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**URGENT AND NECESSARY MINISTRIES OUR  
CHURCHES MUST DO NOW - THIS INCLUDES YOUR  
CHURCH - WE ARE ABOUT TO GO INTO  
REVELATION'S ENDTIMES**

**Apart from the Watchman's Warning (Such as this  
One), The Signs Are the Only Warning We Will Get.**

by

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## **PRESENTATION**

**This letter (document) is written to churches as if it were my church. But it is addressed to all churches in our current times. Please read it to how it applies to your church. It is called North Western as a generic name.**

**DATE:** 21 January 2010

**TO:** Dear North Western Elders

**FROM:** John Stephenson (408-376-0368)

**SUBJECT:** "Necessary Items" To Be In the North Western Church Mission Statement and/or Current Ministries in Order, in the Big Picture, to Have More of God's Best, Become a Greater Example Church, and Be Prepared for the Soon-Coming Endtimes. (Please read this letter "at high priority" and send me comments.)

### **PRELIMINARY COMMENTS AND PURPOSE**

**TIMING:** Signs now signal (warn) loudly that the most difficult endtimes, we will experience, are soon coming - some form of God's endtimes judgment. We must now do things "with some urgency." Cyclic times are over. The good times will never return.

**NOTE:** This letter is only going to the elders. However, several people are aware in varying degrees of the current situation and need. This letter contains high lights. More details are available. **(Please give the topics and information in this letter very serious prayer. It is being written from the perspective to bring great added and needed value to our church from my perspective.)**

**We are presenting needed ministries so that, as a church, we will be more complete in doing what God wants. We should do this to have more of the God's best.**

**There are many facets to learn and see that define how and when the endtimes come. It takes time to learn them. But one must take time to learn them. The documents on my website can help you learn them in much shorter time. [biblicalworldviewministries.com](http://biblicalworldviewministries.com). I have spent the time over the years.**

**SUPPORT:** This is a love note to the church that I love and serve. I am willing to support the elders

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in all areas discussed and do much of the training. I can train especially in Bible prophecy with God’s Plan for biblical history, and in Christian-Life Relationship Principles (CLRP) needed to gain maturity in Christ-likeness. (I have taught CLRP at North Western for many years in times past.) For ministry things to happen, based on observation, the elders must greatly support and give a major push for many to attend.

**ENDTIMES: Many doctrines, considered together with a new approach based on Christ-Church and other relationships, teach without ambiguity that the Church will definitely go through the soon-coming endtimes Tribulation and be raptured afterward at our Lord’s Second Coming. (This sequence can more easily be seen by reading the ppt document on prophecy described below.)**

**MUST READ (MY)WEBSITE DOCUMENTS** (Please read my website reports “immediately” after reading this letter.): (1) *Determining How Revelation’s Endtimes Unfold (Endtimes Prophecy) Leading To What Our Churches Should Urgently Do Now* (PPT presentation)(Updated January 7, 2010); and (2) *Summary: Urgently Respond to God to Gain His Maximum Plan for Our Lives and Have His Best in Eternity* (Dated January 14, 2010) (PDF). (You of course may know much of the information. But there could be some new items and a good review doesn’t hurt. But as always, we often know more than we are doing.) These documents are available near the top of the home page on my web site: [biblicalworldviewministries.com](http://biblicalworldviewministries.com). I can also e-mail them to you.

**CRITICAL ANALYSIS:** It is not apparent to me that we are doing adequate critical analysis to determine how well we are doing, what is happening to us, how sufficiently we are maturing our people, how well we are evangelizing the children in the community, and that we are knowing or understanding (looking for) the signs that now signal that Revelation’s endtimes are soon coming.

### **SUMMARY OF NEEDED ITEMS FOR OUR MINISTRIES TO GAIN MUCH MORE OF GOD’S BEST IN THE BIG PICTURE AND AVOID ASPECTS OF UNRECOGNIZED FALLING AWAY**

(1) Urgently warn our people that the endtimes Tribulation can come any time that we will go through. Help prepare them or they will be caught blind sided as the endtimes come without warning like a sudden earthquake apart from the signs and the watchman’s (this) warning (there is no time remaining to prepare when the Calamity comes); (2) Be eternity oriented so that we disciple our people (procedure or method) to gain “a maximum” maturity in Christ-likeness (outcome) so they can know and relate to God toward His maximum especially in eternity; (3) Help establish tens and tens of after school Bible clubs working with Child Evangelism Fellowship to evangelize and disciple hundreds of children; (4) Train our church people to do on-the-way personal evangelism in the community to divine appointments; and (5) **Have the elders “do personal research” on loud repetitive rock-type beat music to determine whether it is of God or of Satan in order for them to have the correct and needed view. (If it is truly of Satan (as very many believe), then our church is making a most major inadvertent mistake without realization or desire. It represents a major falling away. We always attempt to do right. But are we in this case? A careful elder research will determine the situation. I can share references. When the older people die or leave the church, the church will be transformed to the rock-type loud music. If it truly is not of God, we have done a most terrible thing - even when we are attempting to do things right.)**

