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ECIC Open Letter

“Sometimes Truth makes Love hurt”

This letter is addressed to current Pentecostal members who find us here in cyberspace.

Leaving a Pentecostal or non-denominational Charismatic congregation is a difficult journey for many. Having been a PENTECOSTAL member, supporter and minister, We certainly understand any current member's dismay at finding us. ECIC's probably would have reacted similarly. Please know we are not a PENTECOSTAL member hater, nor are we against members of any PENTECOSTAL Church. It is the spiritual abuse that occurs against citizens in some churches as well as some doctrines that concern Us.

The main purpose of this site is to bring attention to the subject of spiritual abuse in *any* Bible-based church. Spiritual abuse can occur in all types of churches as well as groups that are not biblically based. Unfortunately, because people are human, leadership always has the potential to become abusive and self-serving. There is ample space on the site dedicated solely to this purpose, without drawing attention to any one particular group. We are by no means conveying that the PENTECOSTAL has a monopoly in this area, that all their churches are abusive, or that they are the worst offenders. The secondary emphasis placed on the Pentecostal Church is there because this is where we experienced and witnessed abuse and error. Had Our experience been in any other organization, the secondary focus would have been on them instead. It is that simple We endeavor to present the issues in a fair manner. Many links are made available to sites. Visitors to the site are encouraged to send links of other articles as well as to submit a writing of their own. A special area is set aside to address any issue covered by the site.

Please keep in mind that links to many other sites are provided. If you take issue with something there, you need to contact that site owner. In addition, the views expressed by those who share in the experience and members speak sections, as well as any other writings originating on this site, reflect the views of the individual authors and are not necessarily representative of my views. Therefore we cannot address questions



concerning contributions made by others. If a link is supplied to their email address, you may write them directly.

A few have inquired as to why there is not a place for positive church experiences. The site is about spiritual abuse. There are no 'positive' examples of any form of abuse. Were the focus of the site on battered wives, for example, would one also expect there to be a section for good examples? There are none! Each church group has their own opportunity for people to express any good that occurs in their organization. matters, conducting themselves inappropriately in services, and yet Paul did not proclaim them non-Christians.

Our hope is that this letter will better explain our purpose and possibly alleviate some concerns which current members might have. You'll find we don't report the latest negative news and gossip. For any that are yet upset with the site, we suggest you simply not visit it. Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

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