

An Open Letter from Lorain, Ohio

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A document has been recently published by “the blending co-workers in the Lord’s recovery” that calls upon the saints and the churches to join with them in a quarantine of Titus Chu and “those who promote and disseminate his divisive teaching, publications, practices and views”.

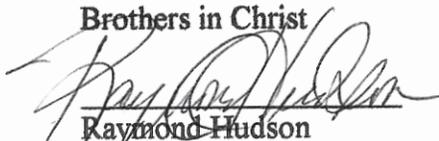
After a careful reading of this letter it seemed clear to us that the authors are attempting to force a decision, for in it they write (in addition to what is threatened above) “being neutral out of a good heart in this matter...damages the Body of Christ.” We do not agree that failure to side with the writers in this matter damages the Body, yet we do feel to respond according to what we have seen to be the truth of the Bible and what we know from our own experience.

As the local elders, we wish to state that we cannot agree with any claim that brother Titus’ labor, views, ministry, teaching, or practices have brought about any division or damage to the saints in the locality in which we serve. Instead, in all the years we have known our brother, he has encouraged us to love and follow the Lord, to love all the believers, to love all the churches, and to appreciate the ministries of Watchman Nee and Witness Lee as being precious from the Lord for His work on the earth.

We would also like to go on record as strongly protesting any attempt to quarantine anyone unless it can be shown that the person in question teaches differently regarding the essential truths of the faith as revealed in the Bible, maintains blatant immorality, or actively promotes division among the saints. We are unable to find any such charge that stands up to examination in this letter, and we have witnessed no such thing ourselves in the life, labor or teaching of Titus Chu.

We will continue to read and disseminate any material in our locality that is helpful for the growth of the saints, whether it is of the ministry of Witness Lee, Watchman Nee, Titus Chu, or any we feel to be of benefit to the saints for the building up of the Body of Christ.

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