

OPEN LETTER

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To the Spiritual leaders of Christian churches, and to all those who believe in and love Jesus Christ:

It is with great joy and due celebration that each year we commemorate and rejoice during the days of Easter the sacrifice and Ascension of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who has freed those of us who believe in Him from sin, by taking upon himself the harm inflicted by Evil.

All brothers into Christ have done so on the same days for centuries, from the days of The Apostles who bear witness to these events, until more recently when Christians were divided on this matter not only among ourselves, but also in parting with the Jewish tradition on Passover with which this event was unmistakably tied. It would be a cause for great happiness for all of us brothers into Christ to have such a celebration held each year in accord, as a sign of unity and understanding, as it was preached by all Apostles, Paul and especially by Jesus himself.

While the ecumenical reunification of all the Christian Churches is still a work of tremendous scope due to the material underpinnings of the Church, the celebration of Easter as a single date for all Christians is an achievable goal. Observing Easter in the same day as Jewish Passover would be both an expression of unity of Christian faith and a recognition of the roots of Jesus and the filiations of Christianity with the Jewish faith, through which God has given us Grace and Salvation.

May we pray that the same spirit that helped The Fathers of The Christian faith in Nicaea in 325 A.D. will once more be guiding our leaders in Christianity to good decisions so that The Heads of Christian Churches will consider this matter and find a solution that will bring further unity to the Christian faith.

May The Lord help us always do what is right,

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