

**CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY ALLIANCE  
SEIZES ANOTHER BANK ACCOUNT:  
\$90,000 FROM VIETNAMESE ALLIANCE CHURCH OF  
LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA  
FULL REPORT**

**SAMARITAN FROM HELL: HOW CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY ALLIANCE LEADERS  
SEIZED VIETNAMESE BANK ACCOUNT  
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## **PRESS RELEASE SUMMARY & INTRODUCTION**

DATE: APRIL 25, 2008

LOCATION: LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA, U.S.A.

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SUBJECT: CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY ALLIANCE LEADERS CAPTURE VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE'S CHURCH BANK ACCOUNT; \$90,000 FROM VIETNAMESE ALLIANCE CHURCH OF LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

In another act of piracy, the Christian & Missionary Alliance collects more booty from Vietnamese Boat People Christians than it would have by ransacking them on the high seas. This hostile takeover is on the heels of a major lawsuit filed by a group of former members of the Chinese Alliance Church of Colorado Springs against the Christian and Missionary Alliance denomination. The C&MA, once again in a gesture of unbridled greed, has now seized the \$90,000 bank account of another C&MA church, the Vietnamese Alliance Church of Long Beach, California. Reminiscent of what the C&MA did to the Chinese Alliance church, members of the Vietnamese church discovered that the locks on their church were changed too, effectively rendering members as trespassers on their own property. And in like manner to the Chinese Alliance Church, C&MA leaders declared the Vietnamese church meetings invalid, trashed and held in complete contempt the local church's constitution and bylaws, abused their spiritual authority, vilified the victims, defamed the messengers, and engaged in extolling and covering up the extortioner's deeds.

The absence of response of most of the C&MA pastors to the SOS cries of the Chinese Christians' plight was deafening. Most C&MA pastors retaliated in response to my report, showing virtually no compassion for the plight of the Chinese Christians who lost their property, Bibles, and assets to the C&MA leaders. It will be interesting to see how they will respond now that the C&MA leaders did it again by picking off and poaching another Asian American church without even catching their breath, or ever repenting for what they did to the Chinese Alliance church (one response has already come in from Senior Pastor Tom Lance of The Grove Community Church, retaliating and censoring his own staff from hearing the truth -- see full report below). It is the intent of many members of the Vietnamese Alliance church to alert and warn all C&MA churches, the church at large, and the Asian community throughout the world, that this could happen to them too! Now that it has happened twice, maybe they will be believed and even more will run stories on this second hijacking.

Slanderers, traitors, and plunderers (thieves) can't enter the Kingdom of Heaven, but they can become and remain District Superintendents in the Christian and Missionary Alliance. In refusing to repent, showing no remorse or shame, refusing correction, and refusing restitution after plundering the Chinese Alliance Church, then doing it again to the Vietnamese Alliance Church, C&MA Vice President John Soper and his C&MA collaborators are without excuse and are spiritually twice dead. They are “Bad Samaritans from Hell” vs. Good Samaritans who take care of victims instead of creating them. The Apostle Peter said that “true religion is ministry to orphans and widows.” The C&MA is not ministering to orphans and widows when C&MA churches all stand to lose their bank accounts, church property and Bibles to the C&MA leadership. No wonder that the Prophet Isaiah warned the people: woe to false shepherds, derelict guardians, imaginary public protectors like these C&MA leaders 'who call evil good'.

For Complete Report and those C&MA leaders (V.P. John Soper, Joseph Kong, Tai Nguyen) named in the fraud conspiracy:

<http://www.abrahamic-faith.com/James/CMAVietnameseHijackingApril232008.pdf>

Responses to mailing 3,000 C&MA pastor's and licensed worker's names and letters regarding the Chinese Alliance Church Seizure story and lawsuit, including responses to those letters:

<http://www.abrahamic-faith.com/James/CMASkullandCrossbones.pdf>

Response letters sent to 3,036 Nyack Alumni appealing and alerting them Chinese Alliance church seizure, including responses to those letters:

<http://www.abrahamic-faith.com/James/NyackCollegeAlumniDesertChineseCMAMembers.pdf>

**PART I: CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN C&MA VICE PRESIDENT JOHN SOPER AND VIETNAMESE CONGREGATION WITH COMMENTARY**

**JAMES SUNDQUIST INTRODUCTION**

I would like to preface my commentary and refutation of the C&MA letters and actions with a personal note. My wife and I have a very special place in our hearts towards the Vietnamese people. My wife taught English to a man and his 7 year old son, who were Boat People who escaped from Vietnam about 29 years ago. He used to prepare squid for her and would barbecue with Coca Cola. I wrote a poem as a tribute to these very Vietnamese Boat People, then wrote it as a song which I sang in concert ministry all over the United States. I have enclosed it for you all at the end of these document as Appendix C, entitled: *Ode to the Vietnamese Boat People Refugees*. I hope it will encourage and inspire you all. So I am shocked and saddened that the C&MA would treat these people with such contempt, and am therefore compelled by the authority of Scripture to expose the deeds of the C&MA leaders. What follows are my responses to their statements and actions towards the Vietnamese Alliance Church in Long Beach, California.

**From:** Chuong Nhan [mailto:chuong.nhan@heraeus.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 18, 2008 5:09 PM  
**To:** Soper, John  
**Cc:** Wetzel, Dan; don@cmaspd.org  
**Subject:** RE: 2nd letter to VP of Church Ministry

Dear Rev. John Soper:

Reference: Your email dated 19 March 2008 (attached)

Subject: *The District Superintendent did not say... but it's in **writing***

Your emailed wrote: “*The District Superintendent did not say that he stripped the church of its bylaws. That I cannot understand unless those by-laws were somehow in conflict with the District or C&MA Uniform Constitution for churches. In any case, I am sure that if it was his intention to supersede local by-laws, Dr. Tai will offer a complete explanation in the very near future. A local church does have the right to institute by-laws (by congregational vote) that are not in conflict with the District and national regulations*”

## JAMES SUNDQUIST COMMENTARY:

The above email is in response to Rev. John Soper's letter which stated that the Vietnamese Church's constitution and by-laws were not stripped. But, in fact, they were. To date, District Superintendent Rev. Tai never gave a complete or even legitimate partial explanation of stripping the Vietnamese Church of its bylaws. Rev. John Soper claims he doesn't even know, yet he automatically defers to the District Superintendent without even knowing the facts. And even if the local church constitution were in conflict with the C&MA Uniform Constitution for C&MA churches, the local constitution could easily have been amended and corrected without taking the Draconian step of disintegrating it. Due process within even the C&MA procedures of church discipline, reconciliation and restitution were completely trashed with the Vietnamese Church, as they were with the Chinese Alliance hostile takeover. In fact, in the Chinese church case, their property was literally thrown in the trash. In Soper's mind, the local church can make its own bylaws such as requiring a congregational vote to paint the church a different color, or where the coffee pot can be located, but the national C&MA reserves the right to seize their local bank account so there is no money left to pay the painter. The local congregation can pass resolutions to rearrange the chairs on the Titanic, but the district superintendent and national headquarters reserves the right to sink the Titanic with or without the vote of the congregation, or even knowledge of the congregation until it is too late. The local church can pass any bylaw it wants and the headquarters can arbitrarily remove any defect in the local constitution that might contain any clauses that would prevent or hinder the C&MA from seizing its property or bank account, even though neither the C&MA district headquarters put one red cent into the property or bank account. (Same story with the takeover of the Chinese Alliance church). But worst of all, it is now documented that John Soper is lying about the rights and privileges of the local Vietnamese church because he just got done presiding over the similar stripping of the Chinese Alliance Church local constitution, local church board, seizure of its bank account, Chinese Bibles, and ultimately their \$650,000 church property, AND APPROVED IT, in which case the Chinese Alliance church was not in violation of any material differences with the C&MA Uniform Constitution for C&MA churches. So Mr. Soper is without excuse! In fact, the Chinese Alliance Church did not even wish to be separated from the C&MA until they saw the handwriting on the wall, that they were about to lose everything and find themselves church-less in the street, after the C&MA had changed the locks on the church. Furthermore, who could possibly believe that a district superintendent could take any action as drastic as seizing a local C&MA church's bank account, without the full knowledge, blessing and complicity of Rev. Tai's superiors Joseph

Kong and John Soper at the headquarters, particularly, Joseph Kong (Email Kongj@alliance.org), Director of the C&MA's Intercultural Affairs, whose office is right near V.P. John Soper's in Colorado, and the full knowledge of John Soper himself.

