

January 25, 1937.

Our Beloved Brother and Sister Benkert:

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, whose we are and whom we serve.

By the unanimous decision of the Official Board gathered in session this evening, we, as the Official Board, extend to you our sincerest apologies for any reflections inferred in the motion presented at the annual business meeting on Monday evening, January 18th, pertaining to the Radio Program. It is our firm conviction that the majority of those who voted for the motion as presented did not understand that it included any implications against you, but they only saw the salient factors which pleased them, such as the earlier hour and a fifteen minute increase in the time.

We desire to assure you of our deepest and sincerest appreciation for your faithful services rendered to the church over many years, and we have awakened to the fact that we have been lacking in some concrete expression of gratitude to you. We trust that since we have failed to express our thanks the Lord has richly compensated you in many blessings, but we are also asking Him to help us that we may not fail in the future to be more consistent in our favorable expression.

May we unitedly entreat you, as brothers and sisters in Christ, composing the Official Board and the representative body of the entire church, to reconsider your recent resignations, and we ask, if possible, that you will kindly resume your duties and activities in the church without any break. It would make us very happy to have you assist the Pastor, at his discretion, in the Radio Program on this coming Saturday evening, as well as to prepare the Young People and the orchestra for renditions at the services on the coming Lord's Day, and carry on in the usual manner. We trust the healing balm of God's sweet oil of love shall heal any wounds which have been made, and we assure you that it is our anticipation that our future association with you shall be one of utmost confidence in each other.

We are praying that the Lord will cause you to make a

decision toward our request in the affirmative.

Yours in Christian Fellowship,

OFFICIAL BOARD,

By

Pastor Wesley T. Steelberg
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January 15, 1917

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th inst.

and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am sorry that I cannot give you a more definite answer at this time, but I am sure that you will understand the necessity of this course. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours truly,
J. B. Brown

Very truly,
J. B. Brown

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Geo. A. Smith
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