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Dear Staff Member:

We are pleased to present you with a gift of the included publication entitled *Finally... Out of Darkness, Into His Marvelous Light*. Our prayer is that your soul will be nourished to an experience that measures with the inheritance of the saints in light.

In the event that you have not been informed of recent developments within the legal department of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, our pastor, along with our various ministries, have been served with a lawsuit complaining against our use of the religious name "Creation Seventh Day Adventist." This action is based upon an alleged trademark infringement of the purported mark SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST® and can be accessed online at <http://csdadventistchurch.us/Lawsuit/>. Much of the SDA trademark controversy history may be viewed at http://csda.us/tm_alert.html.

We believe that the name "Seventh-day Adventist," and reasonable variations thereof, was given to us by Yahweh, the God of Heaven and Earth, in accordance with the statement of the Seventh-day Adventist prophetess Ellen G. White: "We are Seventh-day Adventists. Are we ashamed of our name? We answer, 'No, no! We are not.' It is the name the Lord has given us. It points out the truth that is to be the test of the churches." [*Manuscript Releases Volume One*, page 156, paragraph 1] It is our understanding based upon Adventist principles that religious organizations that profess to be Christian in nature ought not to employ the aid of civil authority, nor the threat of civil penalties, for the enforcement or protection of their doctrines, reputation or other identifying features, which the Creator Himself has pledged to protect. (Isaiah 31:1, Zechariah 4:6, 2 Kings 19:34)

We believe, as did early and respected Adventist teachers, that the practice of involving the worldly courts to settle ecclesiastical matters is directly antithetical to the spirit of the Sabbath commandment which the Advent movement has been covenanted to reveal to the world: "Now I want to state a little further upon the principle that no Christian, being a citizen of the kingdom of God, can of right start any procedure in connection with civil government. After it is started by the government itself, that is another question [...] I repeat therefore, that upon the principles which govern kingdoms and governments, the very principle of the law in heaven, or law in earth, a Christian cannot start any procedure in connection with civil government. And of all Christians, Seventh-day Adventists cannot do it. The very keeping of the Sabbath forbids it." [*1895 General Conference Bulletin*, page 28, A.T. Jones]

In light of this aspect of Adventist teachings, we stand convicted by conscience, and find ourselves compelled to protest the actions of the General Conference in both registering its trademarked name and bringing litigation against those it considers to be heretical,

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thus employing the strong arm of civil government against conscientious dissenters such as ourselves.

It is hoped that our doctrine, outlined in detail in the publication we are sending you, will supply the necessary oil for your lamps, so that you may be found among the wise virgins in this testing hour.

Beyond this, we offer a cordial invitation to all who are willing to reason together on the current Adventist controversy as suggested in Isaiah 1:18. Let us labor together in adopting a pure worship that is acceptable to the Almighty. At your convenience, we will meet with any who are willing to prove all conclusions from the Bible, rather than modern traditions adopted from the papacy or the opinions of men.

“Awake to righteousness, and sin not.” (1 Corinthians 15:34a) “Behold, the Bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet Him.” (Matthew 25:6b)

Your servants in the Messiah,

The CSDA Church Membership