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DEAR BERKELEY -

GREETINGS ONCE AGAIN FROM CALIFORNIA WHERE WE ARE GREATLY LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR CONFERENCE NEXT YEAR. EVERY TIME I LOOK THRU THE BROCHURES YOU SENT I AM IMPRESSED WITH THE LOCATION AND EXCITED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITIES FOR A REALLY GREAT CONFERENCE.

I WILL ABIDE BY YOUR DECISION AS TO THE PROGRAM AND PARTICIPANTS YOU WANT, AND WILL DO ALL I CAN TO HELP YOUR EXPERIMENT IN PUTTING ON A CONFERENCE TOWARDS SUCCESS. HOWEVER, I DO WANT YOU TO UNDERSTAND MY FEELINGS AS TO THE QUALIFICATIONS OF THOSE INVITED TO BE ON THE PROGRAM, SO I MAKE ONE FINAL SUMMARY OF MY POSITION:

WHILE JESUS NEVER EXCLUDED ANYONE FROM THE KINGDOM, I KNOW OF NO INCIDENT WHERE HE ALLOWED AN INDIVIDUAL FROM THE MULTITUDE TO GET UP AND ADDRESS THE CROWD; THIS WAS A FUNCTION RESERVED FOR THOSE APOSTLES WHO WERE COMMITTED TO THE MASTER'S MINISTRY. IT IS ONE THING TO HAVE A FORUM OPEN TO ANY AND ALL WHO WISH TO COME, BUT QUITE ANOTHER MATTER TO ALLOW PEOPLE ON THE PROGRAM WHO HAVE NOT ONLY OPENLY STATED THAT THEY DIDN'T WANT TO COMMIT THEMSELVES TO THE "LIMITATIONS" OF THE



BROTHERHOOD CONSTITUTION, BUT HAVE ON OCCASSION EXPRESSED HOSTILITY AND OPPOSITION TO THE DIRECTIONS AND PURPOSES OF THE BROTHERHOOD.

IF THERE HAS BEEN A CHANGE IN ATTITUDE OF SOMEONE, WHY NOT LET THAT CHANGE BE DEMONSTRATED IN SERVICE ON A LOCAL OR REGIONAL LEVEL BEFORE GIVING THAT PERSON ONE OF THE HIGHEST HONORS THE BROTHERHOOD CAN GIVE - THE PRIVILEGE OF ADDRESSING THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

MEMBERSHIP IN THE BROTHERHOOD, ACCORDING TO WHAT I HAVE OBSERVED, IS OPEN TO ANYONE WHO WILL DEMONSTRATE THAT THEY SINCERELY WANT TO PARTICIPATE. THE "BEING A PART OF" FEELING IS NOT SOMETHING WHICH WE CAN GIVE; IT IS A REPERCUSSION WITHIN AN INDIVIDUAL THAT RESULTS FROM HIS COMMITMENT TO THE BROTHERHOOD.

PLEASE NOTE THAT I MAKE A DISTINCTION BETWEEN "MEMBER OF BROTHERHOOD" AND "PART OF THE MOVEMENT." ANYONE WHO IS READING THE BOOK IS, IN MY MIND, A "PART OF THE MOVEMENT." HOWEVER, IT IS THE BROTHERHOOD AND ITS LEADERSHIP WHICH PROVIDE THE GUIDANCE AND DIRECT THE COURSE OF THE MOVEMENT, AND IT IS THE NEEDS OF THIS GROUP OF COMMITTED WORKERS WHICH SHOULD BE MET BY A TRULY GOOD SUMMER SESSION; THIS IS THE CRITERIA BY WHICH YOUR



CONFERENCE WILL BE JUDGED. I DO NOT FEEL THAT A PROGRAM GIVEN BY PERIPHERAL PARTICIPANTS IN THE MOVEMENT WHO HAVE DEMONSTRATED NO PRIOR COMMITMENT TO OUR PURPOSES COULD POSSIBLY CONTAIN THE DEPTH OF MEANING ESSENTIAL FOR A SUCCESSFUL FORUM.

FOR INSTANCE: SUPPOSE YOU HAD A GROUP OF PARENTS THAT MET FOR THE PURPOSE OF SHARING EXPERIENCES AND INSIGHTS INTO CHILD-REARING. WHILE YOU MAY INVITE OUTSIDERS WHO WERE POTENTIAL PARENTS TO SIT IN ON THE SESSIONS, SURELY YOU WOULD NOT HAVE SOMEONE WHO HADN'T EVEN EXPERIENCED MARRIAGE TRY TO TEACH THE GROUP OF PARENTS HOW TO MORE SUCCESSFULLY RAISE THEIR CHILDREN.

I SUBMIT THIS AS A "MINORITY REPORT" AND WOULD LIKE TO AGAIN STATE THAT THIS OPINION IN NO WAY CHANGES MY COMMITMENT TO YOU, TO HELP MAKE YOUR FORUM A MEANINGFUL EXPERIENCE FOR ALL WHO ATTEND; YOU ARE IN CHARGE OF THE PROGRAM AND I WILL BE A FLEXIBLE ASSISTANT. I SIMPLY FEEL THAT YOU SHOULD BE AWARE OF MY THOUGHTS ON THE MATTER.

FOR BETTER OR WORSE, THE REPUTATION OF THE OKLAHOMA SOCIETY WILL BE MADE, FOR MANY YEARS TO COME, IN THE FEW SHORT DAYS OF YOUR CONFERENCE NEXT YEAR WHEN THE EYES AND



MINDS OF THE ENTIRE MOVEMENT WILL FOCUS ON WHAT YOUR SOCIETY SAYS AND DOES. FROM MY ALL-TOO-BRIEF EXPOSURE TO THE QUALITY FOLKS YOU HAVE IN THAT GROUP, THOUGH, I AM SURE THAT YOU HAVE A GREAT POTENTIAL FOR MAKING A SIGNIFICANT POSITIVE IMPACT ON THE ENTIRE MOVEMENT.

I THINK THAT ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT AREAS WHICH YOU ARE OPENING UP, WHICH WILL POSSIBLY INFLUENCE THE STRUCTURE OF SUMMER CONFERENCES FOR YEARS TO COME, IS THE INCLUSION OF GROUP RECREATION, AND THE LOCATION. I FEEL THAT THIS YEARLY CONFERENCE MUST EVOLVE INTO A FAMILY VACATION WHICH CAN BE MEANINGFUL TO KIDS AS WELL AS ADULTS - PERHAPS EVENTUALLY HAVING A SUMMER-CAMP TYPE SITUATION FOR THE KIDS, FREEING THE ADULTS TO DELVE DEEPLY INTO MATTERS SPIRITUAL AND INTELLECTUAL.

BY THE WAY, DO YOU WANT US TO COME EQUIPPED TO RUN SOUND TO AN ADJACENT ROOM FOR PARENTS WITH NOISY OR FUSSY KIDS SO THAT THEY CAN HEAR WITHOUT DISTURBING THE OTHERS? IT COULD BE EASILY DONE WITH A SMALL NEAR-BY ROOM.

I WILL CLOSE FOR NOW; TRUST THAT YOU WILL KEEP IN TOUCH.

MUCH LOVE, DAVID KANTOR

P.S. SEE 31 ARE EVENTUALLY OUR FIRST CHILD (IL) MAY!