## DISCUSSION OF ITEMS

### (1) MUST WARN AND PREPARE OUR PEOPLE FOR GOING SOON INTO AND THROUGH THE ENDTIMES TRIBULATION

**Situation:** The signs or conditions now around us in the United States as God's endtimes favored nation are the same or similar signs that were in Old Testament Israel just before Babylon invaded and put Israel under her rule for 70 years. The reason this happened is because God's people in Israel as a favored nation were very disobedient into various sins. The signs now most loudly signal that the United States (and world nations) are soon going into the endtimes Tribulation under world government rule. Many signs have been with us for some time, but now they are in composite and becoming greatly mature. **Only God knows the precise timing, but it appears greatly that things could happen this year or in the next few years.** We must urgently warn, alert and prepare our people to be prepared now as insurance and as a hedge needed for being wrong. We must depart from major sins, especially those we may not recognize. We must not allow our people to be caught blind sided. It does not hurt to prepare early. The Churches will go into the Tribulation because of their current falling away and no longer enduring sufficient sound doctrine especially in the United States. **"Our elders need to observe what is happening in composite."**

**We are in a special endtimes sequence such as happened to Old Testament Israel. Israel was then a favored nation to God as is the United States today. God has blessed both nations. But as the amount of sin increases (e.g. gradually), the world government increasingly gains more power to bring the judgment times. The only thing that can slow down the endtimes coming is a massive revival in our churches across the nation. The fact that our nation is falling away is a direct sign our churches are falling away. So how is this being manifested or happening? How much is happening to North Western?**

**The Tribulation's Signaling Signs:** These signally signs now occurring strongly in composite (similar to those that happened in Old Testament Israel before she was placed under the rule of world government) include: (1) emphasis on sodomy and abortion (so the elect might not be born); (2) "extreme" weather and fire storms and earthquakes; (3) a famine (dumbing down) of God's Word in our churches (they no longer are enduring sound doctrine - no longer teach God's Whole Counsel); (4) a "most severe" financial crisis; (5) the Middle East is setting up for a major war between Israel and the Muslim nations; (6) great increase in sin; (7) the coming of disease and pestilence; (8) the United States government is now working to bring world government; and (9) False peace-peace declaration when there is no peace. **(Reference: Pages 30-34 of *Watchman Warning*. The chapter is on my website.)**

**Future Happenings:** The future happenings are explained more in the ppt document and other documents on my website. But a calamity is coming (Military attack, financial crisis, food and other shortages, and terrible disease) that will place us under the endtimes world government, bringing in the endtimes Tribulation. In the Tribulation, the government in a form of socialism will control all things (including our homes and church buildings) and make war against Christianity with persecution and martyrdom. It will satanically educate the children for world government and religion without Christ and the Bible (one changes the world by changing the children).

**Preparing the People:** In summary, the people should be prepared urgently by: (1) training them to become mature in Christ-likeness (including the children and youth) and to especially walk by strong faith; (2) teach them endtimes prophecy and what they will experience as the endtimes come; (3) have them put in about 2-3 months of supplies for when the stores will have great shortages; (4) be sure every household has a person with a job that is needed in both good and bad times; and (3) place the people into small home groups that live near each other for mutual support and worship when the church doors will be closed by the government (and they will be closed). (We should also find some needed support in these coming times for our missionaries.) (Many of us retired people will have problems because our fixed incomes will not buy much in the coming great inflation.)

**This preparation "should be urgently done now," not taking more than six months (should be complete before summer starts in 2010). Things could happen as early as March or April this year (2010). If leaders wait before they warn, alert, and prepare the people until they get more definite timing signs (that they will never get), the people will be caught blind-sided and the leaders will be guilty of the people's blood. We must not let this happen.**

## **(2) BE ETERNITY ORIENTED AND MAXIMUMLY MATURE OUR PEOPLE IN CHRIST-LIKENESS**

**Eternity Oriented:** When one studies the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, it becomes clear that one of the main reasons we are on the earth is to gain a mature high-skill spiritual ability in Christ-likeness in relationship living as He walks with the Father so that throughout eternity we can know and relate to God experientially in His greatness toward His fulness. **This is the main reason we are here. Apart from knowing and relating to God, there is nothing.**

