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**February 2026 FEB Central Regional Update Letter**

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Dear FEB Central Family,

Thank you for joining together in prayer for our Fellowship Baptist leaders and churches in the Pacific region this past week. On February 7<sup>th</sup>, FEB Pacific held a special convention to consider the removal of 8 member churches. Many of you have reached out to ask about the outcome. At the convention, each of the 8 churches was voted on individually. They were given 5 minutes to speak on their own behalf and an additional 10 minutes was given for pro/con speakers from the delegates. This made for a lengthy meeting. The result of the special convention was the removal of the 8 churches in question. Although this is not what anyone wanted, one positive outcome is that all those involved on both sides of the issue behaved in a Christ honoring manner.

I do want you to know that President Steve Jones has communicated to me that, in the coming weeks, a letter will be issued from Fellowship National updating the churches on what took place at the FEB Pacific special convention, as well as an update on the first meeting of the Complementarian Congruence Team.

In recent days several pastors have asked for confirmation of the official stance of FEB Central on complementarianism. I have communicated this in the past and it is worth repeating. FEB Central is complementarian. We implement the 1997 Fellowship National position on Gender in Ministry and abide by the National bylaws. Although the documents need further clarification, it does affirm male eldership. This is why, last Fall, we removed one of our churches and its two daughter sites for officially embracing female eldership and adopting a position that would allow for the possibility of a female senior pastor. Over the years several other churches have been removed for taking a similar egalitarian stance.

I wanted to take this time to assure you of FEB Central's continued commitment to our complementarian position and bylaws. With our region anchored firmly to the authority of the Word of God, prayerfully walking in step with the Holy Spirit and, being faithful on mission to make disciples who reproduce (Hebrews 4:12, Galatians 5:24-25, Matthew 28:18-20), we have the necessary anchor to allow us to be obedient without drifting.

Please continue to pray for the National Complementarian Congruence Team as they work on the necessary clarity and congruence of our position and bylaws. Also pray for our family of churches from coast to coast, that God would grant a spirit of unity in the bond of peace.

Lastly, please be in prayer for Pastor George Rowe and Tumbler Ridge Fellowship Baptist Church in BC as they minister to the community at this terrible time of grief.

May God's grace and peace be with you all,

Tom Haines, Regional Director

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