

Meeting

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To: Carl Haak <haak@PRCA.ORG>

Dear Rev. Haak,

I write in follow-up to the meeting we had yesterday.

It is clear where things are now, and where they will be shortly.

I am not now trying to convince you of my position, but to explain it in light of the questions I ask you to consider.

I see Rev. Lanning as addressing a grave weakness in our churches, which is that we minimize the error we committed in our church in compromising the gospel and displacing Christ. I still don't know how a man would address that by going to the ecclesiastical assemblies. But to the point of minimizing the error, I have two questions for you, that I felt would be better asked privately than publicly in the meeting yesterday.

On the floor of Synod 2018, regarding the theology of the doctrinal statement, you said that you believed that theology and would continue to teach that theology. That was after you had the advice in front of you. Is that not a minimizing of the doctrinal error? I ask you, have you turned from that statement?

Also, regarding the doctrinal statement (and I went to Rev. Slopsema last year with my concerns also), we had four of our leading men draft a document that they felt would help lead us out of the error, but that document indeed committed the same error of compromising the gospel. Since that point, we have heard nothing regarding that doctrinal statement. Do those four men still believe it? Still teach it? Do they repudiate it?

There are other troubling evidences, that don't involve you, so I will not bring them up here. But I ask you, the statement you made, and the statement you drafted, do you repudiate those? I ask you because my calling is to make a judgment about my pastor's preaching, and if we decide wrongly, and suspend a righteous man who is rebuking us for our errors, we take on ourselves a mark of the false church (BC 29).

These are not official questions from the consistory, but because these involve statements made by you, I thought this would be the better route. If you think this is in error, please inform me and I will send these questions to the clerk to be passed on to the church visitors.

Sincerely in Christ,

Dewey