

Living Church of God

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NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

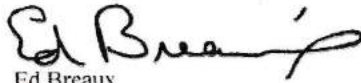
02/17/2017
Mr. Ray Smith

Dear Ray,

I regret that it is my duty to inform you that, based upon biblical instruction, an ecclesiastical determination has been made to suspend you from the Living Church of God, effective immediately. You therefore are not permitted to attend any meeting of the Living Church of God unless or until you have been reinstated.

The Living Church of God bears you no ill and I am praying for you. If, in the future, you feel that you have repented and wish to counsel about returning to fellowship with us, please contact me at 601-649-1911 or 337-849-4270

Sincerely,



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CERTIFIED MAIL, RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Ray W Smith

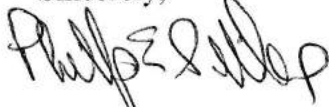

March 23, 2017

Dear Mr. Smith:

This letter is to confirm that you may not attend church with the Church of God, a Worldwide Association, Inc. ("Church") at this time. Respectfully, you are not welcome to attend any church services or activities of the Church of God, a Worldwide Association, Inc. This notice applies to all congregations, meetings, and events of the Church of God, a Worldwide Association, Inc.

The Church does not, nor do I, bear any ill will towards you, and we fervently pray that God will grant you repentance and ultimate reconciliation to Him and the Church. If your view of your past actions and attitudes changes, a minister of the Church would be happy to talk with you.

Sincerely,



Phil Sandilands



United Church of God
an International Association

Len Martin
Chairman

Victor Kubik
President

October 21, 2021

Mr. Ray Smith
[REDACTED]

Re: **Bar from Attendance at United Church of God Services or Activities**

Dear Ray,

During a recent telephone conversation, I told you I would send a letter confirming my decision to deny your request for permission to visit a United Church of God (“UCG”) worship services in your area, specifically our UCG congregation meeting in Laurel, Mississippi.

This is that letter.

Background: Earlier this month you wrote to UCG pastor Skeets Mez asking for permission to “visit” the UCG Laurel Congregation “sometimes in the upcoming future (in-person fellowship is good sometimes).”

This request came somewhat out of the blue within a backdrop of your having dropped out of attending with any UCG congregation over seven years ago and now being affiliated with another Church of God group of which Fred R. Coulter is President.

Mr. Mez passed your request on to me for review, which led to our subsequent conversation and correspondence.

The reason you gave to me for this new interest in UCG visitation was your need to “fellowship” in person (because Mr. Coulter’s group has no in person services in your area). But that desire alone is not a sufficient reason for me to allow such visitation if I feel your presence, for the reasons we have already discussed, would be detrimental.

Pursuant to United’s Attendance Policy, attendance at UCG worship services or other Church functions may be limited by me, the local pastor or other presiding elders of the Church, or their designee(s), as they deem appropriate under the circumstances.

Consequently, after conferring with our elders and other members of the Ministerial Services team, I hereby confirm that you are not welcome at, and have been denied permission to visit or

attend, any church or holy day services or other UCG church activities at the Laurel or any other congregation or festival site of United Church of God.

Should you be desirous of establishing a supportive non-confrontational relationship with UCG or re-consideration of this ban on visitation or attendance due to a change of heart and attitude on your part, or for other spiritual help, please let me know via written hard copy correspondence (lacking such a letter, future phone calls, e-mails or text messaging from you will not be accepted or acknowledged).

Sincerely,

United Church of God, *an International Association*

By: Mark K. Welch

Mark Welch, Operations Manager for Ministerial and Member Services