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That the generations to come might know. Psalm 78:6

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EDI—Editorial Comm.

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EJW—Edward J. Worley
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ERS—E. R. Stallings
EPA—Essays/Papers/Analysis
FLC—Fel. Luth. Cong.
FLCN—Fel. Luth. Con. Nigeria
GSH—Good Shep. Lu. Ch.
HDM—H. David Mensing
HWR—Howard W. Romoser File
LCMS—Lu. Ch. Mis. Syn.
LCR—Luth. Ch. of the Ref.
LEG—Legal Documents
MIN—Convention Minutes
MIS—Comm. on Missions
MLN—Melvin L. Natterer
MWD—Mark W. Dierking
NBF—Nimi B. Fyneface
NIA—Nigeria

NON—Non CLC Docs.

OLC—Orth. Luth. Conf.
OLP—Orthodox Luth. Publication
PAS—Passages/Texts
PEA—Peace Ev. Luth. Ch.
PEB—Paul E. Bloedel
PEK—Paul E. Kretzmann
PIC—Pictures
PRB—Paul R. Bloedel
PRE—President Docs
PRM—Phillip R. Martin
PRO—Conv. Proceedings
PUB—Publishing House
RES—Resolutions
RGS—Rom. G. Schurganoff
RJL—Robert J. Lietz
RUS—Russia
SP—Scriptural Publications
SEM—Seminary Docs.
SER—Sermons

SES—Seminary Students

STA—Statistics/Data
STJ—St. John Luth. Ch.
STL—St. Luke Luth. Ch.
STM—St. Mark Luth. Ch.
STS—St. Stephen Wilmot
TRE—Treasurer Docs/Financials
TRI—Trinity Ev Luth. Ch.
UNC—Uncategorized
VIC—Vice President Docs
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Dec. 3, 1985

Déar Rév., Schaefer,

President Mensing has informed me by phone that you have ~~XXXXXX~~ ^{sinfully separated} from Peace Ev. Lutheran Church and are, therefore, no longer a member of our Concordia Lutheran Conference. This, of course, leaves ~~XXXXXX~~ the office of Editor of our CL vacant since you had initially been elected to this office. President Mensing has appointed me to ^{serve as} ~~the~~ Editor until the CLC convention in June. I must request you, therefore, to send me without delay the Editor's files.

The fact that you have sinfully separated yourself from PEace Ev. Lutheran Church and the fellowship of our ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Conference deeply saddens us. We have known you for many years and worked together with you in upholding the Word of Truth. Now, you have not only, without Scriptural cause, separated yourself from those whom you have called your brethren for many years, but you have even taken the members of your family with you ~~to~~ ^{to} partake ~~of~~ ⁱⁿ this sin. We earnestly beg of you, in Jesus' Name, to repent of your unScriptural action and return to the teachings which you, yourself, taught for so many years!

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8630 West 163rd St.
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December 11, 1985

Rev. M. L. Natterer
483 Tangent Street
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Dear Rev. Natterer:

Your letter of December 3rd arrived last Saturday while I was studying my sermon for Sunday. Nothing could have upset or disturbed me more at that time, especially as I noted the tone and contents of that letter.

What shocked me most is this that you, who have known me and worked with me for over 30 years and must know that I would not take any action contrary to the Word of God, would simply accept and believe what President Mensing told you by phone or wrote to you and your congregation concerning me as if it could never happen that a pastor and a congregation in the C.L.C. would be wrong.

Knowing you as I believe I do, I would have expected that when you received that phone call, you would have told the President, "I know Schaefer too well, and until I hear his side of the story, I cannot make a fair decision. I therefore will not accept the position of Editor until I have all the facts in the case." This would have been in accord with Proverbs 31: 9, "judge righteously," and John 7: 24, "Judge righteous judgment!"

It is obvious that you have information which is biased, slanted, and faulty. Therefore I intend to send you my account of what happened at Peace Church in November and how it also relates to the Conference. Once you realize how ruthless, mean, and unbrotherly a pastor and his congregation can be to another pastor in their midst and his family, then you will see clearly what injustice has been done and who is right. I am certain that then you will want to investigate further and battle against such tactics in the Conference. Then it ought also to follow that you would retract your harsh letter to me upon conviction that Peace Church with its pastor was at fault and guilty of unloving action.

When a pastor is told, "We don't need you anymore!" When a call is terminated by a split decision; when a new arrangement is made whereby said pastor is cut back in his work about 90% with remuneration inadequate for his needs; and when said pastor is hindered from making full proof of his ministry (2 Tim.4:5), then he cannot accept such an arrangement but must withdraw to serve his Lord better as He guides him. By no means can such action be labeled "sinful separation." This, in summary, is what happened to me.

Upon your request I have enclosed the Editorial Committee file, but let me in all seriousness caution you: be very careful what you print in the C.L. concerning me, lest you become guilty of libel. Don't settle for one person's view or statement; get all the facts before you make any decisive comment. I have known you for a long time and always treasured our relationship. I am sure that you will do what is right according to God's Word.

Sincerely in the Lord,

O. W. Schaefer
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