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December 29, 1967

Dear Fellow Ministers:

Greetings again from Pasadena! Conference "fever" is beginning to descend upon the campus! Preparations of all sorts are taking place, and yesterday we had a very fine preview of the Elijah music put on by the Ambassador Chorale before the College Assembly. In the full performance -- to be staged at the Civic Auditorium -- our chorale will be joined by the chorales from Big Sandy, Bricket Wood and a section of the Luton Choral Society plus outstanding British soloists.

Yesterday also, Messrs. Portune, Hill and I had a brief "pre-conference" meeting with Mr. Armstrong to line up things for the main conference and the evening schedule of activities as well. Mr. Armstrong, by the way, is in very good health overall, and we're certainly looking forward to a fine conference and seeing all of you here. Everything is coming along well in the Building Program -- except for a couple week's delay caused by rain. However, one big problem which you need to be very aware of and exhort the brethren to PRAY FERVENTLY about is the dangerous drop in mail receipts and income for the month of December. This has been the most DISASTROUS single drop of its sort in recent memory. Certainly God will help us rectify this in 1968 IF we fervently do our parts. The students here at Headquarters have decided to fast tomorrow in order to get closer to God, examine themselves, and be in a position to rightly petition God to intervene and bless His Work here! Perhaps you would want to exhort many in your congregations to do the same.

In a Division Head Meeting last Monday morning it was decided that several BIG chunks of income will have to be saved during 1968 in order to equalize the budget. Therefore, we are delaying certain projects into 1969 such as the remodeling of the north wing of Ambassador Hall, and the remodeling of Mayfair and the dormitory apartments on Orange Grove. The Eugene Church project will be postponed until the end of 1968 and certain cuts will be made in the television and media budgets to help us save, altogether hundreds of thousands of dollars. In addition,

Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Portune have asked several departments here to make big cuts in their budgets -- and a constant three per cent cut all across the board for every department here at Headquarters! So let the brethren know that we are taking this matter seriously, and I hope that they, and you will all do the same. Also, as ministers, let us be sure that we are careful with our expense allowances and try to save God's Work extra money where it is right, sensible and proper to do so without hurting our effectiveness.

One bit of very good news is that we are now considering, finally, seeking full accreditation for Ambassador College! I will not try to give you all the details on this now, but with the increase in our facilities here and the overall prestige of the colleges this may now be possible without infringing on our freedom to teach the Truth as we ought. In line with this, we would like to ask each of you ministers to look out for -- in a private manner -- any outstanding men with Masters or Doctors degrees in your local congregations who might really "fit" as faculty members here at Headquarters. Especially, let us know about those with Ph.D. degrees IF they are thoroughly converted, dedicated and balanced. Men like this certainly may help broaden the opportunities for students here in Ambassador in a right way and greatly enhance our ability to achieve the standards necessary for full accreditation and maintain these.

So begin quietly seeking out and getting acquainted with these men in your congregations. Please let us know -- in your regular ministerial report envelope -- about any of these men that you may find and give us a brief rundown on their background and qualifications. Please do this SOON -- at least within the next few weeks if possible.

IMPORTANT: In order for us to meet our deadline of printing annual receipts for the year 1967, we must have all local donation receipt figures (copies of their receipts) from each and every local Church.

We must also have ALL unsent Holyday Offering envelopes with HDO amounts recorded. These must be in our office no later than January 5. Mr. Mauck has asked us to send you this urgent request -- and I'm sorry that it was just barely too late for the last letter. In the past, many of the ministers have waited to send in these receipts or bring in these envelopes until they came to the Conference they would bring them with them and turn them over to us after the Conference.

If this happens this year, we will NEVER be able to meet our schedule. We must have annual receipts in the mail on or before the day we send the W-4 forms.

We NEED the complete and immediate cooperation of all ministers! Mr. Mauck mentioned that he just received some very late Holyday Offering records last week -- and we still don't know how many are out in the field, in someone's automobile trunk, and so forth. So be sure to take ACTION on this immediately and follow through to see that your deacons and any other assistants involved get this information in to Headquarters at once. Thank you.

