

SPIRITUAL AWAKENING AND GOVERNANCE

Most of us have been part of the Church for many years. We have held various positions and undertaken various roles within the many divisions of the Body of Christ. Now, with that Body facing further fragmentation, we desperately need our Father and His Son to bring us together according to Their will. We admit our powerlessness to create that unity by our own efforts.

Today, we are presented with a spiritual path that we are open to follow – a new relationship with our Father and elder Brother where we allow Them to teach us how to govern ourselves amongst ourselves. As our Father's shepherds, we admit that we have participated in scattering the flock because we have not governed according to the spiritual principles He has given us and about which we are informed. For this we repent before our Father and apologize to our brethren.

Today we recognize and accept the need to change past practices and to pursue the path to which our Father has led us. With the love and guidance of the true Shepherd we commit to doing what is necessary to allow Him to give us His mind so that we can serve His flock as He intends – giving our lives in imitation of His sacrifice for all mankind (Philippians 2:7-8).

We can blame no one other than ourselves for the problems we now have. And, we cannot expect anyone to fix those problems but those of us who have participated in their creation. As we actively seek to set selfish ambition aside and develop a genuine concern for the welfare of others we acknowledge that we have failed to follow Christ first and confess that no man among us can govern within and among His flock in His stead.

In the interest of family togetherness, we commit ourselves to the acceptance of all of our Father's beloved children. We ask that all join us in both collective and individual repentance with the assurance of our faith that our Father will honor our effort and restore us to unity.

Therefore, the primary purpose of this conference is as follows:

To begin to understand and define the true nature of the governance of our Father and His Son within Their Family and to practice it correctly;

Specific Goals:

- To develop an understanding of how our Father intends His shepherds to nurture and feed Christ's flock in accord with the spiritual nature of governance (Ezekiel 34:1-4).
- To define a ministry of reconciliation - firstly within the ministry itself and secondarily to seek reconciliation of the scattered flock - mending relationships with God and each other (2 Corinthians 5:17-20).