So John Soper cannot claim ignorance, and even if he could, ignorance is no excuse for dereliction of duty and due diligence to bother to find out before penning his response(s) to Daniel Nguyen. To date, Joseph Kong has ignored appeals and legitimate questions by the Vietnamese C&MA members. This does not surprise me, for this is precisely what happened to the Chinese Alliance Church. Mr. Joseph Kong has to date also has ignored all three of my email inquiries to him.

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The DS may **forget frequently** what he said, but we have it **in writing**. Attached is a letter from Rev Tai for your reference. Below is a partial from that letter:

(Rough translation) “All meetings of our governing board **MUST** be called and presided by DEXCOM. Otherwise, **meetings are invalid**”. (See attachment for full version). There are few issues with this reasoning: (a) Was NOT mentioned in neither District’s bylaws nor C&MA Manual. (b) It would be expensive meeting just for one (1) church since there are few DEXCOM’s members are out of state of California. Especially, there are few churches in Vietnamese District. How could DEXCOM function efficiently with this thinking? (c) Since DEXCOM meets quarterly, **how our church’s business conducts in between?** Secondly, what would you do when our DS failed to follow your instructions time after time as you wrote in your email:

Our DS, Rev Tai Nguyen, certainly **neither empowered nor assisted** our governing board. Rev Tai **DID abolish** the governing board and appointed the interim advisor. What would you do, Rev John Soper, when your subordinate deliberately fails to follow instructions to the letters? There is something wrong in this picture, don’t you think?

Thirdly, our congregation is waiting for Rev Tai Nguyen’s a complete explanation for supersede our local governing board. Are you **sure and certain** regarding this issue as you mentioned in your email? Be advice, we need your immediate response or instructions how should we operate and manage weekly activities from now until your meeting on 4/20/08.

There is a division within our church.

There are two (2) different church's leaderships.

There is an old saying "where there is no clear vision (direction) people will perish".  
Would you **PLEASE** provide us clear instructions NOW or let the people perish?

Sincerely,  
Member-at-large, Daniel Nguyen

### **JAMES SUNDQUIST COMMENTARY:**

It should be clear from these statements that Joseph Kong, DS Rev. Tai Nguyen and Rev. John Soper are all incompetent and demonstrate the poorest of shepherding skills. It is bad enough that they abandon and desert the flock, but then they turned a deaf ear to voices and votes of the congregation. Not satisfied, they seize the church's bank account. Shepherds are supposed to protect their flock, not plunder it. This kind of plunder would exceed the wildest dreams of Fagan, the famed pick-pocket in the fictional story of orphan Oliver Twist. But in this story instead of "how to pick a pocket or two" the C&MA has devised a scheme to pick the pocket of a church or two as now documented with both the Chinese and Vietnamese Alliance Churches. The C&MA has turned a deaf ear to the plight of its own people and has learned nothing from the disaster they produced at the Chinese Alliance Church. So imagine this scenario:

The Titanic is sinking, so they send out an SOS ...no one listens because they want to know who you are...how dare you circulate an SOS about brothers and sisters in Christ who are about to drown. They think it is not their business. Or they accuse you of attacking or speaking negatively about an unshinkable ship or good captain. But there are a few Carpathia ships out there who will respond...though they may only arrive in time to conduct a funeral service for the dead carcasses floating in the water while the ship is on the bottom of the ocean. The first mailings recently sent to about 3,000 C&MA pastors and workers in the U.S., and Canada, and missionaries throughout the world, about only 10 Carpathian responses, most turned a deaf ear and let the survivors of the Chinese ship just drown after the C&MA threw them overboard into the freezing ocean. About 50 pastors (ship captains) retaliated by attacking the messenger(s) and victims) of the Chinese Alliance church hijacking. It remains to be seen whether or not C&MA members and pastors will respond favorably to the SOS calls of a second ship being sunk, in this case the Vietnamese Alliance Church. But as reprehensible as

it is to turn a deaf ear to the distress calls of these ships, imagine if the Carpathia heard the SOS calls of the Titanic and immediately changed course and raced towards the Titanic. But when it arrives, instead of rescuing the survivors, it sent torpedoes at the Titanic to guarantee its sinking, then began machine gunning the survivors floating in the ocean who are crying out for help. Then they seek out the ship crew member who had the nerve to send out an SOS...and mow him down too with a machine gun. Figuratively speaking, this is exactly what the captains of the C&MA ships are doing to the Chinese and Vietnamese Alliance churches. At least 95% of the C&MA pastors in the U.S. And Canada remain silent...and don't even lift a finger to help the Chinese or C&MA church members.

But here is a Scripture which eulogizes the Chinese Alliance Church and Vietnamese C&MA Church victims:

[Psa 107:23](#) They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters;

[Psa 107:24](#) These see the works of the LORD, and his wonders in the deep.



**From:** Chuong Nhan (chuong.nhan@heraeus.com)  
**To:** Daniel Nguyen; Thien-Ai Nguyen; vndiaspora@hotmail.com  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 19, 2008 9:15:57 AM  
**Subject:** FW: 2nd letter to VP of Church Ministry  
**From:** Soper, John [mailto:SoperJ@cmalliance.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 19, 2008 9:11 AM  
**To:** Chuong Nhan  
**Cc:** Kong, Joe; Tai Nguyen; Wetzel, Dan  
**Subject:** RE: 2nd letter to VP of Church Ministry

Dear Brother Chuong,

I have spoken with Rev. Joe Kong who is the director of intercultural ministries and he has been in touch with your Superintendent who has assured us that he is only trying to help your congregation through a transition period.

**JAMES SUNDQUIST COMMENTARY:**

Transition from what? What was wrong with this Biblically based church to require it to be transformed? The local church constitution functioned just fine since the inception of the church. And transition to what? Transition into oblivion? Is it transition and transformation to Purpose Driven and/or CGM false teachings and programs already promoted as approved C&MA curriculum and in place at other C&MA churches...already responsible for two splits at Maranatha Bible Chapel in Horseheads, NY in the last year? And how does a church transition (or want to for that matter), when its District Superintendent tells them effectively:

“We are going to help your church transition, and here is how we are going to do it. First we are going to seize your bank account...but don't worry it is only to help you. We will also fire your pastor, but that is only to help you. We will also remove your treasurer, but that is only to help you. We will further tell you that any church meetings you conduct during the transition are invalid...but that is only for your own good. We will strip your constitution without even a congregation vote, because they don't know any better. Your board will now be DEXCOM who will rarely, if ever, attend your local prayer meetings, preach sermons, visit the members who are in the hospital. But don't worry, that is for your own good too.”

So Mr. Joe Kong tells your District Superintendent Rev Tai Nguyen, that he is only trying to help your congregation. How about telling the congregation directly? And while you are at it, how about supplying the specifics of how and why the Vietnamese church is so out of order?

