

THE CHURCH OF  
**JESUS CHRIST**  
OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

AMERICAN FORK UTAH EAST STAKE

April 7<sup>th</sup> 2016

Jeremy Runnells  
[REDACTED]  
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Dear Jeremy,

I received your reply to my last email. Based on what you wrote, I believe that I understand your position. I want you to know of my love and concern for you and for your family. No matter how this situation is resolved, I will always be willing to meet with you and to work with you to strengthen your relationship with our Heavenly Father and His Son, Jesus Christ.

This letter is a formal notice that the stake presidency will convene a formal disciplinary council in your behalf, the result of which includes the possibility of excommunication, disfellowshipment, formal probation or no action. The reason for this council is that you are reported to be in apostasy in that you have repeatedly acted in clear, open, and deliberate public opposition to the Church or its leaders. You have, among other things:

1. Published materials and participated in interviews which have attempted to discredit the Church;
2. Publicly expressed your view that the Church's scriptures are fraudulent; and
3. Expressed opposition to Church leaders, including the Prophet Joseph Smith.

We will convene the council on April 17, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. in the High Council Room of the American Fork East Stake Center at 825 East 500 North in American Fork.

You are invited to attend the council personally and give your response to the above accusations, if you wish. However, if you choose to attend, there are certain conditions that you must abide by:

1. Everyone who attends the council, including you, me and any approved witnesses, will sign an acknowledgment that the council will be conducted privately and confidentially. It will not be electronically recorded in any way. Of course, you and I will both be free to take notes.

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2. No interpreter or other representative will be allowed to attend with you. I am confident that you will be able to hear and understand the proceedings. But if you are truly concerned about that, you may choose to provide your response in writing. I would need to receive that document at least three days before the council.

3. You may call witnesses whose testimony is relevant to the issues I have set out above. However, any such witnesses must be identified to me in writing by name, ward and stake, at least three days in advance. You must also provide to me, in advance and in writing, a description of the subject matter on which they will testify and the content of their testimony. In order to offer testimony, witnesses must be members of the Church in good-standing. I will abide by these same rules in regards to any witnesses that I may call.

4. Any proposed testimony from witnesses must relate to the specific issues described above. The issues are your *actions*, not the sincerity of your (or their) opinions.

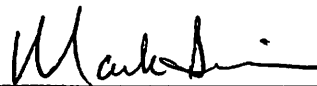
I anticipate that it will take about 15 minutes for the evidence in support of the above issues to be presented to the council. You will be afforded three times that, or 45 minutes, to give your response.

As mentioned above, if you choose not to attend the council in person, you may submit a written response that will be read to the council. If provided, I will read your statement word-for-word, without any comment from me as I read it, for up to 45 minutes.

I feel obligated to let you know that, if you wish to avoid this process entirely, you have the option to request that your name be removed from the records of the Church. If you should make such a request, the council will be cancelled and I will work with you to supply all of the information that you need to bring about that result.

No matter the course you decide to take in this life, and no matter the outcome of this disciplinary council, I want you to know of my firm testimony that your Heavenly Father loves you as his son. He wants you to return to Him and live with your family forever. As His representative in the stake where you reside, I want you to know that I stand ready to help you and your family in any way that I can. It is my sincere hope that you will choose to alter your current course and return to full fellowship in the Church.

Sincerely,



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President Mark Ivins