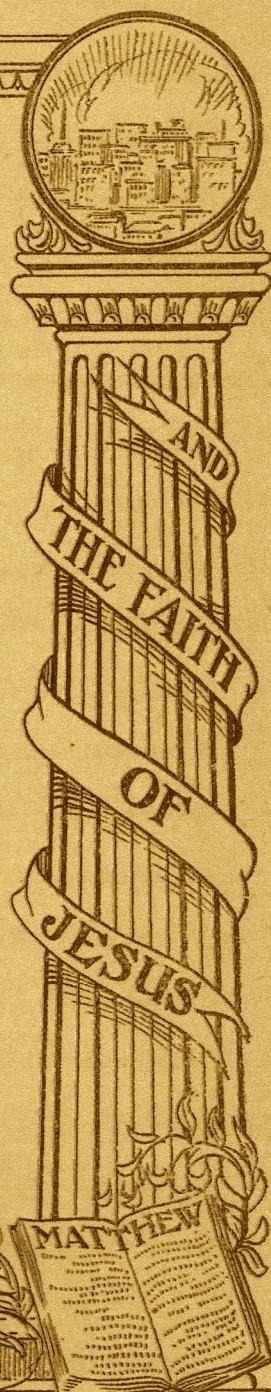


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Dear Brethren,

This is an official letter to answer many questions and concerns that have come our way. General Assembly of Free Seventh Day Adventists(GAFSDA)has been molested (to annoy, disturb, or persecute esp. with hostile intent or injurious effects) by many brethren within and without the organization. GAFSDA have tried for years to work out our differences by following the steps in Matthew 18:15-18. GAFSDA no longer can sit back and allow deception to continue unchallenged; the facts must be made known at this time.

First, Pastor Patrick Herbert of the Berean Church of Free Seventh Day Adventists/International Association of Free Seventh Day Adventists in Norcross Georgia is not a part and has never been a part of this organization. He revived the charter of the California Berean Church of Free Seventh Day Adventists in 2007. A business entity can be revived or changed only if permission was granted by a member of the board of trustees. A person must be owner, power of attorney(POA), representative, member, or other to exercise authority to make such changes. Pastor Patrick Herbert and his group are neither. The articles of incorporation at the Secretary of State in California was reinstated to the GAFSDA; however, two additional subsequent changes have been made by Pastor Patrick Herbert and the group that he represents. August 15th 2016, his wife, Diane Herbert, represented herself as director of the Berean Church of Free Seventh Day Adventists; Pastor Patrick Herbert, is listed as the chief executive officer(CEO), Lottie Walker(secretary), and Kurt Walters chief financial officer(CFO). For nine years GAFSDA have tried to reason with these brethren with no avail. His website is freesda.org and his Facebook page The General Assembly of Free Seventh Day Adventists both reference Norcross, Georgia.

Secondly, Pastor Eric Betts ministry in Tuscumbia, Alabama Emmanuel Free Seventh Day Adventists is no longer a member of GAFSDA, he resigned April 21, 2015. In 2014 he revived the New York charter which is also General Assembly of Free Seventh Day Adventists and formed General Assembly of Free Seventh Day Adventists as a foreign entity May 4, 2015 in Montgomery, Alabama in order to do business in Tuscumbia, Alabama as Emmanuel Free Seventh Day Adventists. Both corporations are listed as General Assembly of Free Seventh Day Adventists; this is very misleading to church members and potential members. GAFSDA asked Pastor Eric Betts to remove all of the misleading internet sites, that references the two corporations that he formed. It appeared that he had complied with the request; however, we discovered one of the entities were still operational. The website that he operates www.freesda.weebly.com and the Facebook page associated with the same name is not an official

GAFSDA site. Birmingham, Alabama is listed as his headquarters with the address of Kingdom Growth Church as the physical address, Pastor Richard Harris presides.

