

## **From the GFI Response to Christianity Today:**

### **Attachment Two: Resignation Letter**

March 9, 2000

Elder Board

Living Hope Evangelical Fellowship 17939 Chatsworth Street #122 Granada Hills, CA 91344

Dear Elders,

After the many years of friendship and ministry partnership we regret the need to write this letter of withdrawal of membership from Living Hope. This letter confirms our phone conversation from last night with Phil Hansen, notifying him of the same. Our departure is a matter of conscience. The letter we brought to Matt last night highlights some of our concerns, but the primary one centers on the Board's integrity. This board is not above reproach nor blameless, I Timothy 3:2. We have never done well under that type of spiritual leadership.

Gentlemen, we have not forgotten why we left Grace Church. Over the last couple of months and particularly the last couple of weeks, we have witnessed your practice of duplicity, gossip, the twisting of facts, the discussing of private personal matters with parties outside our fellowship, and false accusations made against our family. Without repentance, these conditions make it impossible for us to continue to sit under your leadership.

We believe as a leadership team you have a serious blind spot. You do not see your actions, methods and some of the ways you treat and talk to and about people as manipulating and sinful. We hope to leave quietly and graciously. However, if you persist on spreading more lies and slandering us, we will take the necessary actions to set the record straight including disclosure of the facts surrounding our departure.

Please remove our names from the membership role. We will greatly miss this little flock and will continue to uplift the membership and leadership in prayer.

With great regret,

Gary and Anne Marie Ezzo