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By: FEDEX Overnight Letter and Facsimile

Re: *Encyclopedia of Cults and New Religions*

Dear Mr. Ankerberg,

We wrote to you in January on behalf of the group you describe as "The Local Church(es)." In that letter we attempted to set up a time to come to you to discuss the offense and damage your writing has caused and seek to resolve the problem as Christian brothers. We feel that this is the clear path taught in the Scriptures (Matt. 5:23-24; 18:5-7). We further attempted to contact you by leaving a phone message on your hotel phone in Dallas at the National Religious Broadcasters Convention in February, but you did not return our call.

Since we have never received any communication from you, we assume that you are informed that Mr. Hawkins, of Harvest House, has ignored our offer to come to meet with him regarding the book. Instead he turned our appeal over to an attorney, bringing this matter into the legal realm. As you are aware due to Mr. Weldon's close association with Spiritual Counterfeits Project, Mr. Alexander, and Mr. Duddy, a court of law concluded in 1985 that The Local Church is not a cult and that the many negative characteristics of cults, such as described in your book, are libelous when applied to The Local Church (see <http://www.contendingforthefaith.com/summary/judgement/completeTOC.html>).

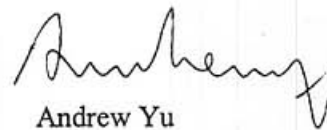
Before we proceed in a legal direction, we want to ask you one more time to come together with us to find a simple and peaceful way to resolve this problem. We are open to meeting you at the place and time of your convenience.

We ask for your prayerful consideration and timely reply.

Thank you,


Daniel Towle


Richard Taylor


Andrew Yu