IMPERIAL

Mr. Lochner mentioned to us in Manpower a few days ago that -- from now on -- new employees of God's Work and college here will in all likelihood NOT get their children in Imperial Schools! Imperial is now full and accepting NO ONE new at present. Please be sure that you make all of the brethren contemplating employment here fully aware of this before they ever come out. Do NOT make them think that there is a "good outside possibility" that their children may get in. For they undoubtedly WILL NOT! We know that in past years they have been able to squeeze some in. But from now on they undoubtedly WON'T.

I want to make this very plain. Some local ministers apparently are still giving people the idea that they could come out and get all kinds of "special blessings" here at Headquarters by being employed. There are blessings here. But this is NOT some sort of Protestant "Heaven", the Kingdom of God or anything of the kind. There will be human beings here supervising them -- not angels -- and they should prepare to WORK HARD, look out for themselves in regard to getting settled and organized in a new home, and be fully prepared to put their children in PUBLIC SCHOOLS. Be sure that they realize this -- as several have had their feelings hurt when they came out thinking otherwise.

The following is an important announcement from Mr. Ted Armstrong and Mr. Lochner to make in all of the local Churches. Please be sure that you encourage the brethren's cooperation in this important matter to help Imperial Schools:

X "We are planning to offer High School Band experience for Imperial School students during the second semester of this academic year. As you know, investment in instruments of the quality which we would like for God's High School could amount to quite a bit of money.

In talking this over with Mr. Ted Armstrong, we suggested that many of the members of God's Church might have instruments in their attics or closets which they would be willing to donate for Imperial Schools' use. Mr. Armstrong felt that the best way to handle this would be to ask the ministers to make this appeal for us. It is possible that this appeal could bring us enough instruments to make the beginning of the band program immediate and yet delay the need for a large investment in school instruments at this time.

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It was suggested that some of the churches might wish to collect such donated instruments and send to headquarters in a single shipment.

Therefore, we would like to request that you ministers make the following announcement in all the churches:

DO YOU HAVE A GOOD MUSICAL INSTRUMENT IN YOUR HOME WHICH YOU ARE NO LONGER USING? Imperial Schools in Pasadena has need of the following instruments:

BRASSES - Trumpets, Cornets, Trombones, French Horns, Baritone Horns, Tubas, etc.

WOODWINDS - Clarinets, Flutes, Piccolos, Saxophones, Oboes, Bassoons, etc.

PERCUSSION - Drums (of any kind), Tambourines, Triangles, Xylophones, Cymbals, Rhythm Instruments (of any kind), etc.

STRINGS - Violins, Violas, Cellos, String Basses, etc.

OTHER - Accordions, Guitars, Ukuleles, Grand Pianos, etc.

Through the donation of your musical instrument, it will be possible for Imperial Schools students to begin musical training in orchestra and band this next semester.

To avoid the jam in the mail these days, please ship BETWEEN January 1 and January 31, of 1968 to:

IMPERIAL SCHOOLS

363 Grove Street

Pasadena, California 91105

or

IMPERIAL SCHOOLS

Box 111

Pasadena, California 91109

Thank you for helping a teenager learn to use music in the RIGHT WAY! "

Well, fellows, we'll very much appreciate your following through on all of the above announcements. It seems many of them have come here just at the end of the year, but they are important, and I hope that you will do your best to expedite these matters. Most of you will not, of course, be coming into the Conference this year although more than usual will. Hopefully, most of you who didn't get to come this year will be coming next.

By the way, two men who were scheduled to come, Mr. Bill Bradford and Mr. Rowlen Tucker, have wives expecting babies at that time and will need to wait until next year. However, we do want to inform Mr. John Portune, Mr. Colin Adair, Mr Cecil Battles and Mr. Lambert Greer that they are invited (as they probably knew) to the Conference this year! As I mentioned very plainly in my last letter, there is quite a list and we are bound to overlook some. Anyway, we're looking forward to seeing many of you at the Conference, and we'll be praying for the rest of you to carry on in the field during this time. Let's all bestir ourselves and do the very best we can during this calendar year of 1968 coming up! There are very few more years left in which to do this work to which we have been called.

Your servant in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Roderick C. Meredith". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Roderick C. Meredith

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