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Dear Pastor, Church Board, and members:

Thank you so much for your patience in waiting for us to address the unresolved issue of evangelism in your church. The change in administration at RMC has been difficult to manage in terms of meeting all obligations, and mostly we have been responding to time sensitive imperatives with little choice as to how those matters could be prioritized.

As we previously indicated, we do have concerns about what Stephen Bohr teaches, as well as the critical attitude he has displayed toward those within the church with whom he disagrees. We believe that this being the case, any evangelistic efforts from your church are more likely to succeed if you cooperate with us in selecting a mutually agreeable speaker rather than working to bring in a speaker opposed by our leadership. Therefore, we would like to meet with you to discuss selecting an evangelist on whom we can all agree.

As to why Stephen Bohr is not someone on whom we can all agree, a specific example of what he teaches that is not a part of the 28 fundamental beliefs is what is commonly referred to as the doctrine of headship. We have no doubt that he or those who support him could quibble over whether what he teaches actually is headship, or that headship is within the 28 fundamentals, or that his point of view is Biblical, or any one of many other details about headship that could be argued. They could also endlessly debate whether he teaches last generation theology or whether his many lectures on the 144,000 is contrary to the counsel given by Ellen White in *Selected Messages* Book 1, p. 174. We believe that it would well serve the purpose of those who love controversy to debate these points endlessly, and so we have no intention of entering into such debates. Suffice it to say that we have reviewed extensive samples of his online sermons and lectures, and that we are not willing to have it assumed by the general public that we are supportive of his ministry or teachings.

To this end we have sought counsel from the members of the Executive Committee of The Rocky Mountain Conference, and they were unanimous in supporting the decision of the officers to prevent the impression of support for Stephen Bohr, and more broadly, any ministry directly affiliated with him. Furthermore, we sought counsel from both our attorney and from the General Counsel's Office of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists to make certain that we had a solid legal foundation for the actions described in this letter. We recognize that we cannot prevent Stephen Bohr from coming to Golden, and if an independent ministry invites him, we have no control over that. What we can prevent is the use of our facility, the use of our name, and the invitation from any entity that is a part of The Rocky Mountain Conference. This, then, is our decision on that matter:

The Rocky Mountain Conference, and by extension any church, school, or other entity affiliated with RMC, will not invite Stephen Bohr or any ministry affiliated with him to speak at any of our events, nor allow our facilities to be used by him, and as it is a violation of copywritten material for him to use our name when specifically instructed not to do so, he may not use our name or the name of any entity of the Conference, whether written or recorded, in any of his materials.

We acknowledge that Elder Bohr has been invited in the past to RMC. We recognize that there is much good in what he preaches, and that on most matters we are in agreement with him. However, we have noted an increasing stridence to his messages, and believe that continuing to allow him a platform in our churches and events is no longer advisable. We look forward to working with you on choosing an evangelist who will be satisfactory to us and to you, believing that it is possible to find such a person and that doing so is better for all concerned.

Blessings,



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President



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