

There was a special business meeting of the Official Board on Wednesday, August 31st, at the church. Present were: Bros. Cook, Davis, Gerhart, Luff, Sakash, Spuler, Weinacht, Wiktorchik; Sisters Huff, Manor, Sampson, Wallen, Zehner and Muir (14)

Brother Sakash led in prayer.

The Official Board was informed by Bro. Sakash that Bro. Kenneth Ambrose had resigned from the Trustee Board for personal reasons.

Brother Sakash then read a letter from newly-elected pastor to Highway, Brother Lloyd Christiansen, dated August 24th, and mailed from the General Council in Oklahoma. Bro. Christiansen informed us that he had given much thought to coming in as pastor and to quote, had "gradually been coming to the conclusion that I will not be able to fulfill all that will be required of a pastor in the tremendous task ahead, administratively, in your relocation plans." Copy of the letter is attached herewith; original of the letter is in the "Resignation" file.

Brother Sakash continued to state to the Board that he felt the urgent need for faithfulness; that he was personally earnestly desirous to be faithful in the place in which the Lord has put him in Highway; and he exhorted every member of the Board to be faithful to the Lord, to the Church and to the Board; that we need at this crisis time to band together in love; that we will stand individually before God to be judged for our faithfulness to that which He has given us to do.

There were expressions of the desire of some of the Board members to be faithful to their responsibility at Highway, made publically and personally to Brother Sakash following the meeting.

After considerable discussion concerning the problem and situation facing the Church now, there was a suggestion made that we find an Interim Pastor. Brother Sakash has already contacted BRO. Papit, he is praying and considering Highway's situation, and he is thinking in terms of an Interim Pastor; he will meet with the Sakashes on Thursday night (tomorrow night) to discuss the situation and desires to meet with the Board at an early date.

It was then moved by Brother Al Davis that we contact Brother Roger Casey in England (since he was such a blessing through our trial during the winter and spring months) and ask him if he would consider coming to Highway as pastor; if he could not come as pastor, then if he would consider coming as Interim Pastor. This was seconded by Bro. Wiktorchik, put to vote and carried with two opposing votes. Bro. Sakash and Sister Ruth tried to get the Caseys by phone immediately, but there was no answer. Bro. Sakash will call him tomorrow, Thursday.

It was then decided that the best time to meet with Bro. Papit would be on Thursday night, September 8th; Bro. Papit will take the Thursday night service - then will meet the Official Board following.

The meeting then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Accepted - See Action
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By Synaxis