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## An open letter to the electors and members of CEF

Last Friday, February 4, 1994, I submitted my resignation from office to the elders of CEF, effective March 1, 1994. Obviously, a decision like this involves a number of factors. My purpose in this brief letter is to let you know of the two most important ones.

The first concerns the recent baptismal controversy. In Amos 3:3 the prophet asks a rhetorical question, "Can two walk together, unless they be agreed?" The question assumes that there is a certain extent to which people must be agreed before cooperative labor is possible, and the answer to the rhetorical question is an obvious "No." In the weeks since the December men's meeting the counsel from the deacons and men of CEF has been almost unanimous in favor of accommodation of the doctrine and practice of infant baptism. On that point I don't believe there is any dissent. I cannot, however, participate in such an accommodation with a clear conscience. The apostle Peter exhorts elders to be men who serve willingly, not under compulsion. Given the consensus which exists among the deacons and men of CEF I am no longer able to lead them in the direction they wish to move.

The second factor in my decision is a personal one. The demands of the office shared by Bob, Fred, Doug, and myself have continued to grow steadily. The expansion of the Fellowship, the dramatic growth of Canon Press, the preparation involved in developing the CEF Protocols, and the activity related to our various doctrinal studies have each required close attention and a lot of time. My family also continues to grow and require more of my attention, thought, and presence, particularly as my children move into the school-age years. Linda and I are homeschooling our two older children and I am directly involved in some of the formal instruction. My business is beyond the start-up stage, and it continues to grow and require direction and daily attention. After some evaluation I have concluded that I can no longer divide my time between these areas of responsibility as I have in the past.

I count it an honor to have been able to serve you all as an elder of this Fellowship for the last six years and I have high regard and fond affection for you all.

~~We're glad to have you all.~~



Terry Morin

Lord willing, we will all be with you next Sunday. Linda is home today with sick children.