Your e-mails to me suggest a very different understanding of what is happening at Long Beach. Rev. Kong will be in California this week and will attempt to further clarify what is happening there. He is already scheduled to preach at another church on Sunday but I am sure that he will be available at another time to at least interact with you. His e mail address is [KongJ@cmalliance.org](mailto:KongJ@cmalliance.org).

### **JAMES SUNDQUIST COMMENTARY:**

Daniel Nguyen did not express a subjective different understanding of what is happening at Long Beach, but actual documents that represent what is factually going on in Long Beach that clearly contradict John Soper imaginary construction of events. So this letter from Rev. Soper was penned in March 19, 2008. So where is the documentation that Joseph Kong made contact with the Vietnamese Church or Daniel Nguyen or the rest of the members of the Vietnamese church during the week he was in California last month? When is the time and date he has interacted directly with the members of this Vietnamese Church since March 19?

As a superintendent for more than a decade, it does not surprise me that Rev. Tai Nguyen visited your church and attempted to explain to the congregation the actions of the Dexcom in the matter of your pastor. As a superintendent, that is exactly what I would have done.

### **JAMES SUNDQUIST COMMENTARY:**

Mr. Soper certainly did visit a congregation (New Life Church in Little Falls...now extinct) when he was District Superintendent in New Jersey. And what do you suppose he did? He covered up the embezzlement committed by two C&MA pastors (one now deceased and the other no longer a C&MA pastor). See **INVESTIGATION OF REV. JOHN SOPER...CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY ALLIANCE FILE: Appendix E at:**  
<http://www.abrahamic-faith.com/James/InvestigationOfRevJohnSoperPDF.pdf>

Whether or not that explanation was self serving or helpful, I cannot judge, but I would also have made some kind of statement. The District Superintendent did

not say that he stripped the church of its by-laws.

**JAMES SUNDQUIST COMMENTARY:**

This is a blatant falsehood, as the documentation that Daniel Nguyen supplied proves. The by-laws and church constitution were, in fact, stripped. Even Soper indicates that they could have been stripped if the District Superintendent had a good reason. So Rev Soper contradicts his own testimony, and therefore, indicts himself with his own testimony, something he became famous for in the Chinese Alliance church case.

That I cannot understand unless those by-laws were somehow in conflict with the District or C&MA Uniform Constitution for churches. In any case, I am sure that if it was his intention to supersede local by-laws, Rev. Tai will offer a complete explanation in the very near future. A local church does have the right to institute by-laws (by congregational vote) that are not in conflict with the District and national regulations.

It is certainly true that in the absence of a local pastor, the District Superintendent does fill the role as the chairman of the governance authority. That is fully in accordance with C&MA governing documents and polity. He works closely with local leadership to help in the transition period and to supervise the governance authority as they do their work. In every case however, the DS will work not to supersede the local leadership but to empower and assist them.

**JAMES SUNDQUIST COMMENTARY:**

Everything Rev. Soper is saying here flies in the face of the facts of what he knows took place at the Chinese Alliance Church where the local leadership and congregation were rendered impotent. And Rev Soper approved it! The absence of a pastor at this Vietnamese church was created by the skullduggery of the C&MA in the first place.

It would be very normal to appoint the Board Secretary to function as the contact person unless the governance authority had a duly elected vice chairman. If the current secretary is not the preferred person to represent you then if the full board were to vote in a different vice chair, I am sure that the DS would attempt to work with that individual.

**JAMES SUNDQUIST COMMENTARY:**

More falsehoods. No such thing ever happened with the Chinese Alliance Church. They were pure and simply defrauded of their church. Don't believe it? Go to Colorado Springs and visit the physical location of the Chinese Alliance church and you will see that it is now a Karate parlor. There is therefore no reason for the Vietnamese Church to trust Rev John Soper in the least!

I have asked Rev. Kong to communicate with the Superintendent (who is not planning to be at your church this weekend) to see how he can help in this situation. I am assuming that your communication with me is with the full awareness of the governing board and in accordance with their collective wishes. You may be sure of my prayers for the church during this difficult period.

**JAMES SUNDQUIST COMMENTARY:**

What a strange statement by Mr. Soper that the Superintendent is not planning to be at your church to see how he can help in this situation? Wouldn't it make more sense for him to **BE** at your church to help? This is like saying a shepherd deserts the flock to see if he can help the flock from being scattered or torn apart by invading wolves? I hope and pray that this is simply a typo by Mr. Soper.

Your servant in Christ,  
John F Soper

**JAMES SUNDQUIST COMMENTARY:**

Mr. Soper is not the servant of this Vietnamese congregation, but his own self interest and that of the C&MA leaders. Mr. Soper will sail off into retirement with a secure pension on top of the undisclosed salary he and other top leaders already have made in part from the burdens placed on all C&MA churches due to the unbiblical compulsory percentages that they must pay to the Districts. The Vietnamese congregation in Long Beach no longer has the bank account which was created with its OWN money. So Mr. Soper, if you are sincerely a servant to them in Christ, then return their bank account and honor their local by-laws and church constitution.

Now the C&MA Vietnamese District Superintendent Rev. Tai Nguyen has become a talebearer by circulating a report among the members of his district that there are only two disgruntled members of the Vietnamese church, thereby bearing false witness against this entire congregation, when in reality the number of members opposed to the C&MA actions is closer to 60% of the congregation. This number should grow when the rest of them learn the truth. But Rev. Tai's logic is fatally flawed even if it were only two. The Vietnamese had better hide any Vietnamese language translation Bibles they have at the church, because the C&MA may well abscond with them too, if what they did with the Chinese Alliance church in Colorado Springs is any evidence of the foreboding future of this church.

**From:** Daniel Nguyen [mailto:daniel586@sbcglobal.net]

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 01, 2008 11:23 AM

**To:** Soper, John

**Cc:**

Benedict, Gary; Cummings, Tim; Wetzel, Dan; Chuong Nhan; ThienAi Bau; Tai Anh Nguyen; Ha Ho; Nghia Van Nguyen;

Minh Thien Tran; Phien Thanh Nguyen

**Subject:** My Great Concern of Vietnamese Long Beach 's Situation

Dear Rev John Soper:

Please read an attachment regarding **my great concern of Vietnamese Long Beach 's situation**. Should you have any questions or comments please do not hesitate to contact or reply.

Thank you in advance for your prompt response.

Daniel Nguyen  
562-301-7231

ps This attachment will be circulated among Vietnamese District's churches within 24 hours. If I do not hear any official response from your office within 72 hours, this attachment will be released to Mr. James Sundquist for a public domain. PLEASE and PLEASE do not put in into this situation.

**From:** Daniel Nguyen (daniel586@sbcglobal.net)

**To:** Soper, John

**Date:** Thursday, April 3, 2008 9:04:14 AM

**Cc:** benedictg@cmalliance.org; Cummings, Tim; Dan Wetzel; Chuong Nhan; ThienAi Bau; Tai Anh Nguyen; Ha Ho; Nghia Van Nguyen; Minh Thien Tran; Phien Thanh Nguyen; Peter Kam; [Larks@cmalliance.org](mailto:Larks@cmalliance.org)

**Subject:** Re: My Great Concern of Vietnamese Long Beach's Situation

Dear Rev Soper:

Hopefully, you are fully aware of my purpose and determination. Your time for an official response will be expired by today Thursday, 4/3/08. You are so certain about the Rev Tai Nguyen's action is **legal**. Why don't we have this issue decided by both of our attorneys, Mr Peter Kam and Mr Stewart Lark.

