

## **Triangle Church Evangelists call for Transition Team 3/4/2003**

The evangelists of the Triangle church write a letter to their congregation say they've lost the clear commendation of their people and accordingly are calling for a Transition Team to be elected to steer them through the coming changes.

Brothers and Sisters of the Triangle Church,

Love. Trust. Respect. Honor. Character. These qualities of our Lord are an essential part of any healthy relationship. Governments fall. Friendships fail. Marriages struggle and churches suffer when these key ingredients of integrity are compromised between any people and their leadership. These are the unsettling times in which we currently live. We, as God's church, must find our way following the truth of His Holy Scriptures.

Accordingly, your Evangelists acknowledge that we are unable to effectively lead you in our present crisis in the absence of your clear support and commendation. Therefore, we will submit to your will and to a process of change managed by a properly selected Transition Team. All matters regarding your staff's employment, financial compensation, practical application of our Biblical duties, assessment of our skills and any other appropriate issues must be reviewed and refined.

Regarding the Transition Team, many of you have commented and we agree that the process of selection that we have just concluded was done in haste and is inadequate in light of the serious tasks that lay ahead. Therefore, we will recommend in a meeting today of the Transition Team, Deacons and Evangelists that the selection of this Team, be redesigned, restarted and properly administered as soon as possible.

In the meantime, we want you to know that we are not abdicating our roles as Evangelists. We understand, as we have already stated, that our ability to lead you is diminished. Nonetheless, we will stand in the gap, work with the Transition Team and Deacons along with other influential leaders in our church to maintain Jesus' high standards of unity and cooperation. To the best of our ability and enabled by the Holy Spirit, we will encourage and maintain a transition of order and peace.

Regarding the position of Evangelist, we believe that it is a Biblical role and those who serve in this capacity in the days and years ahead should discharge all the duties of their ministry with love, respect, care and conviction. (II Timothy 4:1-5) We reject authoritarian leadership (Matthew 20:20-28) that compromises the freedom we have in Christ. We affirm a leadership that serves, teaches, preaches, equips and sets an example of life and godliness.

Regarding the effect of these matters on your Evangelists and current staff, we could say that no one wants the level of financial support for your ministers to be an ongoing issue that hurts anyone in this church. God would not have it this way and neither will we. At the same time, none of us have a guarantee that any offer of ongoing support will be made. So, most, if by now not all, are willing to leave their posts and find employment outside of the church. Some, concerned about the welfare of their families, have already begun this search.

So, let us be plain as we conclude. We humbly offer this before God and before you to bring peace and restore spiritual health to our church. Everything is on the table and up for review. We love you and know that God is working to make us stronger.

In Christian Love,  
The Evangelists of the Triangle Church