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## Announcement Letter May 2003

Dear Brethren:

Very warm greetings to all of you once again: the faithful assembly of this remnant body of the last days. From all of your devoted servants in Eugene, Oregon, we send you our most sincere regards and prayers for your blessing and well-being under God's divine protection.

We were blessed again with a very marvelous Passover and Feast of Unleavened Bread in all the areas where our small congregations gathered, and we thank God mightily for His mercy and intervention to keep us in these darkening days. What a privilege it is to enjoy the freedom to assemble and keep God's commanded Feasts in peace and harmony. We know that will not always be true in the future, so may we take advantage of every opportunity given now to relish these special divine gifts.

Even now, we are looking to the next holy convocation approaching in just a few weeks—the Feast of Pentecost. In fact, that Holy Day will already have been celebrated before most of you receive the next edition of this *Announcement Letter*. After all these years—since our formation as an organized body in 1975—it is interesting that Pentecost is still one of the most prominent hallmarks of this little flock. When someone seeks to know how we differ from all the other groups who came out of that same parent body, it is still a Monday Pentecost that probably most distinguishes us from the rest. Our teaching on marriage and divorce is always very high on the list, but not all brethren are personally affected by the divorce issue. By contrast, not a single member of God's church is untouched by Pentecost.

Pentecost is one of God's commanded High Days, and it is incumbent upon every true Christian to know when that revealed day falls, so that we might be in the right place—the

place He has promised to appear among us. Those who claim it does not really matter which day we keep are besmirching what God made holy. God commanded we count, and then appear before Him on the only right day He will honor. Those who assemble on the wrong day are worse off than those who fail to keep Pentecost at all. God hates counterfeits, and He will never accept those who reject His divine revelation to the Church. Mr. Herbert Armstrong taught us as a mouthpiece of God from the beginning. That is what a legitimate apostle does. He speaks not his own words, but that which God has given by revelation. That divine revelation included a Monday Pentecost from the beginning. Mr. Armstrong thundered many times that God would never have started His New Testament Church on Satan's pagan day of worship—Sunday. Was he speaking through God's Holy Spirit when he said so, or was he speaking by the spirit of Satan? It is either one or the other. Anyone rejecting Monday Pentecost is actually rejecting Jesus Christ as the Revelator and Cornerstone of the Church. It is that simple—the simplicity of Christ.

It requires no technical prowess with Hebrew and Greek languages to know that God spoke through Mr. Armstrong and taught us His gospel message of the coming Kingdom of God. Thousands proved the value of those doctrines over decades by living them. They derived every promised benefit by acting upon that Word as we were taught. To begin to challenge it forty years after the fact on the basis of "better scholarship" of deceived human beings is an absolute effrontery to God. As ancient Israel could never hold fast to that which God commanded, and the first century church could not hold fast to that which God commanded them through faithful servants, so too could the last-day church not hold fast to the revelation of God through Mr. Herbert Armstrong. By rejecting the right day of Pentecost, our parent organization rejected the Holy Spirit as the source of all Truth—ironically, the very significance of the Feast of Weeks in God's plan.

Only those keeping Monday Pentecost and all of the other doctrines Jesus Christ put into His Church from the beginning will be able to appear before Him at the correct time and place. All others are only kidding themselves, and God will not accept their offerings, any more than He accepted Cain's offering of rebellion. Dear brethren, if we have full confidence in the operation of God to raise up and sustain His Church in Truth, then we can make an acceptable offering before Him on this coming day of Pentecost. The faithful will know without doubt, confidently standing no matter how few there may be today who have put those pieces together.

May you all be blessed in full assurance of God's faithfulness and perfect character to lead us into Truth, and not error. And may you all receive the full measure of God's blessings by your absolute solidarity in those things which He has made holy.

## **Holy Day**

Pentecost: Monday, June 9, 2003

## **Trip Schedule**

May 31 Penrith, England  
June 7, 9 Lausanne, Switzerland; Grenoble, France  
June 14 Tasmania, Australia

## **Prayer Request**

[Omitted for confidentiality]

## **Death**

Mrs. Cathleen Lea: Mrs. Lea died of heart failure after a long struggle with severe digestive problems. She was a long-time member of the church and died at 75 years of age. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her. We offer our condolences to her family.

## **Second Passover**

Anyone needing to partake of the second month Passover, please be advised that it is May 16, to be observed the previous evening, May 15, after sunset. Please contact the ministry as soon as possible to verify that you qualify.

## Tape Schedule

<u>Tape #</u>	<u>Mailed</u>	<u>Played</u>	<u>Title</u>
WSE-RC 16-1	04-10-03	05-03-03	Doubt: Frailty of the Human Mind #1
WSE-RC 16-2	04-10-03	05-10-03	Doubt: Frailty of the Human Mind #2
WSE-JB 47-10	04-24-03	05-17-03	Fear of God or Man, Which? #10
WSE-RC 79-1	04-24-03	05-24-03	Who Will the Overcomers Be? #1
WSE-JB 52	05-08-03	05-31-03	Obedience vs. Feelings
WSE-RC 79-2	05-08-03	06-07-03	Who Will the Overcomers Be? #2
WSE-JB 22-55-21A	05-22-03	06-14-03	Fund. of Belief: Why a Monday Pentecost?

In Christ's service,



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