Thank you for your time and a great effort to solve our situation.

Respectfully Yours,

Daniel Nguyen

From: "Soper, John" <SoperJ@cmalliance.org>

To: Daniel Nguyen <daniel586@sbcglobal.net>

Cc: Tai Nguyen <mstaianhnguyen@yahoo.com>

Sent: Thursday, April 3, 2008 8:17:04 AM

Subject: RE: My Great Concern of Vietnamese Long Beach's Situation

Dear Mr. Nguyen,

I am back in my office (for one day only) before proceeding to the next district conference on my schedule for this month. Your e mails over the last few days have surprised me greatly since I had communicated to you that I would be unable to respond until today. Let me reiterate what I have already said to you on several occasions.

While the actions of the District Superintendent may not have been the wisest or best things that could have been done in the situation, everything that was done with reference to the church and its governance authority was, in my judgment, clearly legal

and within the scope of his authority as the leader of the Vietnamese District. I am working with the Superintendent to create a “path” that will clearly restore the control of the local church to the members of the church. I cannot make this happen until I visit the church on April 19-20, when I will have the opportunity to listen to the concerns of the entire congregation. On that Sunday I will hold a meeting which, I am praying will result in the election of a new governing board chosen by the congregation. In the meantime, I will work with the DS to assure that all bills and obligations of the church are taken care of. Any further escalation of the situation- certainly any Internet campaign which might be designed embarrass the District Superintendent or the Dexcom or cast the denomination in an unfavorable light would only make it harder to resolve the situation. Please consider very carefully the possible impact of such actions. It is my desire to restore order and local autonomy.

Sincerely,  
JF Soper

#### **JAMES SUNDQUIST COMMENTARY:**

Mr. Soper wants to follow the same unbiblical procedure with this April 19-20 meeting at the Vietnamese Church that he did with the New Life Church fiasco that he presided over in New Jersey ten years ago. At that time, he did not permit the congregation to publicly and directly confront the two pastors accused of embezzling money from the church which he would be required to do according to Matthew 18. And later when Mr. Soper was nationally investigated by the C&MA, the national committee formed to investigate Soper, the C&MA would not allow us to confront directly Rev. Soper at his investigation, also in defiance of Matthew 18. When we asked Randy Corbin, District Superintendent of Eastern Pennsylvania District at the time and a member of the investigation team: “Where is Rev. John Soper? Why isn't he here, according to Matthew 18?” His answer: “We tried that, but it didn't work, so we don't do that anymore.” We have three witnesses that can verify that this is what he said. And in the true nature of the C&MA turning Scriptural authority on its ear, Rev. John Soper follows suit, and mysteriously ensures that the Vietnamese congregation is denied the right to confront Rev. Tai Nguyen as well as Joseph Kong with their legitimate grievances and theft of their approximately \$90,000 bank account, rendering it impossible to comply with Matthew 18 once again. How brave of Mr. Soper to restore order and local autonomy to the very place he and his underlings disrupted in the first place. He and his collaborators created the chaos there in the first place. Before he put his hand to the plow there already was order and local autonomy, Mr. Soper tells you effectively: “not to worry about your bank account, we will take care of



all bills and obligations.” Does this mean like he did with the Chinese Alliance bank account in Colorado Springs? The C&MA seized that bank account and the Chinese congregation never did see the money again! If the Vietnamese church members, as public stewards of the trust of the church's fiduciary accounts and property is forced to sue the C&MA to get its bank account back, does Mr. Soper's offer include paying the bills of the Vietnamese Church's attorney? Of course not. But Mr. Soper will have no problem tapping the funds of the C&MA to pay their attorney. The Vietnamese and Chinese Christians have to pay for their defense out of their own pockets. Mr. Soper, or for that matter any of the other C&MA leaders are going to have to do that for their malfeasance. And it should be clear to all that the C&MA's national attorneys don't represent the interest of the Vietnamese church or the Chinese church. His pretense of riding in to town like a white knight to save the day reminds me of pharmaceutical companies who need business, so they create a biological virus, then secretly disperse it among the population to produce a plague, then announce to the public that they have a cure and vaccine you must buy as an antidote, or you will die. But what the C&MA is doing is more reprehensible, because the victims die from their antidote too.

Note that John Soper still has not supplied any of the reasons or specifics for Rev. Tai Nguyen's actions. He now states they were all legal, yet doesn't even know what the reasons were in order to know if they were perfectly legal, or if he does know he is still not telling the Vietnamese church members. In either case, his actions and statements are contradictory, self-serving, and demonstrate no true interest in the welfare of the people of this church. It should not be difficult to see how duplicitous John Soper is in his letter(s). **Example: regarding the District Superintendent stripping the local Vietnamese Church of its local constitution, Rev. Soper says it didn't happen, but there was a good reason it happened? HELLO? It either happened or it didn't happen.** Note further, that Mr. Soper claims that he is working with the Superintendent to create a path to clearly restore control of the local church to the congregation. So he admits it was seized? They should have never lost control of their local church in the first place. He says he can't make this happen until April 19-20. This is pure nonsense and the buying of time. He could FedEx a letter to the bank immediately restoring the account to the local church, remove the present church treasurer that is bogus, and reinstate the original local church treasurer. It is amazing to me that the local church constitution and by-laws were perfectly acceptable for more than ten years that they have been a C&MA church. Now all of a sudden it must be trashed? As to Rev. John Soper presiding over the April 19-20, 2008 meeting of the local Vietnamese congregation, Mr. Soper should not be presiding but should appear as a defendant and co-conspirator to stand trial himself. This makes about



as much sense, as appointing the fox to preside over the chicken coop and interviewing the chickens to hear their concerns. By possessing the gavel at this meeting, Soper can overrule the reading of letters documenting his cover up of embezzlement by pastors under his watch and the letter from a former C&MA Pastor Dean Matteson and Dexcom member [now Senior Pastor of Faith Community Church in Palmdale, California: pastor@faith-community.com], citing Soper's incompetence in another investigation. [See Appendix A for letters from Dean Matteson]. Mr. Soper could also bar the reading of the press release of the Chinese Alliance Church which documents the hijacking of that church by the C&MA. He could simply over-rule and motion brought to the floor by any member of this congregation, ruling that these are external matters. But these are not primarily internal issues any more than a plague is someone's private plague. The reality is that Soper's character and whether you can trust him is central and very relevant to whether or not you can entrust him even to preside over the meeting of the Chinese congregation. Someone should make a motion, and someone else second it at this meeting to publicly expose Soper and take a vote that he be removed from presiding over the church congregation meeting. If he refuses, members can call the police and have him removed for trespassing.

Soper's final statements are the most staggering of all. He is worried about any Internet campaign that might embarrass the District Superintendent or the DEXCOM, or cast the denomination in an unfavorable light. But it is the C&MA leaders themselves who have brought embarrassment and unfavorable light by the destruction of their own brothers in Christ with their having defrauded the Chinese Alliance Church and with their importation of the Purpose Driven Plague and/or its copycat Church Growth Movement principles, and a host of other false teachers and compulsory unbiblical covenants, and threats they have made to resisters. If Mr. Soper and his Colorado Springs C&MA Headquarters collaborators are so concerned about the C&MA being embarrassed and defamed, he should have thought about that **BEFORE** they pounced on and poached and plundered the Chinese Alliance Church in Colorado Springs, and the Vietnamese Alliance Church in Long Beach, California. The reality is that Mr. Soper is not concerned with the welfare of this Vietnamese congregation but **his own reputation and saving his own skin and that of his fellow conspirators and traitors within the C&MA**. The impact of such a campaign that the Vietnamese victims propose will be the impact it should have, and that is to expose these scoundrels before the entire C&MA and the public. The C&MA pastors (except for a remnant) are not likely to inform their congregations, but in fact are already retaliating against the victims and the messengers of their abuse and plundering. And of course, Rev. Daniel Wetzel has already circulated a letter defaming me and

has already told C&MA District leaders to listen only to him or his fellow collaborators. The C&MA has once again violated its sacred trust to both the Chinese Alliance Church as well as the Vietnamese Church and have proven that they are unfaithful stewards.

