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*"But now ask the beasts, and let them teach you; and the birds of the heavens, and let them tell you. Or speak to the earth, and let it teach you; and let the fish of the sea declare to you. Who among all these does not know that the hand of the LORD has done this, in whose hand is the life of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind?"
(Job 12:7-10)*

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Dear Pastor,

Greetings from "Creation, the Foundation of Salvation" (CFS)

Let me introduce ourselves. We are a non-denominational grassroots network of concerned Christian laity and clergy, who have recently joined forces in response to a growing current trend in the American Church. If left unchallenged this doctrine threatens to destroy the very essence of Historic Biblical Christianity. It declares God and Christ a liar, the Bible in error, makes salvation in Christ meaningless and robs the Church of its foundation for evangelism and discipleship! Sound impossible?

In light of such a chilling scenario, we are writing to inform you of a recent "movement" among Christian Churches called "*The Clergy Letter Project*." (<http://www.butler.edu/clergyproject/Christian>) You may or may not be aware of this movement that transcends the boundaries of any particular mainline Protestant denomination, and that includes the Roman Catholic Church.

Our purpose in sounding the trumpet (Ez 3:2-6) against *The Clergy Letter Project* is not to argue about the validity of removing religion from public schools but rather to make clergy and laity aware of **the incursion of the theory of evolution into the Church**. This incursion is especially revealed by the official endorsements of *the CLP*, its *Evolution Sunday - Weekend* and the adoption of evolution as factual truth by various denominational leaders and independent clergy. "*Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness!*" (Isa 5:20) Like the Bereans, we strongly encourage you to check out the CLP website for yourself. Read the sample sermons and articles. View the resources. Follow the links for blogs and chat rooms especially targeted at youth pastors, church youth groups and Sunday schools.

Here are a few quick facts about the Clergy Letter Project:

- There have been **12,525** signatories to date - about **3 %** of the total clergy in the USA
- Signers include UMC, PC (USA), EPIS, ELCA, UCC, DOC, RC, ABC, Mennonite; Bishops, theologians, out of country missionaries.
- **2948** congregations, from all **50** states and **16** countries have participated in Evolution Sunday / Weekend events over the last **4** years.
- **Almost 1 in 5** of the signers of the CLP live in **PA, NY, or OH.**
- **15%** of the 2009 USA Evolution Weekends were held in the **Tri-State area.**

"In Essentials Unity, In Nonessentials Freedom, In All Things Love"

Given all this, what should be our response? Rest assured CFS is **NOT** soliciting donations, planning fundraisers, passing petitions, conducting surveys, organizing boycotts, holding public demonstrations or encouraging civil disobedience. We are offering to help clergy educate, equip and empower the members of Christ's Body with a Biblically based response to the "The Clergy Letter Project" and other similar movements that promote the theory of evolution as the explanation for man's origins. Our gratis support will be done in the most compassionate way possible, respecting the leadership and policies of each church.

On a personal note, as mission chairman of my church, I know firsthand of the bewilderment and frustration that the local church leadership faces when a congregation learns that their Bishops "quietly" adopted evolution as the official doctrine of the denomination. Quelling the anger, outrage and hostility that can arise is only part of the dilemma. How do you pay salaries and keep the lights on when people leave or stop giving "until the problem is fixed" and any viable solution is months even years away? This is why CFS is counseling those caught in this situation:

- First, we should assume the majority of our fellow Christians in our congregations, including most of our Clergy members, have no idea that their leaders have signed the Clergy Letter Project or accepted evolution as factual truth.
- Second, make no hasty decisions like leaving your Church, with holding your tithes or calling down the thunder on your Pastor, elders or lay leaders.
- Third, be in prayer, Scripture study and keep the love of Christ present in your conversations. Be sure you "personally" understand the Scriptural foundation of your position on creation vs. evolution.
- Fourth, seek help in forming your response from those who are balanced, wanting to build up the Church in truth rather than tear it down.

In September 2008 we contacted Rick Maas of Humbleheart Ministries Inc. Rick is also an ordained minister and the Pastor of a Community Church that is nondenominational. Since Humbleheart Ministries has been serving as an extended outreach of the Christian Church for nearly two decades, dealing with false teaching in the Church as well as coping with the influence of non-Christian Cults, we felt his assistance would be appreciated. After much prayer and research he decided to come aboard January 2009.

Attached to this letter you will find further information and resources we hope will encourage you and your Church by knowing we are available to help should you feel it's necessary. God's peace upon you and may He continue to bless your congregation.

Sincerely,

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We are in the midst of planning a local or tri-state conference/seminar for those interested. Some of our goals will be as follows:

Purpose: To make clergy and laity aware of the incursion of the theory of evolution into the Church in general. Speakers will address the issue of the church adopting an evolutionary worldview from the standpoint of:

1. **Spiritual implications**
2. **Social implications**
3. **Scientific implications**

There can be general "Strategy Sessions" on how to respond to the Clergy Letter Project setup if requested.

Attention members of the United Methodist Church: Trinity United Methodist Church of Erie, PA has adopted a resolution rejecting evolution and affirming creation / intelligent design. They are looking for other UMC congregations to adopt similar resolutions and/or co-sponsor legislation for Annual Conference. They would like to have a regional strategy session where the need for recruiting Lay Equalizing Delegates, networking, etc. can be discussed.

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