

THE CHURCH OF
JESUS CHRIST
OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

SPANISH FORK UTAH CANYON RIDGE STAKE

October 23, 2017

Dear Nelson,

Based on previous conversations with you and Lacey, I believe that I understand your position. No matter how this situation is resolved, I want you to know of my love and concern for both of you.

This letter is a formal notice that the stake presidency will convene a formal disciplinary council in your behalf, including the possibility of excommunication, because you are reported to have been in apostasy and you have acted in clear, open, and deliberate public opposition to the Church or its leaders.

You are invited to attend the council personally. Whether you attend is of course your choice. Alternatively, you may send a written letter that I can read to the council in your absence. I will give you up to 45 minutes to respond, or for your letter to be read. If you do choose to attend, your attendance and participation are conditioned upon your agreement to respect the process and abide by the standards governing the proceedings. Disciplinary councils are sacred ecclesiastical proceedings and are intended to be strictly confidential. These standards are required of all who participate in disciplinary councils.

To further emphasize these important principles, prior to the council I will ask everyone who participates – both members of the council, you, and any witnesses who may testify – to sign a confidentiality agreement. (Witnesses must be members of the Church in good standing.) If a member of the council declines, the Stake Presidency will select another high priest to replace him. If you decline, you will not be allowed to be present and any statement on your behalf to the council will have to be submitted in writing.

The council will be held on November 5, 7:00 AM at the Stake Center.

Lacey can anticipate a similar invitation to a ward council. Please let me know if you prefer to attend the stake council together.

Sincerely,



Monte Marshall
President, Spanish Fork Canyon Ridge Stake