Dereliction of duty is what the C&MA has become by seizing the Chinese and Vietnamese bank accounts, the Chinese Church property and Bibles and selling the church right out from under them. They may very well get away with it. But we will shout it from the rooftops and hope that some will be saved out of it and the rest be warned that they could be the next victim of the C&MA and their piracy plans. The C&MA's Assistant Vice President Dan Wetzel publishes a letter to C&MA pastors telling them not to listen to the cries of the Chinese Alliance Church former members and further tells them no reputable news agency would publish the story and simultaneously defames James Sundquist, one of a host of messengers who transmitted the SOS of their plight! Note that is not OK for an outsider to warn the people in the C&MA. Not OK for the Vietnamese or Chinese C&MA members to warn the people in the C&MA. But it is OK for C&MA leader Daniel Wetzel to mount an Internet campaign to defame James Sundquist. This is the height of hypocrisy. Plus what Daniel Wetzel says is not true anyway because both reputable secular and Christian media have already published stories exposing what the C&MA did to the Chinese Alliance church, and others have contacted Keith Wong of the former Chinese Alliance church, with the full intent to run a story. And we shall see if any national media will now run a story when the C&MA hijacks a second church in another State, i.e., the Vietnamese Alliance Church in Long Beach, California. The C&MA has made merchandise of the souls of the Chinese and Vietnamese Alliance members that Christ has purchased with his own blood. I don't even know how people like John Soper and Daniel Wetzel can sleep at night with what they have done. The local members and board members of these churches have every right to protest and take action against these wolves in sheep's clothing. For they are the first line of defense against the fold because they are physically there all the time, while the district superintendents and headquarters staff are rarely there. When necessary the local members should defend themselves against even the pastors who are false shepherds, **because their church is a public trust that can not be violated.** The C&MA leaders are not exempt from prosecution if they abuse local folds of sheep.

## **CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY ALLIANCE**

### **SEIZURE OF \$90,000 BANK ACCOUNT & DESTRUCTION OF THE VIETNAMESE ALLIANCE CHURCH**

**By James Sundquist**

#### **PART II**

#### **UPDATE**

**April 23, 2008**

**By James Sundquist  
Rock Salt Publishing**

**On April 20, 2008 at the church meeting of the Vietnamese Alliance Church of Long Beach, California, C&MA Vice President John Soper presided over the destruction of this congregation and is ultimately responsible for splitting the church, based on the following proof.**

At this meeting, Rev. John Soper did pretty much what happened at New Life Church in Little Falls, New Jersey about ten years ago with two C&MA pastors who had embezzled about \$18,000 of the church's funds to purchase a recording studio which they installed in one of the pastor's basements without prior permission or approval of the congregation. The bass player for the worship team discovered it quite by accident and was given the documentation by Sam Ash store where the equipment was purchased. Rev. Soper (who at the time was Metro District Superintendent) had the opportunity to restore unity and bring an enduring blessing to the church (including the pastors) by admonishing and corrected them and by compelling them to make restitution. Instead, Rev. Soper neglected to tell the entire congregation that what the two C&MA pastors did constituted embezzlement and was unauthorized by New Life's own constitution which required notification, approval of all expenditures over \$500. To help cover up what the pastors had done, Rev. John Soper worked with his own financial advisor and helped convert those assets to income for the pastors...thus guaranteeing a church split. Rev. Soper deceived the congregation by issuing a report in which he referred to this so-called financial advisor with fictitious non-existent certification in the State of New Jersey. Rev. Soper's actions were approved by the C&MA Investigation Committee, which included Rev. Randy Corbin, then C&MA D.S. for Eastern

Pennsylvania, which presided over the investigation of John Soper, and ultimately by the President Peter Nanfelt of the C&MA at the time. For proof of this corruption see: <http://www.abrahamic-faith.com/James/InvestigationOfRevJohnSoperPDF.pdf>

In like manner, in the case of the Vietnamese Alliance church, instead of telling the congregation that District Superintendent Rev. Tai Nguyen took their \$90,000 bank account without proper authorization according to the bylaws and its own local church constitution, and also telling the congregation that the Vietnamese D.S. Rev. Tai Nguyen lied in a mailing to the Vietnamese Directory by saying there were only two members in the Vietnamese church who opposed the hostile takeover of the church and seizure of its \$90,000 bank, Soper eulogized him. What he should have done to make restitution, was bring a Cashier's Check for \$90,000 payable to the still accredited church. This would have been a perfect opportunity to publicly rebuke D.S. Rev. Tai Nguyen, remove him from office, and de-credential him. John Soper could have possibly brought unity to the church had he done the right thing! Instead he sowed discord among the brethren, which ultimately consummated in the church splitting (just like New Life Church).

Now if the congregation had already voted before to be a Developing Church, then the C&MA taking the bank account wouldn't necessarily be legally stealing, though it would have still been highly unethical. He white-washed the crime by legitimatizing it after the fact. If it was illegal and embezzlement while the church was accredited, it does not make it legal by changing the status of the church to developing. Had Soper personally repented, returned the money and publicly reprimanded D.S. Rev. Tai Nguyen, and had him removed and de-credentialed, the vote might have turned out quite differently. Instead John Soper let it fester and orchestrated circumstances that virtually assured that the church would split and eventually be destroyed. John Soper further proved that he was a hypocrite by offering the congregation the opportunity to vote to be under a different C&MA district, than the one presently supervised by Rev. Tai Nguyen. In a meeting with the Chinese Alliance Church in Colorado Springs, John Soper said he was powerless to overturn a decision by their D.S. Randy Burg and their DEXCOM. Yet here he is making the offer to the Vietnamese Church. Had the Chinese Alliance church been afforded this option they might still have their church, property and Chinese Translation Bibles. Assuming John Soper even had the power to offer this, what C&MA district does John Soper propose that the Vietnamese C&MA church fall under? The South Pacific District, which is saturated with Rick Warren Purpose-Driven teachings and programs, in which resisters are severely disciplined or purpose-driven out of their church? Here is a statement of the loving and concern expressed by Sr. Pastor Tom Lance, whose Mega C&MA church The Grove Community, is hosting the district conference in May 2008, retaliating against me, and censoring his own staff from hearing the truth:

**From:** Tom Lance  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 26, 2008 9:21 AM  
**To:** Carol Lance  
**Subject:** RE: CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY ALLIANCE NAMED IN CONSPIRACY LAWSUIT TO DEFRAUD CHINESE CHURCH OF \$650,000 CHURCH PROPERTY & Rick Warren's Global Peace Plan vs. Scripture

James

Please take me and the Grove Community Church off any e-mail list you may have. (you have abused your privilege) I don't appreciate your attacks or your attitude of superiority. I don't see how any thing you are doing can benefit the kingdom of God in any way. Again take me off of your e-mail list and do not send your information to any from our church. You should be ashamed of yourself for your tactics and hateful spirit. There are much better ways to get your point across; this way turns people off to you and to any message you think you have to share.

