

July 27, 1992

Dear Brethren and co-laborers in the vineyard of the Lord,

Greetings in our Savior's worthy name.

As we reflect over the past year, efforts were taken to draw up a statement of position on various issues and concerns confronting our churches. A proposal was drawn up and distributed at the Spring Ministers Meetings, 1992 for your evaluation. We express appreciation for the support given, and now seek counsel from the ministerial body to give further direction.

It has always been the responsibility of church leaders to provide spiritual guidance and godly protection for the sheep. I Peter 5:2: "Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind."

We believe this work was designed to strengthen and preserve the most holy faith. The Christian faith is maintained through godly perseverance, and is lost through negligence.

A statement regarding Materialism, which was overlooked, would need to be added, which is a threat to the Christian and the church. Matthew 6:33 "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

We acknowledge that this proposal may seem to challenge some of our present practices, but may it serve to build and maintain conviction for God's glory.

If and when the proposal is accepted, it would then be put into a booklet form with supporting articles attached, which we as a committee would at that time consider our work completed. Consider the proposal prayerfully and respond by October 1, 1992 to the questions as you deem best.

May we assure you again that our efforts are to draw up a position of faith, which we can agree upon in the absence of a conference.

May you share this letter with your co-ministers as only one copy is being sent per church.

For Christ and the Church,

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*Supported the confession*

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