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To all Brothers and Sisters of Christadelphian Ecclesias in North America

Fraternal greetings in the Lord Jesus Christ.

In North America today, we are worshiping as a divided body of Unamended and Amended Christadelphians. None of us created this problem, but by God's blessing we now have the means and opportunity to resolve it. With the prayers and support of Christadelphians in both communities, the enclosed document is submitted as a scripturally sound basis for unification.

This basis of unity is firmly grounded upon fundamental scriptural doctrines held by the Christadelphian community from its inception. It also recognizes scripturally reasonable variations in emphasis and understanding that do not undermine fundamental doctrines. Equal respect is given to both BUSF and BASF. Areas of mutual concern are addressed. Serious errors at either extreme are repudiated. In accordance with the principles of ecclesial autonomy in the Ecclesial Guide, ecclesias will determine how best to deal with individuals of dissenting viewpoint. It is expected that this approach will be employed with compassion befitting brethren of Christ.

The division has done much damage. Young people have become discouraged by observing a divided household. Newcomers have lost confidence that Christadelphians hold the Truth. Outreach and up-building efforts have been weakened by divided resources. Unity of the Lord's body is, after all, an issue of credibility and witness: "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." (*John 13:35*); "That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me." (*John 17:21*).

The Scriptures make plain that God and Christ consider unity among brethren an imperative (*Matthew 5:23-24; 18:21-22; Mark 9:50; John 17:20-23; Ephesians 4:1-3, 31-32; Hebrews 12:14-15; 1 Peter 3:8-9*). Furthermore, schisms are condemned (*Proverbs 6:16, 19; Jude 18-19; Romans 16:17-18; Galatians 5:19-2; 1 Corinthians 1:10-13; 12:25*).

Brothers and sisters, we believe we shall all appear before our Lord soon. Although we are not responsible for the division a century ago, we each need to consider carefully how to respond to the opportunity before us. We ask for your individual and ecclesial support. Let our Heavenly Father and our Lord Jesus be glorified by a united bride working together to serve God and manifest His Truth.

We ask the brotherhood to prayerfully consider the enclosed NASU Unity Package and to seek the best course of action to bring closure to the unity process. We would appreciate receiving your comments and feedback about this document. We recognize that no human document will be perfect or satisfy every individual's preference of expression. As part of the feedback we are seeking, we would like to know if there are serious objections to the NASU Unity Package as a common basis of fellowship as defined in the document.

We ask that the entire Christadelphian community urgently seek the help and direction of our Heavenly Father, that this effort may reach a successful conclusion. Let us seize this opportunity with faith, trusting God and each other.

With love in the One Hope we share,

Brethren of the Christadelphian NASU Steering Committee:

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