Thirdly, Pastor Richard Harris is no longer a member of GAFSDA, he was removed from this organization on June 15, 2016. Pastor Richard Harris and Pastor Eric Betts appear to be working together in the newly formed organization that is not a part of GAFSDA. Pastor Richard Harris was asked to remove his church as headquarters of the GAFSDA from any website and any other legal reference as headquarters. GAFSDA sent a certified letter to him pertaining to this same request to remove all references of above said statements; however, Pastor Harris chose not to receive the certified letter.

Fourth, Pastor Charles Mills resides in St. Lucia, Florida, he and his church His Vine Free Seventh Day Adventist Church, was a member of GAFSDA for a short time. He became a member January 6, 2016 and he was removed July 17, 2016. He is working with Pastor Eric Betts as well. His website: www.hisvinefreesdachurch.org is not an official part of the GAFSDA.

In summary, it is sad to admit that Pastor Patrick Herbert mislead Sister Janice Watkins in signing a form and he used her signature to revive the corporate 1916 charter. She did not understand his full intentions and stated "...I'm finding out later from other people how this is all coming down and Kurt knows that I did not understand and you were very evasive...Kurt said I will call an explain. I have not heard from him since." During Pastor Eric Betts administration as Field Secretary several decisions were made by him that showed they were not for the best interest of the GAFSDA. The 2014 revival of corporate documents which were not discovered at that time, but were done while Sister Watkins was alive have continued to cause much misconceptions and confusion within and without GAFSDA. Pastor Eric Betts and Pastor Richard Harris called her "Mother Watkins"; however, their actions were not honoring to her as a mother figure. Such deceptions must be accounted for. She was a faithful servant to God and to the GAFSDA movement since the 1960's. She was deeply grieved by the actions of Pastor Patrick Herbert; although, she made her peace with God pertaining to the treatment received by Pastor Patrick Herbert. God knows how much we can bear perhaps this is why he laid her to sleep before all of the full revelation of the other misleading actions were made known. God laid her to rest on Sunday, May 24, 2015.

Identity theft? What's wrong with people using the name General Assembly of Free Seventh Day Adventists and its history. What's wrong with identify theft, if permission is not granted for the use of this name by its rightful owner it is identity thief. It is covetousness and thievery to take what rightfully belong to someone else and portray it as your own. It is a crime to state that you are a part of an organization when in fact you are not; this, only to be able to operate as that very organization. A crime has been committed when this takes place and according to historical evidence a crime has been committed. Identity theft is fraud and perjury in the states of California and New York.

Final summary, to all the brothers and sisters in Christ, who are awaiting His appearance and know that we are considered as brothers by the love we show. Please judge for yourselves, whether our actions have demonstrated love for these erring brothers and given ample time for restitution. Nine years have passed and much of the same actions are shown. Sister Watkins herself said in a meeting in November 6th, 2011, that deception was practiced on her and she desired that that wrong be made right. God's blessing will attend to everyone that will execute reconciliation to avoid the judgements of God upon them. She said in her own words "I don't know when this will be my last time...it's timeout for playing church... lets be real."

The sad history of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram, who led ancient Israel into rebellion, is recorded as a warning to the people of God until the close of time. "Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents. Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer. Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples, and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come."

We learn from the sacred word that the people of God are still in danger from the devices of their archenemy. Satan stands ready to aim his shafts at the unguarded soul, and he will lead astray all who will give heed to his deceptions. Many who imagine that they have a sincere zeal for the honor of God, have permitted Satan to control their minds, and are accomplishing his purposes. Few understand the terrible power of prejudice, of envy and jealousy, when once they take possession of the soul. The congregation of Israel had seen the earth open and the leaders in rebellion go down into its depths. Here the Lord gave his people an opportunity to see and to feel the sinfulness of their course. He gave the deceived ones overwhelming evidence that they were wrong, and that his servant Moses was right, and they should have been led to heartfelt repentance and confession. But reason and judgment had become perverted. All the congregation were, to a greater or less degree, affected with the prevailing jealousy, surmisings, and hatred, against Moses, which had brought the displeasure of the Lord in a fearfully marked manner upon them. Yet our gracious God shows himself a God of justice and mercy. He made a distinction between the instigators—the leaders in rebellion—and those who had been led by them. He pitied the ignorance and folly of those who had been deceived.

