
FORBUSH FRIENDS MEETING

August 6, 2014

To: North Carolina Yearly Meeting, Executive Committee, Staff, and Monthly Meetings

Forbush Friends is writing this letter to communicate our deep concerns with the distorted spiritual direction of several meetings and some of their members. The Yearly Meeting is now suffering from a lack of unity which has led to conflicts in ministry, staffing, and committees because of disagreement on fundamental truths of our Christian faith. The result is a Yearly Meeting that is too busy with conflict to build God's Kingdom or fulfill our primary function which should be leading people to a saving relationship with Jesus Christ.

Our key concerns are focused on three issues:

1. Disagreement on the Person and Work of Jesus Christ

- It is a fundamental truth that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and more than just a good man, a teacher, or a "light." *"but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name."* John 20:31
- It is a fundamental truth that a personal faith in Jesus Christ as our Savior brings salvation from our sins which reconciles us to God. *"But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin."* I John 1:7
- It is a fundamental truth that Jesus Christ is the only way to our Heavenly Father. *"Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'"* John 14:6

2. Disagreement on the Authority of the Bible

- It is a fundamental truth that the Bible is the inspired Word of God. *"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,"* 2 Timothy 3:16
- It is a fundamental truth that any continuing revelation that disagrees with the Bible is not from God. *"Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints. For certain people have crept in unnoticed who long ago were designated for this condemnation, ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into sensuality and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ."* Jude 1:3, 4 There is further, this bold statement in our Faith and Practice (pg. 130), "...and whatsoever anyone says or does, contrary to the Scriptures, though under professions of the immediate guidance of the Holy Spirit, must be reckoned and accounted a mere delusion."
- It is a fundamental truth that we must guard against people who abandon Christ for a distorted belief in something else. *"I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ."* Galatians 1:6-7

3. Disagreement on integrity in membership of NCYM

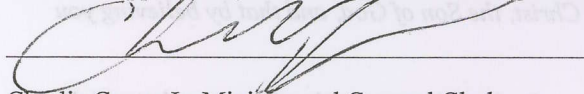
- We believe it is a lack of integrity that leads Meetings to withhold askings with no formal reason given so discernment and restoration can be attempted.

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- We believe it is a lack of integrity that leads Meetings to financially support other religious organizations and Yearly Meetings while they refuse the same support to NCYM.
- We believe it is a lack of integrity that leads members of Meetings to keep positions on committees, boards, or as clerks where they can influence decisions without fully supporting NCYM.

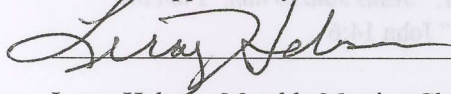
While Forbush's initial response is to submit this approved letter of concerns, we will continue praying for peace and unity for our body of believers through a return to the fundamental Christian beliefs upon which NCYM was founded. As a Meeting, we are considering other options if steps are not taken soon to correct the spiritual course of North Carolina Yearly Meeting.

Read and approved by Forbush Friends Meeting on Ministry and Counsel

 Date 8/6/14

Charlie Crews Jr, Ministry and Counsel Clerk

Read and approved by Forbush Friends Monthly Meeting

 Date 8/6/14

Leroy Hobson, Monthly Meeting Clerk