"A Path Forward"- Fellowship Council Update – January 27, 2011

We, as leaders and fellow-journeymen within the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches of North America, agree that thorough <u>evaluation and dynamic action</u> are necessary to build a vibrant, biblical and God-honoring path forward.

We, therefore, affirm the following principles and direction so <u>that the FGBC, working with Christ-following believers and ministries, might make more and better disciples of Jesus Christ</u>—thus fulfilling the Great Commission to the glory of God!

1. We agree there is a great need for a <u>recognized enduring leadership community</u> within the FGBC. This community must be entrusted with the development—and long-term implementation—of a consistent and clear vision. (embraced <u>the concepts of the Commitment to Common Mission {Charis document})</u>

2. We agree this vision must be built <u>around the biblical goal of making disciples</u> by meeting spiritual, emotional, and physical needs, planting, expanding and reviving churches and developing leaders (ie. <u>the Charis document</u> – church planting, leadership development and integrated ministries).

3. We agree that to accomplish this goal the FGBC must <u>aggressively seek out and nurture relationships among like-minded believers and ministries</u>.

4. In our continued pursuit of biblical truth, biblical relationship, and biblical mission we agree to evaluate <u>and renew our statement of faith, national constitution and the process of joining the FGBC movement.</u> We also agree to reevaluate any other items to allow for clear and culturally relevant understanding and communication of our beliefs and mission.

5. We agree to make a concerted effort to <u>identify and train young leaders within our ranks</u>. This training must provide a consistent and clear pathway of ministry and leadership development. We further agree <u>these pathways of training do not need to be centralized, but will need to be endorsed by the enduring leadership</u>