

THE CHURCH OF
JESUS CHRIST
OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

Bountiful Utah Heights Stake

May 5, 2016

Dear Louis,

I received your reply to the Notice of Disciplinary Council that is being convened in your behalf on May 12th. You have requested a lot of material and information. I will do my best to address your concerns.

The main facts that will be put before the council are contained in the testimony that you wrote as a foreword to Denver Snuffer's book, "Preserving the Restoration." You and I have discussed your authorship of that foreword and your public endorsement of the content of the book itself.

There will be no other witnesses to the facts of your public teachings than those contained in your own written testimony and your statements to me, of which you are fully aware, because you were present when they were made.

"Apostasy", as pertains to the actions of the council, is defined as "repeatedly act[ing] in clear, open and deliberate public opposition to the Church or its leaders."

The confidentiality acknowledgement and agreement that you and all other participants will be asked to sign requires all of us to agree that the proceedings will not be recorded. It is simple and straightforward. Of course, you and I will be free to take notes.

Louis, this is not a legal proceeding. It is an ecclesiastical one. We will treat the entire matter with the utmost respect, solemnity, and love. Attorneys and representatives will not be allowed to participate.

As I indicated previously, we will convene the council on May 12, 2016 at 8:00PM in the High Council Room of the Bountiful Utah Heights Stake Center, 33 Moss Hill Drive, Bountiful Utah. You were asked to provide me with information about any witnesses that you wish to call five days in advance of the council itself. I will extend that time and give you until Monday, May 9th, at 5:00PM to get the requested information to me about any witnesses. They must be members of the Church in good standing, and will only be allowed to give testimony on the matters relevant to the issue of apostasy described above. We will be concerned with actions and conduct, not with the sincerity of anyone's opinions.

It will take me about 15 minutes to present evidence establishing your conduct. You will be given three times that, or about 45 minutes to give your response. Your response may not consist of questions to the council. Responding to questions is not part of their assigned role.

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If you choose not to attend the council in person, you may submit a written response that will be read to the council by me, without comment, for up to 45 minutes.

You may avoid this process entirely by requesting that your name be removed from the records of the Church. As I think you know, I am bound to honor any request that you might make. If you should desire that, please let me know and the scheduled council will be cancelled.

I want you to know of my firm testimony of the restoration of the gospel of Jesus Christ and of the priesthood authority that is held by the living prophets and apostles that lead the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints today. As the president of the stake where you reside, I offer my love and express my desire for your eternal well-being and that of your family.

Kindest Regards,



Daniel P. Lake
Stake President