Tom Lance

Senior pastor

**From:** [Carol Lance](#)  
**To:** [James Sundquist](#) ; [Adam McIntyre](#) ; [Bob Pope](#) ; [chelsea@allstarprojects.com](mailto:chelsea@allstarprojects.com) ; [Carlos Vazquez](#) ; [Daniel Bishop](#) ; [jbiggy@yahoo.com](mailto:jbiggy@yahoo.com) ; [Jim Gilbreth](#) ; [Joe Hobbs](#) ; [juliegreenway@sbcglobal.net](mailto:juliegreenway@sbcglobal.net) ; [Kendall Brown](#) ; [Kelly Palmer](#) ; [Kathleen Strebel](#) ; [Kerry Warren](#) ; [Mike Barnes](#) ; [Mbern@watsonpharm.com](mailto:Mbern@watsonpharm.com) ; [Mary Mcinteer](#) ; [res203QL@verizon.net](mailto:res203QL@verizon.net) ; [Roy Ronveaux](#) ; [Russ Stovner](#) ; [Sam Boone](#) ; [Sandy Lay](#) ; [Trevor Christmas](#) ; [The Grove BookStore](#)  
**Cc:** [Tom Lance](#)

**Sent:** Saturday, April 26, 2008 12:53 PM

**Subject:** RE: CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY ALLIANCE NAMED IN CONSPIRACY LAWSUIT TO DEFRAUD CHINESE CHURCH OF \$650,000 CHURCH PROPERTY

I see James sent out a second email—our server wouldn't let me "reply to all" from that email because it appeared to be 'phishing.' Anyway, after reading his diatribe against Rick Warren, Tom is convinced that his position is not driven by God's love or any other Christ-like attitude and has asked James to take you and all the Grove staff and members off his future emails. If that doesn't work, I would suggest just blocking his email. Sorry for what has happened here.

Carol

Under what other C&MA District or authority might Rev. Soper be suggesting that the Vietnamese Church could come under? Randy Burg, MidAmerica District that just got done expelling the Chinese congregation in Colorado Springs and stealing and selling their church property right out from under them? New York State District D.S. Dan Miller who just precipitated the split of Maranatha Bible Chapel in Horseheads, New York? Eastern Pennsylvania D.S. Wayne Spriggs who approved the hiring a the pastor who helped split Maranatha Bible Chapel? Rocky Mount District Superintendent Tim

Owen who sexually harassed a female employee when he was a C&MA pastor at Ellensburg, Washington C&MA church? Kelvin Gardiner, Pacific Northwest District Superintendent who extolled and covered up what Tim Owen did and retaliated against the victims and messengers? [for full report see: <http://www.abrahamica-faith.com/James/AndersonCMA.pdf>] D.S. Randy Corbin who publicly stated in the hearing on the investigation of John Soper that the C&MA doesn't do Matthew 18 any more, in matters of church discipline, because it didn't work? [for full report see: <http://www.abrahamica-faith.com/James/InvestigationOfRevJohnSoperPDF.pdf>] Bruce Terpstra, now District Superintendent for the Metro District, who falsely accused the members of New Life Church who discovered the embezzlement by the two pastors that they were going to sue the church...then refused to repent when being confronted? [see **Appendix E INVESTIGATION OF REV. JOHN SOPER...CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY ALLIANCE FILE:** <http://www.abrahamica-faith.com/James/CMACHineseHijackingTOCPDF.pdf>]

And every district promotes Rick Warren who castigates, belittles and drives opposition out of the church. And every district superintendent is also under Assistant V.P. Daniel Wetzel who slandered James Sundquist in writing, but produced no evidence, and deserted C&MA members Julian and Gloria Raven who were arrested for praying quietly in a public park in Elmira, New York, when they appealed to him. Are these the district directors and C&MA leaders that John Soper suggests that the Vietnamese submit to in changing the district they are in, and the top leaders they would be under no matter what district they chose? Every motion and suggestion made by John Soper at the Vietnamese Church meeting whereby the congregation could vote, only offered solutions that would accrue to the benefit of the C&MA, not this local church. So by showing favoritism, John Soper went against Paul's admonition in Scripture. In John Soper's mind it is not stealing of a bank account and is perfectly legal so long as it is done by a C&MA pastor or district superintendent (Randy Burg or Rev. Tai Nguyen), in which case it is not misappropriation of funds or conversion of assets, it's simply entitlement. Rev. Soper and his district directors are themselves virtually exempt from Matthew 18. But the truth of the matter is that you can call evil good, but it remains evil. Stealing is stealing no matter what shape it is in. Even if the majority of the Vietnamese C&MA congregation members voted to approve it, it is still theft. They all still have to face God for having defrauded their brothers (the 26 out of 64 who voted in the Vietnamese church meeting on April 20, 2008). The number is actually greater, as some families had already left the church in dismay of what the C&MA had done to them. In any case, the vote proves that Rev. Tai Nguyen lied about the number of people in the group that were opposed to his hostile takeover of the Vietnamese church and seizure of the bank church bank account. But this made no difference to John Soper. For it would not have mattered how the congregation voted or if they had voted, the C&MA was going to keep the \$90,000 it plundered from the church treasury. This

barbarous act is as bad as a people stealing their own child's piggy bank or savings account that the parent can legally do, but would be reprehensible. In both cases, the parent's consciences are seared like a hot iron. You don't even need a majority vote to rape and plunder a church. As head of the ministry of propaganda for the C&MA, John Soper has managed to brainwash and train most of the C&MA pastors who either cheer him on, as evidenced by the retaliatory responses and deafening silence by most of the 3,000 C&MA pastors and workers and 3,036 Nyack College Alumni, and Nyack College and Alliance Theological Seminary professors, to the plight of the Chinese Alliance Church hijacking. So Mr. Soper must feel all the more emboldened with support like this. Whatever barriers had remained to prevent the seizing of the church property worth about \$1 million have now been removed. So it will be clear sailing for Rev. Soper and the C&MA leaders to now dispose of the church property of the Vietnamese Church, just as as they did with the Chinese Alliance Church in Colorado Springs.

Rev. Soper has continued to hammer away that the Vietnamese church could have a local constitution so long as it did not conflict with the national constitution of the C&MA. But there is an even more important document that even the national C&MA constitution can not trump, and that is the Scriptures themselves. Even their national constitution states that Scripture is the final and binding authority (unlike Roman Catholicism), where traditions and rulings by the Pope can trump Scripture.

## FINAL WARNING, CONCLUSION & SUPPORTING SCRIPTURES



**WARNING:** The Surgeon General of Generals and the Lord God of Hosts has determined that being a member or attendees of a Christian & Missionary Alliance Church may be hazardous to your health and spiritual health, resulting in possibly spiritual death of your church. These teachings are strange fire vs. gold tried and refined by fire. So beware!

**ANTIDOTE:** If you have already swallowed Purpose Driven Poison or any Church Growth Multiplication formulas or taken any mandatory covenants or personality temperament divination profiling, or are already a victim of retaliation by your pastor, district superintendent, or leaders at the C&MA Headquarters in Colorado Springs, seek immediate medical attention from the Great Physician, who will help you spew it out of your mouth. Whatever you do, do not remain silent, for this will not quarantine or contain this plague. Report it immediately as well as the leaders who are spreading this plague, and mark them that are destroying the brethren.

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The following Scriptures pretty well capture what the C&MA has done to both the Chinese and Vietnamese C&MA churches, for it is clear that the C&MA doesn't hear their cries...these saints are, after all disposable:

Hab 1:2-3 O LORD, how long shall I cry, and thou wilt not hear! [even] cry out unto thee [of] violence, and thou wilt not save!\_Why dost thou show me iniquity, and cause [me] to behold grievance? for spoiling and violence [are] before me: and there are [that] raise up strife and contention.



