

*In Nomine Jesu*

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**Draft emailed to Dr Denninger Nov. 27. There was no response.**

### PUBLIC LETTER II

### RESULTS

To the Church; especially those who also have been harmed,  
pass this on to all the Spirit suggests,

Many thanks and praise to those who responded to my first letter. In one sense I feel I ought to apologize for it. I am sure many did not like receiving it, yet no falsehood has been found. No one suggested a different path. All of us do not like hearing unpleasant truths. It was no pleasure to write, more duty than choice. As Jesus commanded tell it to the church, or as the watchman was told in Ezekiel.

Results: I started getting some SED emails. My invitations to meet for reconciliation have been ignored. Continuing conflict is a violation of the Spirit of love. Ignoring conflict does not bring reconciliation, Seeking reconciliation can be considered by some as prolongation of conflict - forget being injured instead. Offering forgiveness can be seen as accusation. To accept forgiveness implies admission of wrong, repentance, amendment of past injury, and correct behavior for the future. Many prefer to continue conflict instead. Many others shut their ears until the cries go away. Usually they do. God hears the cry, condemns the heartless, saves, heals.

Pray for the Church, ask for wisdom, discernment and courage for all. For all erring to be led to repentance and all who suffer to be comforted. Pray that in this, the power and glory of the Lord is revealed.

This is the second Public Letter. I hope the third will report peaceful, proper resolution of this issue. It took increasing pressure until my daughter was granted a scholarship to Baltimore Lutheran School. It was less than half the amount other ministers were automatically given. They received much more than our below poverty income. I made no public waves before that. There was great anger, I spoke up. No one cared that we had been harmed. This time feels the same. Few do anything when a brother is attacked. That is anti-christian, beneath civilized standards.

In the name of one called by God to proclaim His Love for all,



The responses to the first letter are posted with the documentation on the web site.

attached: -10/28/15 response to email from DP's secretary when she asked me to come to the SED office.

See also [http://thesignofconcord.com/Pastoral\\_Ministry.php](http://thesignofconcord.com/Pastoral_Ministry.php) <https://youtu.be/AUG0FCbv8Hg>



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but for him who died and was raised for them. 2 Cor. 5:15

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**There was no response to this letter.**

Elisa Ferguson <eferguson@se.lcms.org> sent by email

Peace joy grace courage,

I have some working assumptions: President Denninger does not know us and has heard things that have colored his attitude and actions. Second, he may not consider his responsibility as president of the SED to maintain the stance from before.

I feel it unwise to include others from the SED at this point. Most likely that will just support conflict. At this time if any want to add anything, have them put it in writing.

Since there is a high probability of contention based on the events of the past months, some way to minimize that is desirable. The best, I have prayerfully thought of, is to invite our wives to be with us. It will have a very positive spiritual influence on our words.

I expected to meet at the SED office in July. I expected to in August, in September and before I spoke to the circuit and posted on the web. I was not contacted until just before the October 19 SED meeting. I have deeply appreciated President Denninger's public words and spirit and did not want to cause damage.

Now he wants to speak with me. I suppose he wants me to remove the items from the Web and make a formal apology. I will comply with his request to meet. However, he may meet me in Baltimore. Either by himself at the Pastor's study at Living Water or with his wife at our home.

It would be helpful if possible he would write the proposed resolution, of this and why, it should be agreeable to all.

I am writing from Tarifa, Spain, visiting Tangiers. After attending the BAR Bible and Archaeology Fest in Atalanta and celebrating Thanksgiving with our daughter there, we will be available in Baltimore after November 29.

NB someday if there is no resolution this will go wider, to the whole SED & d.v.

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