

Feb. 3, 1997

To the Ministerial Body of the Beachy Fellowship,
Dear Brethren,

Greetings of love in our Saviours name. "For we are labourers together with God; ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building." I Corinthians 3:9.

We as a committee are seeking direction as it relates to our future involvement.

It is perceived by us that some would desire decisions to be made by the ministerial body to curb undesirable practices, and thereby build safety into our churches for the present and future generations; and would desire for the committee to lead and moderate to accomplish these goals.

It is also perceived by us that some are uncomfortable with this arrangement.

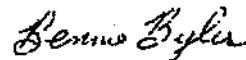
We want to again assure you that our desire is to be harmless, humble servants, not exercising authority beyond our call; and yet to be effective servants representing the body, and the Lord Jesus, the Founder and Builder of the New Testament church.

May we recognize our differences, but not permit the differences to hinder Gods purpose for His people and the church. May we build an appreciation for Biblical structure which has for generations, and still is, a secret for church stability and function.

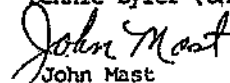
We have reached the place and time when more specific direction is needed.

Returning the enclosed questionnaire will be helpful and provide guidance on this matter.

Your co-labourers in the Lord,



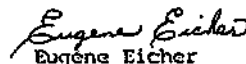
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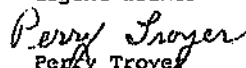
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