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Dear Brothers;

The churches in southern Chile started in the year 1978 in three cities, Quillota, Maipú and Concepción, from the direct influence of the writings of Watchman Nee and Witness Lee. For many years after they contacted Dong Yu-Lan's work, they considered that what Brother Dong was doing was the same as the other churches on the earth and according to the ministry of the age. In fact, Dong strongly recommended the ministry of Watchman Nee and Witness Lee during the early years and proclaimed that he was one with that ministry.

However, in recent years, through reading the Spanish-language literature available on the Internet, especially "Holy Word for Morning Revival" and the video trainings, we realized that Dong Yu Lan's teaching and work were now quite different from the ministry of Watchman Nee and Witness Lee. Those teachings did not touch nor emphasize the last years of Brother Witness Lee's ministry in an appropriate way concerning the peak of the divine revelation. Brother Dong did not speak properly concerning the God-Men; the living of the corporate God-man; the reality of the Body of Christ; the reality that is in Jesus; the full ministry of Christ in three stages; and what God did for us in His judicial redemption in order for us to be the same as He is through His organic salvation. To this last item, the organic salvation, Brother Dong and his co-workers added other points.

They spoke critically concerning the brothers in the United States saying that they only had the judicial ministry and that Brother Dong has the organic ministry, like the apostle John. In a conference in Brazil it was taught that the Apostle Paul's ministry was also only judicial.

Many brothers from the southern churches of Chile perceived these anomalies in a progressive way and for many years we prayed that this could be resolved without causing any damage to the majority of the saints who love Lord and His recovery in this country. Our prayer was that the Lord would provide us a way out from this situation and our relationship with Brazil and the great deviation that had been formed in this part of the earth.

It is necessary for us to make it clear that although we perceived the deviations by the Brazilian work from the teaching of Watchman Nee and Witness Lee's ministry, it was always confusing for us to see and to know that brothers very close to Brother Witness Lee visited and participated in meetings in Brazil since we knew already they had abandoned the teachings of the ministry. This is one of the strongest reasons for our delay in taking the necessary steps to leave the private work of the Brazilians and to enter into the Lord's unique recovery on the earth.

Our decisions were not made lightly. In one church, Victoria, the leading ones collectively viewed about 200 videos in reaching this conclusion. Perhaps the Brazilian workers were one with this ministry at one time but over the years they have moved away and deviated from it. Now, Dong Yu Lan's work violates the one move in the Lord's recovery. The attached documents record events in Chile that illustrate our conclusions.

The narrative begins with the resignation of Juan Rubilar, from the church in Concepción, Chile, a co-worker of Brother Dong's for many years. Juan wrote a brief note (attachment 1), after many conversations with Dong Yu Lan concerning the deviation of his teachings and practices, to Brother Dong on 6 July 2007 and said, "I have taken the firm decision before my Lord, as I did when I quit my job and went full time to serve the Lord and His purpose twenty years ago, that I will not continue to be your co-worker."

After Juan Rubilar's resignation, the following correspondence occurred:

1. A declaration of Brother Dong's orientation dated 16 July 2007 (attachment 2 and 3) was issued by Andre Dong (the son of Dong Yu Lan) and distributed by Joel Valenzuela from the church in Cañete, VII region, Chile. Its tone is that of an official edict from a powerful ruler. This document:
 - a. Declares that those who do not follow Dong's orientation cannot remain as Philadelphia and have fallen into Laodicea. Therefore, Brother Dong's followers can ignore their standing as churches in the Lord's recovery.
 - b. Establishes Dong's ministry as the unique deciding factor of who is and who is not standing as the church in a particular city.
 - c. Substitutes the subjective standard of who is perceived to be Philadelphia and who is perceived to be Laodicea for the genuine ground of the church, which is the Body of Christ expressed in a locality.
 - d. Indicates that the matter of who is a church is decided by what Brother Dong says and he has already spoken emphatically and clearly, "We should stay away from those who are decisively in Laodicea; don't have contact with them."
2. Andre Dong wrote to Juan Rubilar on 19 July 2007 in response to his resignation (attachment 4). In the email Andre Dong, on behalf of Dong Yu Lan:
 - a. Attacked the person of Juan Rubilar accusing him of being full of ambition and pride, becoming a rebel against Brother Dong's orientation.
 - b. Called Juan a "Judas" and a "traitor."
 - c. Demanded that Juan turn the work and the churches over to the Dongs, showing, in their view, that the workers own the churches and the work.
 - d. Demanded that the deed to the church property in Talcahuano be turned over to Alex Vallejos even though the church in Talcahuano still met there and Vallejos did not meet with that church or represent it.
 - e. Warned Juan against evil and divisive persons without identifying them.
 - f. Warned Juan that there was no other way except the way of the ultimate recovery, referring to the work of Dong Yu Lan.
3. Hugo Vergara, from the church in Talcahuano, Chile, responded to Andre Dong's email on 23 July 2007 (attachment 5). In his response, he:
 - a. Defended the character and Christian life of Juan Rubilar.
 - b. Asserted that although Andre Dong and Dong Yu Lan consider the church in Talcahuano, to be Laodicea, the Lord still recognizes them as the church according to Revelation 1:1 and 3:14.
 - c. Challenged Andre about the fact that Brother Dong's work allowed and encouraged a second, separate 'Table' meeting in Talcahuano.
4. Andre Dong responded to Hugo Vergara by email (attachment 5) and stated:
 - a. That not only is Juan Rubilar in rebellion but so are all those who follow him, implying that Hugo was also a rebel.
 - b. That Juan was "disqualifying" the saints who release their spirits by jumping while singing.
 - c. That Juan was not commissioned by the Lord but Brother Dong was.
 - d. "If you go against brother Dong, you are going against God. Read Numbers 12."
 - e. That it was okay to have a second 'Table' in Talcahuano because, "There are many denominations that do the same thing..."

