

January, 30, 2002

Memo to Elder Committee

Re: Sanctions imposed on Bros. Andrew Taylor and Paul Pentsa

In keeping with guidelines set forth in order to make compatible decisions in matters pertaining to our mission in Australia, we submit as a follow-up to our letter of restrictions sent to Bros. Andrew Taylor and Paul Pentsa this memorandum:

Because Bro. Paul Pentsa has replied that he "definitely will not" accept the help of the elder counselors provided, or the oversight of the Elder Body, which ordained him, the restrictions stated in the letter to them, were imposed immediately. We request that the Elder Council of Apostolic Christian Churches (Nazarean) place the case on the next elder meeting agenda for a full review. The matter should be addressed under "Elder Discipline", page 13, of the Elder Procedural Handbook, paragraphs E, F & G, which read as follows:

E. The Elder Committee has the authority to enlist other elders to help investigate and resolve the issue, with face to face meetings between the observers and the accused elder and the Elder Committee (and /or Elders who have been enlisted to help.

F. If the Elder Committee is unsuccessful in resolving the issue, the matter is to be brought to the entire Elder Council of Apostolic Christian Churches (Nazarean) for resolution. The accused elder will be given opportunity to respond.

G. The Elder Council will make a decision. If the elder is guilty of the accusation of doctrinal error and is unresponsive to the combined counsel of the Elder Council, he shall be removed from being Elder and the churches he had served will be so informed, with the Elder Committee taking oversight of the church(es) until a new serving elder is selected.

"Them that sin, rebuke before all, that others may fear." 1 Tim. 5:20

2. Because Bro. Andrew Taylor has not responded to date, the same course of action will apply to him also.

Respectfully submitted in the fear of the Lord.

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