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Dear :

God bless you in the name of Jesus Christ.

The decision that I made to end Corps Night teachings came somewhat abruptly, I know. After so many challenging situations in Placements, including the dismissal of Tom and Brenda Mullins from the meetings, I was too exhausted to put myself deeply into the Word well enough to handle Corps Night properly. Also the fact that we had finished Nehemiah and, therefore, had tied the year together Biblically provided a logical place to close it.

As many times as I've done Placements, I can't remember any recent time being as demanding, exasperating, and sometimes befuddling as this one. Of course, the positives outweigh the negatives, and we've made some great decisions. Seeing much of the lack of resolve and sound thinking in some of the Way Corps, however, cut me deeply.

The most dramatic and subtle assault came by way of the Mullins situation. How it could happen that those serving on full salary for these years could have their hearts so hardened to the Word of God and their minds so dulled to the basic logic of life and living, I don't understand. Their "state of being" necessitated the Board of Trustees confronting them and telling them to just pack up and go home because they were so far below the minimum spirituality required to help us in Placements. The best for the ministry was to just get them back to Minnesota. Then, of course, we needed some follow-up; so it was my guidance to have Michael and Cindy Fort, along with Alan and Debbie Licht, go to Minnesota for a day and see what they could do in salvaging things. Once the Mullinses were removed and the four were back from Minnesota, the placements really clicked and moved. I was proud to work with the people who were there. The like-mindedness and good logic and commitment would have made all of you proud as well.

The next challenge that requires so much effort and believing from us Trustees is the amount of debt that so many of you have developed over the years. It has required so much to wake many of you up to real action. Many want to cover bad habits with cultural clichés that justify slothfulness and stupidity. Well, there are some of us who have our eyes wide open and our lives well set on "IT IS WRITTEN" (as The Way Corps should!). We will not be

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fooled by worldly illogic. Either wake up and believe God and get yourself on the Word in your financial lives, or the only alternative is "Dropped from Active Corps." Is that a threat? Not really...just a promise and a resolve!

We also decided to drop many who have continued to be unproductive in The Way Corps household. Many of these are Corps grads married to non-Corps. As you know, I've exhorted for several years now that our "spouse Corps couples" get themselves in residence. Few responded to that admonition and invitation. I don't know why. A year or two in the Corps would do wonders (maybe even signs and miracles!) for their lives and ministries. Most of these couples seem resolved to ignore the invitation. Many of them necessitated their being Dropped from Active Corps due to their lack of productivity as good ministers of Jesus Christ. Remember, The Way Corps is a leadership household. Anyone who doesn't lead is not ACTIVE CORPS! Many became "dead weight" by their unproductiveness. As we began to clean things out after the "fog years," the most obvious place first was to clean out those who manifested rampant and destructive evil. Then came those who manifested a more subtle and harassing evil, and now I trust we're getting to the most subtle category, which is evil that is unproductive. Evil is still evil, no matter how it manifests itself. Therefore I really have no sympathy toward those we have dropped. I love them, but they have shelved themselves. Their salt has lost its savor. We leadership are responsible to God to keep the leadership household pure and on the way of holiness. I am ultimately responsible. To the best of my ability, these decisions are sealed with the salt of God's heart and love and Word. If any of these dropped Corps are awakened from the "iron lids" of their spiritual sleep and activated by this decision, then we leaders will require a period of time for them to prove they mean business before reinstatement can happen.

Back to the debt slothfulness--over 100 Corps have been "busted back" from their responsibilities, basically due to debt. Some, however, have made such a notable dent in their debt, really showing they mean business, that we allowed them to stay in some responsibilities. Some we just moved back from Branch or Twig Area to Twig or even to Corps grad. Some situations required "No assignment" designation, which is like a "probation" period to prove they still want to be Corps. This was done for several reasons: (1) to get your attention that God means business on your getting out of debt; (2) to give you the time necessary to drive yourself and discipline yourself to get on top of your expenses and income, making aggressive decisions to get out of debt; and (3) to show the spiritual partners and the believers of our ministry that you as leadership have to live up to the Word of God or we will not back you up and support you. How are you going to teach people how to get out of debt and respond to God's call to abundance if you lethargically and hard-heartedly wallow in it? As Dr. Wierwille used to say, I don't care where you've been; I want to know where you want to go...and some of you have not shown sufficient indication that you really care too much about the Word I've been teaching and the exhortations our leadership have been making to help you. This would certainly be one of the last opportunities for you to respond, or you will have indicated by your actions that you really do not care to be considered active Way Corps. Debt is sin. To look at it any other way is rationalization

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and old-man thinking; so make up your mind to believe God and receive the deliverance that He has available, then keep yourself clean from these entanglements and contaminations of the unholy ways of the world. If you disagree with this heart and logic, then you should honestly drop yourself from active Way Corps. If you cannot stand with me and our leadership in one accord on our thinking regarding God's standards of life and living in the physical realm, you have no business representing yourself as leadership in The Way Ministry. That adds to your sin by treachery and lying; so at least have the honesty to drop yourself and spare us the trouble of rooting you out, because we will do so if you don't mean business. That's a promise.

It's time to salt up with double doses! Keep your mind at that level on a daily basis. I love you all very much, but make no mistake about it--the Word of God stands whether anyone believes it or not. This is where our Trustees stand along with the elders of The Way Corps who just helped us do these placements.

Your assignment is:

Salted,
In Christ,



L. Craig Martindale

PS. Any questions, check with your local leadership first.