**The Degree Of Our Maturity We Gain in Christ-likeness is Very Likely Fixed Forever at Death:** There is no Scripture that teaches whether or not our maturity can or will increase in heaven. But there are several Scriptures that signal the maturity we have at death is very likely fixed forever. Some of these are: (1) we are commanded now to pursue maturity and (2) the world, flesh, and devil (including the Devil himself) used to help develop our maturity will not be in heaven. We make mistakes now that is sin. There is no sin in heaven. So the environment that is used to develop our maturity (that we know about) will not be in heaven. And for us to know what perfect sacrificial love is all about, we had to witness what God did in Christ on the Cross. Walking from sacrificial love is essential (required) to becoming mature in Christ-likeness. Our maturity is fixed forever at death and is needed to know and walk with God in eternity toward His best. Because knowing and relating to God is all there is - the main reason we are on earth - we must train with high priority to mature our people, including our children and young people. If we do not go all out to mature our people in Christ-likeness, we do them a most terrible - most terrible - eternal disservice. We must not let this happen.

**What is Needed to Mature Our People:** As an illustration, for us to gain a college degree, we must take and pass many subjects (courses). Likewise to become mature in Christ-likeness there are a large number of topics that we must know and live out experientially - directed by the Holy Spirit. These should be taught in the Church. **So what are they? Are we now training with most of them? It does not look like it.** They represent what is contained in God's Whole Counsel. Observation signals that our church is teaching but few of these topics. Although we are teaching many-many good things, it

does not appear that we are training our people to reach a maximum maturity in Christ-likeness even though we work for Christian growth. Where can I go in the church to read what the necessary topics are. I share in the references what the minimum topics must include. There most certainly are more. But these minimum topics are a start. We should write down (in the computer) the topics we are learning and update when we learn more. We can learn from each other. We must have them experientially in our lives. **Thus, when we train, we must teach what to do, how to do it, examples for how we do it, personal testimony for how we did it, and have some form of on-the-job training. They must see and experience God working in their lives with personal testimony for the topics to be active in their lives.** People grow faster and have more incentive to grow when they see the testimony in others - especially their teachers - and are personally in ministry where they observe God using them. Because this testimony is not always adequately demonstrated, observation shows this can be one of the main reasons causing many of young people not to go to church any more once they attend college. They see no or little reality.

**What We Must Understand:** Unless we are outcome (eternity) oriented, we will most likely train only with only a small number of the topics needed to mature our people in Christ-likeness toward the maximum. We will fall way short. This is happening now. We do this because we are mainly procedure oriented and not also outcome and eternity oriented. (My view.) We must understand that if we are to mature our people toward the maximum, we need a complete curriculum representing God's whole counsel containing the needed number of topics. Just having a weekly good sermon (although helpful and useful) does not get us there. Insufficient of God's whole counsel is being shared. We need to train in some short time period a version of the curriculum to those who want to become mature in Christ-likeness. Just doing some training does not get us there. For example, we have not taught Bible prophecy for over 20 years. I have taught CLRP in North Western for many years, but not in any depth recently. I would very much like to teach now in depth in the Sunday School or in Saturday seminars. I presented a 12 hour seminar at North Western on two Saturdays with about 50 or so attending.

**Appreciating God's Greatness:** If we appreciated God's absolute and infinite perfect Greatness and we are created beings, we would search the Scriptures for **ALL** we are to become (outcome oriented), and **ALL** the necessary ways needed to get there (procedure oriented - discipleship). We would carry these out with excellence and do nothing else. We should be able to read our search results somewhere in the Church. Where can I read these? Do we know what they are? We should not just speak in generalizations about discipling people to become mature in Christ-likeness when we do not know most of the needed training topics. But is this not what we are doing even though we are doing many-many good things?

**Minimum Needed Topics in Summary (Procedure) Where Each One Has a Great Depth and Breadth to Gain Maturity (Outcome) - I have taught these (the following) at North Western through the years as part of CLRP:** These minimum needed topics include: (1) Glorify, praise, honor, please, and obey God; (2) Live a godly life as Christ lives and by faith and sacrificial love in head-subordinate relationships; (3) Help accomplish God's Work that includes world-wide evangelization especially the children, discipling to maturity in Christ-likeness (not just working for Christian growth), building godly families, planting new churches, and helping the needy; (4) Knowing and Standing firm on the basic doctrines of the Christian faith - have a good doctrinal statement; and (5) Having a personal devotional life that includes much prayer and Bible reading and study. This is a needed minimum. I am still searching to discover more topics that are needed including in Proverbs, the Gospels, and the New Testament epistles. We can use your inputs.

