

Brussels Belgium Stake  
66 , chaussée de Braine-le-Comte  
B-1400 NIVELLES

March 17, 2003-06-15

Dear brother (name removed)

Several months ago already, you have expressed the desire to have your name removed from the records of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

You have met with bishop Delauw, with whom you have been able to discuss this topic.

Before we could grant your desire, we had to inform ourselves of procedural details, which took some time.

We are now able to provide you with some information with regards to this topic.

When a member desires not to be a member any more, there is a simple and quick procedure to grant this desire.

There is however one exception. It is the case when a member has made a serious mistake towards the laws of the Lord and the rules of the Church that he voluntarily accepted at his baptism and towards the covenants he took during when he went to the temple of the Lord.

In this case, a disciplinary council has to meet for this person. The council will decide if this person can keep the quality of membership.

It seems that this is this situation which is yours. You will soon receive an invitation to present yourselves in front of the Stake disciplinary council to clarify yourselves with regards to a serious mistake committed towards the rules of the Church.

If it happens that a mistake has been done, the council will seek to take the appropriate measures. If this is not the case, you will freely be able to leave the Church and the procedure mainly administrative will be quick.

Your brother,

R. Vanhulst  
Stake President

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Dear brother (name removed)

We hereby invite you to present yourselves in front of the disciplinary council of the Church in order for you to clarify your situation with regards to a serious mistake committed towards the laws of the Lord and the rules of the Church.

The council will meet in the Nivelles Ward on 9 April 2003 at 7:00PM

If you are not able to attend for some important reason, we ask you to contact us so that we can make another appointment.

If you do not present yourselves in front of the disciplinary council without letting us know, the council would make a final decision in your absence.

Dear brother, we ask you to accept to prepare this meeting in the spirit of prayer and to ask our Heavenly Father for guidance.

Brotherly yours,

R. Vanhulst  
Stake President

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19th April 2003

Dear Brother ,

We hereby inform you that the disciplinary council met on Wednesday 9 April at 7PM in the Nivelles Ward further to the invitation that was personally handed over to you and to which you did not respond.

The decision of the great disciplinary council was to withdraw the quality of membership of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints for the reason of fornication without any desire of repentance, serious mistake towards the laws of the Lord and the covenants that you freely took in the house of the Lord.

As a consequence, we ask you to stop paying the tithe offerings to the Church, to stop wearing the temple garments, and to store with care as they are sacred.

We know that this decision meets your desire not to remain a member of the Church and the withdrawal of the membership will be done automatically unless you decided to make an appeal within 30 days by written letter, explaining the reasons of your appeal to the stake president who will transmit your request to the first presidency.

Dear brother , we are very saddened by this situation and we want to reassure you that you are always welcome. Repentance is always possible and we want you to know that we will help you should you desire it.

Your brother,

R. Vanhulst