[Mat 7:22](#) Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

[Mat 7:23](#) And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

[2Cr 11:14](#) And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

[2Cr 11:15](#) Therefore [it is] no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

**Paul's Epistles to the Thessalonians are very instructive and binding (note the letters are from Paul, Silas and Timothy):**

I Thess 1:5 "You know we never used flattery, **nor did we put on a mask to cover up greed**--God is our witness"

I Thess 1:6 "As apostle of Christ we could have been a burden to you, but were gentle among you."

**Commentary: So how is closing down the Vietnamese Alliance Church \$90,000 bank account and changing the locks on the church not a burden to the members of their church, so that they are put in the position of trespassing on their own property? (Same thing they did to the Chinese Alliance Church)**

I Thess 1:9 "we worked night and day in order not to be a burden to anyone."

I Thess 4:6 "no one should wrong his brother or take advantage of him. The Lord will punish men for all such sins,"

II Thess 3:8 "nor did we eat anyone's food without paying for it"

**Commentary: But it is OK to eat the Chinese Alliance and Vietnamese Alliance bank accounts and Chinese Alliance church property?**

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I Timothy 5:19 "Do not entertain an accusation against an elder unless it is brought by two or three witnesses"

Commentary: Note this Scripture does NOT say do not bring an accusation against an elder (John Soper); it just must be done with evidence and two or three witnesses. But you already have at least this many witnesses. And even the C&MA Constitution and Manual on Church Discipline provides for this.

I Timothy 5:20 "Those who sin are to be rebuked publicly, so that the others may take warning"

Commentary: This is really the conclusion of I Tim 5:19, meaning that these elders (John Soper, Rev. Wong, and District Superintendent Rev. Tai Nguyen), who were accused, who did not repent and make restitution, are to be publicly exposed and warned. Taken with Matthew 18, your next step is to bring your charges against Soper and the other C&MA leaders before your entire congregation. If they still don't repent, you treat them as pagans and tax collectors, meaning treating them as though they are not brothers in Christ.

[1Ti 5:21](#)I charge [thee] before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the elect angels, that thou observe these things without preferring one before another, doing nothing by partiality.

**Let's see what the Apostle Paul thought of being deserted which is what the C&MA leaders have done to the Chinese & Vietnamese Alliance Christians:**

[Act 15:38](#) but Paul did not think it wise to take him, because he had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not continued with them in the work.

[2Ti 1:15](#)This thou knowest, that all they which are in Asia be turned away from me; of whom are Phygellus and Hermogenes.

[2Ti 4:10](#) for Demas, because he loved this world, has deserted me and has gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, and Titus to Dalmatia.

[2Ti 4:16](#)At my first answer no man stood with me, but all [men] forsook me: [I pray God] that it may not be laid to their charge.

**And here is what the Apostle John thought of being deserted:**

[3Jo 1:9](#) "¶I wrote unto the church: but Diotrephes, who loveth to have the preeminence among them, receiveth us not."

[3Jo 1:10](#) "Wherefore, if I come, I will remember his deeds which he doeth, prating against us with malicious words: and not content therewith, neither doth he himself receive the brethren, and forbiddeth them that would, and casteth [them] out of the church."

Commentary: The C&MA leaders forbiddeth the brethren of both the Chinese Alliance and Vietnamese Alliance churches from entering their own churches by changing the locks. The C&MA leaders casteth the Chinese Alliance church members out of their own church. The Vietnamese District Superintendent Rev. Tai Nguyen prated malicious words against the members of the Vietnamese Alliance church by being a talebearer and bearing false witness against them by publishing a false report that there were only two members who opposed him. Diotrefese would not even receive the Apostle John, so it does not surprise me that the C&MA throws out the Chinese and Vietnamese Christians !

## APPENDIX A

### **Former C&MA Pastor and Dexcom Member, Dean Matteson, now Senior Pastor of Faith Community Church Testimony Letters**

Pastor Matteson who knows exactly what is going on in the rotten State of Denmark of the C&MA empire. He too has now gone public blowing the whistle on the C&MA, who was an insider...**more evidence that the C&MA is not ruled by righteousness, but by agenda:**

**From:** [Pastor Matteson](#)

**To:** '[James Sundquist](#)'

**Sent:** Sunday, March 16, 2008 10:06 PM

**Subject:** RE: CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY ALLIANCE, RANDY BURG NAMED IN CONSPIRACY LAWSUIT TO DEFRAUD CHINESE CHURCH OF \$650,00 CHURCH PROPERTY

Thank you for sending this to us. You are to be commended. The Christian & Missionary Alliance is quickly slipping from its foundation – that of God’s Word and is going the way of most post modern denominations. Their ‘church growth’ manipulation has destroyed many smaller churches and encouraged a drift from God’s Word. Many of these new church plants are preaching a modern message that comes from the liberal seminaries and Christian colleges. Their only goal seems to be BIG churches – not salvation and sanctification.

The Alliance desperately needs to set up a double reversionary clause that allows Alliance churches to leave the Alliance and keep their church properties if the Alliance changes the theological/Biblical position which was held when a given church entered the Alliance. Many denominations have this reversionary clause. When a denomination goes liberal, the local church (because of the reversionary clause) is dragged down with the denomination. If a church could leave its denomination and keep its property – because the denomination has left its theological foundations, such legislation would hold denominations accountable to their original Biblical standards. As it is, denominations can sell off such church properties and fund their liberal agendas.

**Alliance churches that are just ‘affiliate churches’ can leave the Alliance and keep their properties.** They don’t have to sign the reversion clause. We were an Alliance church until February of 2007. Our church left the Alliance

after we confronted the Board of Managers about the Alliance having women pastors. While the Alliance national policy forbids women to be ordained, many of its Districts now have women pastors! It is interesting since the Alliance doesn't allow any of them to be Senior Pastors or elders, yet allows them to be pastors. We see no such Biblical distinction. When our church left the Alliance, our elders asked that our pastors continue to be in the Alliance – with the hope that our pastors would have some good Biblical influence in our District. The District Superintendent, who is in favor of women pastors, had the LO&CC (Licensing, Ordination and Consecration Council) vote to remove our pastors. The DS didn't want Biblical voices in the District that would speak against his liberal position – even if the voices were holding to the Biblical positions/traditions of the Alliance! This District (The South Pacific District of the Christian and Missionary Alliance) is drifting far from the historical positions of the Alliance.

May God bless you as you are used to protect other churches.

Sincerely,

Dean Matteson

Faith Community Church

Palmdale, CA

661.267.2200

**From:** [Pastor Matteson](#)

**To:** ['James Sundquist'](#)

**Sent:** Thursday, March 20, 2008 11:37 PM

**Subject:** RE: CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY ALLIANCE, RANDY BURG NAMED IN CONSPIRACY LAWSUIT TO DEFRAUD CHINESE CHURCH OF \$650,00 CHURCH PROPERTY

Dear James:

You have permission to use our email regarding the double reversionary clause. Again, the church could only leave the Alliance (and keep its property) if the Alliance changed standards that were originally agreed to when the church became an Alliance church – i.e. the doctrinal statement and practices contained in the denominational handbook/manual. This legislation would prevent the Alliance (or other denominations) from dragging the churches down with them as the Alliance continues its liberal trend.