5. Miguel Lagos, a leading one from the church in Los Angeles, Chile, and a co-worker of Dong Yu Lan's emailed Andre Dong on 23 July 2007 (attachment 6) about events in the church in Los Angeles. He said that:
 - a. Some saints from Los Angeles went to a conference in Santiago, Chile. When they arrived, they were not allowed to attend the conference by Brother Dong's workers. Two leading brothers in Los Angeles, Carlos Contreras and Luigi Espinoza, were called "spies" and "infiltrators" and aggressively and publicly dismissed from the service meeting by Benjamin Prieto and Alex Vallejos per instructions from Andre Dong.
 - b. Daniel Valenzuela spoke publicly and falsely against Miguel Lagos and his brother and this speaking spread to the church in Los Angeles.
 - c. The decision of the brothers in Los Angeles to go the way of the Lord's recovery rather than support Dong Yu Lan's work was their own and was not instigated or caused by brothers from the United States.
 - d. Dong Yu-Lan authorized his co-workers to hold meetings and establish separate "Table" meetings in cities with existing churches and without acknowledging or fellowshiping with those churches.
 - e. Dong Yu-Lan publicly called the churches in southern Chile "Laodicea."
 - f. Because of these events and others, Miguel can no longer serve as Brother Dong's co-worker although he still respects and loves Brother Dong.
6. Andre Dong's response to Miguel Lagos on 23 July 2007 (attachment 7), says that:
 - a. The brothers in southern Chile should not contact brothers in the United States but should remain loyal to Brother Dong.
 - b. What kind of co-worker are you (Miguel and Juan) who did not prevent Walter Balboa from contacting the brothers in the United States.
 - c. Because those in southern Chile do not follow Brother Dong's ministry they also do not take care of the churches or the saints properly. We will find those who will follow the ministry of the Spirit and Life. So, the co-workers of Brother Dong have the right to do the things they are doing (*i.e. holding separate meetings, establishing separate 'Table' meetings, putting out the saints and workers, etc.*) to find out who is for Brother Dong's ministry.
 - d. Andre states that the work Brother Dong is carrying out is the last recovery, the recovery of Spirit and life. Therefore, they do not need more Scriptural doctrines that fill the mind with knowledge and cause division.
7. Marcos Bastias from the church in Los Angeles at Coronel, VIII region, Chile, wrote to Andre Dong on 23, July, 2007 (attachment 8).
 - a. He expressed his support for Juan Rubilar.
 - b. He maintained that Juan never spoke negatively about Dong Yu Lan.
 - c. He expressed his sadness at events such as the establishment of separate "Table" meetings in cities where there are existing churches.
8. Andre Dong responded to Marcos Bastias and argued:
 - a. That Juan Rubilar is a rebellious brother.
 - b. That Dong Yu Lan is an apostle, especially for Chile.
 - c. That the fact that some American brothers were in Victoria, Chile, for a conference was proof of rebellion on the part of the brothers there.

- d. That to go to the conference in Victoria is to follow a rebel, to become a rebel and to cause the churches to become rebellious.
- e. That churches that rebel cannot partake of the Lord's Table; this was said in defense of establishing separate 'Table' meetings.
- f. That leaving the ministry of Dong Yu Lan constitutes rebellion and is ground to say a church is no longer a church. Those who remain with Dong Yu Lan are the ones who "are the ones qualified to break bread."
- g. Even though the churches that do not follow Dong Yu Lan's ministry may break bread, that bread is unclean as a result of their division and they are like the denominations.

There are many other things mentioned in the attached documents and many other events in Chile that also illustrate how the ministry and work of Dong Yu Lan deviated from the way of the Lord's recovery.

Yours in Christ Jesus,
For the churches in southern Chile,

Church in Los Ángeles:

Miguel Angel Lagos
Luigi Espinoza
Carlos Contreras

Church in Victoria:

Walter Balboa

Church in Coronel:

Marco Bastías

Church in Talcahuano:

Hugo Vergara

Church in Osorno:

Miguel Melo

Church in Puerto Montt:

Edgardo Beroíza

Church in Concepción:

Juan Rubilar
Nelson Delgado
Cristian Mendoza

Church in Tomé:

Marcos Contreras

Church in Chiguayante:

Joel Cisternas

Church in Hualpén:

Cristian Andrades

Church in Curicó:

David Bastías

Church in San Pedro:

Andres Vega