### **(3) ESTABLISH MANY AFTER SCHOOL BIBLE CLUBS TO REACH THE CHILDREN FOR CHRIST**

**Background Information:** We know that statistics show that 85% of those coming to Christ, do so between the ages of 4-14. Many, if not most, of those who minister today as adults such as Billy and Ruth Graham were saved as children. **So if we are to have great adult ministries, we must save the children. We must make reaching the children in the community “a very high priority” ministry. Otherwise as the times worsen, our adult ministries will decrease and many children will not be saved.**

**Children’s Ministry:** It is “urgent and necessary” that we “have a major-major ministry” to reach the children for Christ with the Gospel and disciple them to become mature in Christ-likeness. One of the most efficient and proven ministries to reach many-many children is to work with CEF to establish many-many after school Bible clubs, even working with other churches. We can reach 25-80 or more children for Christ per club. If we, working with other churches, established 20 clubs for example, we could reach from 500 to 1600 children. This is one of the most efficient ways to reach children and CEF has great training materials. CEF is a proven world-wide organization leading thousands kids to Christ for about 50 years.

**AWANA Program:** The Awana program is needed to disciple children as they memorize and learn the Scriptures. North Western has a great program. We can encourage the children after becoming Christians through our after school ministry to attend a church for more training and join an AWANA program in a church. Many or most children in AWANA are Christians.

**(4) TRAIN PEOPLE TO DO ON-THE-WAY WITNESSING IN THE COMMUNITY:** Only a few percent of the Silicon Valley people attend church. I witness to about 2-8 or more people each week. About one-half of the people I talk with do not know there even is a Gospel. We could train many of our people to do one-on-one on-the-way evangelism in the community with the Gospel to divine appointments. There are several techniques or approaches we can use. I can share mine and the many type opportunities that God has given me in divine appointments.

**(5) CHURCH MUSIC:** I realize that many in North Western have very strong different opinions or beliefs regarding what music we should use. The music has divided our church people into two groups - hymns vs. contemporary loud beat music - based what they believe is God’s will, not just on our personal likes and dislikes. (The division is based largely on age - the more mature (hymns) and the largely more immature (loud beat music). Church music for today has changed to become what people want more than what God’s wants (my perspective). We, as the Bible teaches, are to sing from our hearts melody to the Lord. Music experts state that good music has the melody dominate, the harmony next, and then the rhythm. Rhythm is needed to bring life and fun to the music, but not to be dominate. There has been a major change to use loud type rock beat (rhythm dominate) music. Leaders purposely wear casual clothes in the church services. Many people appear to be more interested in getting their felt needs met than having a great worship of God by His standards. Research shows that (the source of) this loud type rock loud beat music was used in (by) Voodooism and the cults to bring up evil spirits and demons. But our churches use it to bring in the youth. In my view, using such music in many-many of our churches represents a major falling away from God’s best and will. It is sin and has brought a major falling away of our churches from God. Its use is helping to bring the endtimes Tribulation. Thus, it should never-never be used anywhere in our churches. But what happens to our

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youth attendance if we do not use it? It could be a catch 22.

My recommendation is that churches tell their people of the evils of it’s use and provide those who want to change a hymn service and maintain the rock music service for those who will not change. But those who will not change should be told that sitting under such music, one generally cannot become maximumly mature in Christ-likeness that is needed for and God has planned for eternity, and one can be worshipping Satan. They can be forfeiting the best that God has for them in eternity.

**I realize we can strongly differ here. But what if I and many others are correct believing rock type music is not of God, and it is helping our church to fall away from God’s best - helping to bring the endtimes Tribulation. For the elders to believe, they very likely need to personally research the subject, with high priority, for the sake of their people and to have more of God’s best. They must determine the music source and the music effects on the people who use it.**

**(6) THE TRENDS:** Using rock type music instead of the hymns and like music, dumbing down the training and not maturing one’s people, and not attempting to adequately evangelize and disciple the children in the community is transforming our church (and thousands of churches) over time to become immature with a loss of biblical intellect and with a low plateau of biblical knowledge, especially for how to live the Christian life as demonstrated by our Lord. None of us want this. But is it not happening to some (large) degree? Is this not satanic strategy for the endtimes? This is my view.

## **DISCUSSION AND MY HELP**

**Do you want to make some changes to have much more of God’s best? I am willing to work with the elders and under their authority to help make it happen. Much mutual discussion is needed. And what we do, as presented, “must be urgently accomplished.”**

### **ADDITIONAL PRIORITY READING OF DOCUMENTS ON MY WEBSITE TO QUICKLY HELP GAIN THE BIG OVERALL UNDERSTANDING**

1. December 2009 News Letter: *Urgent: Examine The Current Biblical Signs; Take Action, We Are Soon Heading Into The Tribulation Under World Government*
2. *Collection Of Our One Page Summaries In One Document* (at the top of the Home Page)
3. *Keys to Becoming Mature in Christ-likeness In Godly Relationship Living* (Needed for Now and in Eternity to Know and to Relate to Our Perfect God Toward His Fullness in Depth-Breadth) Found on the Training website page.