



October 4, 2022

Dear _____ Church Nominating Committee & Church Board,

We have been notified that you removed one name, accepted one other person's request that their name be removed and resubmitted your report to the church for a new first reading. We compliment the committee on taking these difficult steps on your journey toward reconciliation in your church.

We are also aware that there remain a number of names on your leadership team elect who have expressed their support for theological positions other than what the church teaches in FB#2. In our last meeting with you we shared the BRI report which makes it clear that any individuals holding differing theological positions should not be in church leadership. That counsel still stands.

If you proceed forward to the second reading of this list without addressing this issue, you will be in "rebellion against the conference" (Church Manual p. 40) and we will have no other option than to proceed to the Executive Committee with the matter of your church status, as we previously stated.

For the sake of clarity, we expect the following:

1. All elected leaders be able to support the teachings of scripture as the Seventh-day Adventist church currently understands them including FB #2.
2. Any leaders who have previously expressed concern regarding Fundamental Belief #2 should communicate in writing that they have reconsidered their position and able to support the teachings of the church, including FB#2.

While we understand this may be a difficult task, these steps are absolutely necessary for the _____ church to be working in harmony with the sisterhood of churches and to encourage reconciliation as you move forward.

In the interest of aiding you in this difficult task, we offer three alternatives for how you could accomplish this expectation:

1. Delay the second reading of the report until you can produce an addendum to the Nominating Committee report with both a general statement of support for the Fundamental beliefs of the church and specific statements from names in question that they have reconsidered their position and are in support of Fundamental Belief #2.

2. Set aside the current Nominating Committee report and begin your work again with careful attention being paid to electing leaders recognized by all to be fair, balanced and unlikely to continue the division currently within the _____ Church. Then present a new report with any necessary statements attached.
3. Disband the current Nominating Committee and begin the process again from the beginning with a Nominating Committee that will recommend leadership in support of Seventh-day Adventist church doctrine and who will support reconciliation and healing.

Yours in Christ,

_____, Conference President

_____, Ministerial