

## Tom Avey

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**From:** Christian Becker  
**Sent:** Friday, July 08, 2011 11:05 AM  
**To:** Tom Avey  
**Subject:** District / National Church membership issue

July 8, 2011

Dear Tom,

At the Blue Ridge Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches' (BRFGBC) district conference in Covington, Virginia on April 9, 2011 several pastors indicated that they and their churches saw benefit in fellowship at a district level, but not at the national level.

A motion was made and approved at our district conference to amend our constitution regarding membership in the BRFGBC.

The minutes read as follows: "Motion to present for consideration and study by the Leadership [Team] an amendment to Article 3, Purposes and Objectives, replacing [churches] "that are affiliated with the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches: with [churches] "that subscribe to the Statement of Faith, article 2, and consents to the provisions of the constitution and bylaws."

This vote authorized a year of study by our leadership team before an actual vote will be taken to change the constitution.

As a result, I am writing to ask you to present this issue to the Fellowship Council for consideration: Will our fellowship permit churches to remain members of a local district or fellowship if they are no longer members of the national fellowship?

A letter is also being sent from the BRFGBC Ministerium outlining the concerns prompting this action.

Before our leadership team discusses the issue further, we would like to hear the thoughts and suggestions of the Fellowship Council.

Hoping to help,

Christian Becker, Moderator

Blue Ridge Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches

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"What comes to our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us." A.W. Tozer