Standing for the TRUTH,

Dean Matteson

**From:** [Pastor Matteson](#)

**To:** 'James Sundquist'

**Sent:** Saturday, April 05, 2008 6:01 PM

**Subject:** RE: James Sundquist follow up

Dear James:

I sent you an email regarding this, but want to make sure it was clear that you have my permission to use what I said to you regarding the Alliance. I was the Senior Pastor of an Alliance church for 20 years. Our church was an “Easter 100” church that I started in April of 1987 – on the 100th Anniversary of the Alliance. Our church website is: [faith-community.com](http://www.faith-community.com) and you can listen to the message I preached regarding Women in the Church at the following website: <http://www.faith-community.com/sermons/womeninthechurch.html>. The women’s issue with the Alliance was the final issue that caused us to sever our affiliation with the C&MA. I served on DEXCOM (the District Executive Committee), the Licensing and Ordination Committee, the Bylaws Committee and led many IST (In-Service Training) groups in our District. We were committed to staying within the Alliance as long as the Alliance was committed to following its doctrinal position and national policies. The Alliance does not follow its national policy regarding women in ministry. They are allowing each local church to determine how they will use women in the pastoral role. We choose to follow the Scripture. From what you have written regarding Rick Warren and others, I can tell you that we hold similar beliefs.

Continue to earnestly contend for the faith that was once and for all delivered,

Pastor Matteson

## **RECENT COURT RULINGS REGARDING REVERSIONARY CLAUSE ON CHURCH PROPERTY**

Regarding the reversionary clause in the C&MA constitution, Quin Hillyer and John A. Sparks stated it brilliantly in describing a similar attempt by the Diocese of the Episcopal Church (equivalent of District Superintendent and DEXCOM in the C&MA) to hijack the properties and assets of local churches in the following commentaries on a recent court decision in Virginia which awarded the property to the local church:

### ***EPISCOPALIAN SHOWDOWN***

**By Quin Hillyer**

"Why the diocese should be able, despite all those facts, to swoop in and claim the land and buildings (to be peopled by whom, one wonders?) out from under the parishioners who paid for and nurtured them is a question that surpasseth human understanding...

The Episcopal Diocese ought to adhere to the scriptural admonition against coveting those properties the diocese had no part in creating or maintaining. To do otherwise -- to continue attempts to confiscate those properties -- is to accomplish the exact opposite of social justice."

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<http://www.graceandststephens.org/news/articles/Episcopalian%20Showdown.pdf>

### ***SECEDING VIRGINIA PARISHES WIN FIRST ROUND***

**By John A. Sparks, J.D.**

"Judge Bellows ruled that it was proper for the seceding churches to make use of a Virginia law simply called "57-9".

Under its provisions, if a "division" occurs in a church or religious society, a congregation, by majority vote of the members, may choose to disaffiliate with that denomination and affiliate anew with another. Once the membership vote indicates the desire on the part of the majority of parishioners to make the change, the vote must be reported to the local county court which confirms that the title to and control of the property belongs to the congregation .

Judge Bellows was convinced by the argumentation of the twelve local churches and their counsel that indeed such a division had occurred. Although ECUSA argued that a real division had not occurred and could not occur unless the denomination itself recognized it, Judge Bellows wrote persuasively: “...[I]t blinks at reality to characterize the ongoing division within the Diocese, ECUSA, Anglican Communion as anything but a division of the first magnitude...[creating] a level of distress among many churchmembers so profound and wrenching as to lead them to cast votes in an attempt to disaffiliate from a church which has been their home and heritage throughout their lives, and often back for generations.” Precisely put!"

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**Here is Lyle E. Schaler's commentary on the Methodist Church Denomination version of the Reversionary Clause license to steal a church's local property. Note it is virtually identical to the C&MA's:**

### ***HIERARCHAL OWNERSHIP***

**by Lyle E. Schaler**

**One of the most insidious rules of United Methodism is the reversionary clause** in *The Discipline*. All properties acquired by organizational subunits of The United Methodist Church, including local churches, are held in trust for the denomination. When a group disbands or withdraws from United Methodism, the property continues to belong to organizations within the denomination.<sup>35</sup>

**It is falsely assumed that this is a sign of our connectedness and unity. Instead, it is a signal of mistrust and disunity. It comes from our European heritage rather than any theological or biblical pattern.** Lyle Schaller writes:

The current American version of that medieval heritage was designed on the assumption that while people cannot be trusted, institutions and superior officials can be trusted. **John Wesley expressed that distrust by keeping title to Methodist chapels in his name until shortly before his death.** One United Methodist version of that distrust is the **reversionary clause** in the title to



property and the requirement that congregationally initiated proposals on real estate must be approved by a district committee.<sup>36</sup>

**Although *The Discipline* declares that the church is organized as a “connectional structure” in justifying this clause, this actually is *hierarchical* rather than *connectional*. It is a legalism and a manifestation of suspicion. It is self-serving, unChrist-like and has left a wake of needless pain among believers over the years. Law can never maintain unity. Only grace creates it. The cross of Christ and the gift of the Spirit unite believers. However, this law damages the body, shackles the entrepreneurial work of the Spirit, and sows a needless fear and apprehension in our work. Instead of moving ahead in faith risking all, the body creeps along in fear questioning one another.**

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Norwood, *The Story of American Methodism*, 66-67.

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*The Book of Discipline 2000*, ¶ 2503. Trust Clauses in Deeds.

**SOURCE:**

<http://www.bethanyum.com/thesis/chapter7.pdf>

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***BOAT PEOPLE***  
**(Tribute to the Vietnamese Boat People)**  
**by James Sundquist**

**ODE TO THE HOMELESS REFUGEES**

**(excerpt)**

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***HERE'S TO THE BOAT PEOPLE, WHOSE PRISON IS THE SEA***  
***BUT THAT'S OK; AMERICA IS WATCHING YOU ON TV***  
***DRIVEN FROM PORT TO PORT, PEOPLE WITHOUT A COUNTRY***  
***WHAT YOU'VE DONE TO THE LEAST OF MY BROTHERS YOU'VE DONE UNTO ME***  
***YOU WAVE YOUR BANNERS THAT CRY OUT, "HAVE MERCY ON US!"***  
***BUT WE ARE ON VACATION, SO DON'T BOTHER US***  
***WE'VE BEEN HOARDING THE FEAST, AND TOASTING WITH OUR WINE***  
***WHILE YOU DRINK YOUR FINAL CUP,***  
***AND YOUR TONGUES CLEAVE FROM THE BRINE***  
***HERE'S TO THE BOAT PEOPLE WHOSE PRISON IS THE SEA***  
***AND AMERICA IS STILL WATCHING YOU ON COLOR TV***

***HERE'S TO THE FUGITIVES IN SPIRIT THROUGHOUT THE LANDS  
WITH NO PLACE TO LAY YOUR HEADS BUT THE DESERT AND THE SAND  
YOU TOO ARE RESTLESS IN THE WILDERNESS OF YOUR SOUL  
WELL, ONLY HIS PERFECT PEACE CAN MAKE YOU WHOLE  
ON AN EXODUS TO OBLIVION, THERE IS STILL NO ROOM FOR YOU AT THE INN  
AS THE WORLD SPEEDS ON AND ON IN ITS SIN  
WE ALL ARE ORPHANS OF THE EARTH  
ONLY THE LORD IS OUR REFUGE AND OUR WORTH  
HERE'S TO THE DESTITUTE IN SPIRIT THROUGHOUT THE LANDS  
THERE ARE NO HOMELESS IN THE FATHER'S HANDS***

**Refrain**

***YOU'VE GOT NO DOWRY BUT YOUR RUSTY RICHES  
YOU'VE GOT NO CLOTHING BUT YOUR TATTERED STITCHES  
YOU'VE GOT NO HOUSE, NOT EVEN A HOME  
HOW LONG WILL YOU CONTINUE TO ROAM  
CONTINUE TO ROAM  
CONTINUE TO ROAM***