Church in Toronto," [the gathering at the RAMADA Hotel this weekend aims to establish a new "LIVING STREAM MINISTRY \(LSM\) CHURCH" here in Toronto, Canada](#). The group led by Brothers Wang & MacVicar purports to "*practice the church life according to the teaching and fellowship of the apostles*." However, in actuality they intend to practice according to the teaching and fellowship of LSM's "blended brothers". The apostles' teaching is the entire New Testament. The "blended brothers' teaching," however, goes beyond the apostles' teaching in the New Testament. They have *extra-biblical* teachings. While Bros. Wang & MacVicar "*declare that [theirs] is an oneness locally with all the believers*," in fact they are united only with those believers who endorse the extra-biblical teachings of LSM's "blended brothers." Although they proclaim their "*oneness with all the local churches*," in reality their unity is limited to a worldwide federation of local churches subjugated to LSM's "blended co-workers."

The LIVING STREAM MINISTRY Church currently being established in Toronto (with Bros. Wang & MacVicar as local leaders) does stand upon a certain "ground of oneness"—oneness based upon endorsing the extra-biblical teachings of LSM's "blended brothers" including:

- "One Publication"—"*All the saints and all the churches everywhere should be restricted in one publication*" i.e. LSM materials
- "One Minister of the Age"—In each era there is only one unique "Minister of the Age," most recently Bro. Witness Lee
- "One wise Master Builder, the acting God"—In each era there is "*one wise master builder who is the acting God*" supervising God's worldwide work, most recently Bro. W. Lee
- "Apostolic Continuation"—There is a unique continuation of the "Minister of the Age" & "Master builder." Successive "Ministers of the Age" are "Brother Nee, Brother Lee and Brother 'We'." (i.e. LSM's "blended brothers")
- One Global Company of Workers—All workers worldwide should serve together as one company under the master builder's supervision i.e. under LSM's "blended co-workers"

- God's One Work—Only the "One Work" directed by LSM's "blended co-workers" is acknowledged as God's work—"We recognize that other Christians are working, but they are not working the work of God." (B. Phillips)
- Workers who resist subjugation to the "blended co-workers'" "One Work" and LSM's "One Publication" (e.g. Titus Chu, Nigel Tomes) will be "quarantined."
- "*The Body equals the Lord's recovery*" i.e. only those believers meeting practically in the local churches are acknowledged as Christ's Body. "*When a brother leaves the church life...he is no longer a part of the Body.*" (B. Phillips)
- The "feeling of the Body" resides (in a special sense) with LSM's "blended co-workers." Their actions are portrayed as the Body's acts—e.g. "*Titus Chu...has been quarantined by the Body.*"

Those gathering this weekend at the RAMADA hotel as the "LSM-Church in Toronto" endorse these teachings and also practice according to the leading of LSM's "blended co-workers." Practices currently being promoted by LSM's "blended brothers" include:

- attending LSM's "7 annual feasts" (including LSM-trainings @ US\$150 per person)
- watching LSM "web-casts" (by paid subscription)
- reviewing LSM's "blended co-workers'" messages
- supporting LSM-affiliates--Bibles for America, Lord's Move in Europe, etc.
- practicing PSRP—memorizing, reciting & "prophesying" (based on LSM outlines, HWMR etc.)
- The use of law suits against fellow-Christians (contrary to 1 Cor. 6) E.g. LSM's litigation against Harvest House publishers. LSM-groups in Toronto, Canada and Columbus & Mansfield, OH have also resorted to the law courts
- Contributing to LSM projects (e.g. LSM-supporters elsewhere were directed to contribute US\$400 per-head to fund the US\$12 Million construction of LSM's new 5,000 seat teleconferencing center in Anaheim, CA.)

A "Living Stream Ministry-Church" OR a genuine local church?

Despite their devious misrepresentation as "The church in Toronto," Bros. Wang & MacVicar are intent on establishing a "LIVING STREAM MINISTRY Church" in Toronto as part of a worldwide federation of LSM "ministry churches."

If you fully endorse the particular teachings of LSM's "blended brothers" and wish to closely follow their teachings and implement LSM's practices, perhaps you should consider joining the "Living Stream Ministry Church" (led by Bros. Wang & MacVicar) being established this weekend in Toronto through meetings at the RAMADA Hotel.

However, if you wish to continue standing with us as a genuine local church here in Toronto, with "*administration local, each answering to the Lord,*" open to receive all believers, taking the Bible as our unique standard, benefiting from the riches of Watchman Nee and Witness Lee's ministries, receiving ministries which profit the church and fellowshiping with other genuine local churches both nearby and further away, we encourage you to continue meeting with us as the church in Toronto.

Nigel Tomes on behalf of Toronto's Elders, April 12, 2007