God directed Moses to bid the congregation leave the tents of the men whom they had chosen in place of their Heaven-appointed leaders. Thus the very man whose destruction the people had premeditated was the instrument in the hands of God of saving their lives upon that occasion. In obedience to the divine command Moses warned the people: "Depart, I pray you, from the tents of these wicked men." The whole congregation were in alarming danger of being also destroyed by the wrath of God in their sins; for they were sharers in the crimes of the men to whom they had given their **sympathy**, and with whom they had associated.

While Moses was entreating Israel to flee from the coming destruction, the divine vengeance might even then have been stayed, if the men who instigated the rebellion had repented and sought forgiveness of God. But Korah and his sympathizers stood boldly in their tents, in defiance of God's wrath. And yet some of this rebellious company were of the number who had been so recently honored of God, having been permitted to approach with Moses almost directly into the presence of the Most High, and behold his unsurpassed majesty. They had also seen Moses when he came down from the mount, his face resplendent with the glory of God, so that the people dared not approach him. But all this is now forgotten. They persist in their rebellion, and the wrath of God sweeps them from the earth, while the people flee in terror from the scene.

The hosts of Israel had an opportunity to pass the following night in reflection upon the fearful visitation of Heaven which they had witnessed. But though greatly terrified, they were not led to humble themselves before God in true repentance for their sinful course. They had been deeply influenced by the spirit of rebellion, and had been flattered by Korah and his company until they really believed themselves to be a very good people, and that they had been wronged and abused by Moses. If they should admit that Korah and his company were wrong and Moses righteous, then they would be compelled to receive as the word of God, the sentence that they must all die in the wilderness. They were not willing to submit to this, and they tried to believe that Moses had deceived them. They had fondly cherished the hope that a new order of things was about to be established, in which praise would

be substituted for reproach, and peace for anxiety and conflict. The men who had perished had spoken pleasant words, and had manifested special interest and love for them, and the people had decided that Korah and his companions were good men, and that Moses had by some means been the cause of their destruction.


It is hardly possible for men to offer a greater insult to God than to despise and reject the instrumentalities he would use for their salvation. The Israelites had not only done this, but had purposed to put both Moses and Aaron to death. The multitude had fled from the tents of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram, through fear of destruction; but their rebellion was not cured. They were not in grief and despair because of their guilt. They felt not the effect of an awakened, convicted conscience because they had abused their most precious privileges, and sinned against light and knowledge. The goodness and mercy of God was displayed in sparing this ungrateful people when his wrath was kindled against the leaders in rebellion. The congregation, who had permitted themselves to be deceived, were granted space for repentance. The long-suffering and mercy of God toward erring and rebellious Israel is recorded as evidence of his willingness to forgive the most grievous offenders, when they shall have a sense of their sin and return unto the Lord with repentance and humiliation.

Paul commanded Titus, "These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee." There are ever those who will despise the one who dares to reprove sin. But when required, reproof must be given. Paul directs Titus to rebuke a certain class sharply, that they may be sound in the faith. And how shall the reproof be given? Let the apostle answer: "With all long-suffering and doctrine." The one at fault must be shown that his course is not in harmony with the word of God. But never should the wrongs of God's people be passed by indifferently. Those who faithfully discharge their unpleasant duties under a sense of their accountability to God, will receive his blessing. September 16, 1880 — The Great Rebellion; or, the Conflict Ended

Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple. Romans 16:17,18.

Alexander the coppersmith did me much evil: the Lord reward him according to his works: Of whom be thou ware also; for he hath greatly withstood our words. At my first answer no man stood with me, but all men forsook me: I pray God that it may not be laid to their charge. Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me; that by me the preaching might be fully known, and that all the Gentiles might hear: and I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion. And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen. 2 Timothy 4:14-18

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Lloyd Johnson".

Lloyd Johnson, Chairman