



Friday 13th May, 2016

To John & Joy, & Annie Penman,

As per our discussions during the week I would like to inform you that the Board members of Whyalla Seventh-Day Adventist Church met to discuss the doctrinal disharmony that exists between yourselves and the fundamental beliefs voted and accepted at previous General Conference Sessions of the world-wide Seventh-Day Adventist Church.

The Whyalla Seventh-Day Adventist Church stands by our fundamental beliefs and baptismal vows, voted unanimously by representatives gathered from all over the world at General Conference Session.

Holding beliefs contrary to the fundamental beliefs of the world-wide Seventh-Day Adventist Church, and teaching others the same, is a freedom of religious liberty and personal conviction that we respect and honour. However, when one holds and teaches such views contrary to the established faith of general body of Seventh-Day Adventist believers, accepted and voted upon at General Conference Sessions, then the validity & continuity of one's membership may be called into question.

With this in mind to preserve the faith and unity of the Whyalla Seventh-Day Adventist Church, and to allow you the freedom to believe according to your conscience beliefs not accepted by the world-wide Seventh-Day Adventist Church, the Whyalla Church Board has unanimously voted to recommend the following motion to a Church Business Meeting to be convened at the church, on Sunday evening 15th May at 7pm.

MOTION: *That the Whyalla Seventh-Day Adventist Church remove the names of John & Joy Penman, and Annie Penman from membership of the Whyalla Seventh-Day Adventist Church, due to disharmony caused by teaching doctrinal beliefs contrary to the established 28 Fundamental Beliefs and Baptismal Vows of the world-wide Seventh-Day Adventist Church.*

Should this motion be seconded, you will then be given opportunity to make a statement to the Whyalla Church. Other members gathered will be given opportunity to speak to the motion should they so desire.

Note however, that this Business meeting will not be a forum for questions and answers over your doctrinal differences with the Seventh-Day Adventist Church. Any discussion will be limited to the motion brought to the Business Meeting regarding the removal of your names from the Whyalla Church roll. People will be free to agree or disagree with the motion during the discussion period, after which the motion will be brought to a vote.

Voting will be by secret ballot, with one word written on the ballot, either YES I agree with the motion, or NO I do not agree.

After the vote has been taken and its outcome declared, I will make some closing comments as chairman, offer a closing prayer, and the meeting will be closed.

I hope this explains sufficiently the process we will follow on Sunday night.

May God Bless you all.

Yours sincerely,

Whyalla Seventh-Day Adventist Church.