

Response to “A Study of Church Governance and Unity”

The Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary faculty recently voted on a brief statement of appeal in a letter written directly to General Conference leadership, including division presidents. Jiri Moskala, dean of the Seminary, sent the letter on Sunday, October 2. The statement addressed the Seminary’s concerns with issues currently being discussed by the world church of church policy, governance and oversight.

A copy of the statement included in the letter appears below.

“We, the faculty of the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, affirm the biblical truth of church unity grounded in our worship of God, our common faith, our shared community, and our sense of mission. We have serious concerns about the recent document ‘A Study of Church Governance and Unity’ released by the General Conference and its portrayal of the nature and authority of the church. Further discussion by the church at large on this important ecclesiological issue is needed before such a document is adopted.”

At this point, the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary will have no additional comments beyond this statement while the General Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and its leadership prayerfully considers and responds to the issues raised by “A Study of Church Governance and Unity.”