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Date: XXXXXX

XXXXXXXXXX Church

Pastor XXXXXXX

Dear Pastor XXXXXXX,

As a fellow, Bible-believing Christian brother, I am writing to you on behalf of a rapidly-growing segment of the Christian community who are largely shunned and, indeed, sometimes even persecuted by their fellow believers. I feel this treatment of our brethren is a sin in God's eyes and biblically indefensible. I am appealing to you to do your part to end this maltreatment because those so persecuted are growing in numbers.

From the beginning of the present church era many Christians have accepted what God has accepted; namely polygynous marriages.

Yes, some have strong views against it, but numerous Christians are equally strongly convinced that the traditional refutations are unbiblical and seriously defective when examined in the light of God's infallible and inerrant Word, the Bible. From Augustine, to John Milton, to Martin Luther, to Phillip Melanchthon, to Martin Madan, there has been a consistent list of defenders of the practice throughout church history. Today, there is a rapidly widening circle of Bible-believing Christians accepting polygyny as holy and approved by God.

Not only so, but society is recognizing that our culture has never been strictly monogamous. United States District Court judge, Clarke Waddoups, last December ruled elements of Utah's anti polygamy laws were unconstitutional and Judge B. Crabb wrote that polygamy was in fact the historic marriage tradition. Seventy plus percent of the world's cultures are polygynous and already Christians and others are committed in such marriages.

As increasing numbers of contemporary Christians are practicing polygamy with fervent appeal to Scripture as justification, should not our traditional (as opposed to biblical) rejection of such brethren be re-examined? If God never called polygyny a sin, what justification do we have for doing so? If God never rejected his holy prophets and servants who lived thus, what justification do we have for doing so? Should we not accept what God accepts? Would you welcome Abraham the friend of God, Moses, Caleb, Elkanah, King David (a man after God's own heart) or King Solomon into your congregation?

Perhaps this resurgence of polygynous marriages might challenge you to re-examine the subject, but we hope the enclosed brochures and their links inspire you to prepare those under your spiritual care to be tolerant and accepting of the increasing number of Christian polygynists among God's faithful.

I add my blessings to Eph.1:3,