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**From:** "Jamie Munson" <jm@marshillchurch.org>  
**To:**                   @qwest.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 29, 2008 5:34 PM  
**Subject:** Re: For your prayerful consideration

1-29-08

Dear Paul,

I received your letter on Saturday the 26th, as did Pastor Mark, and as you asked have prayerfully considered it and included my response here. Pastor Mark is out of town, and as you have demanded a response within ten days I am responding on behalf of both of us and the elders of Mars Hill.

I know you do not agree with the positions taken by me, Mark, and the other elders at Mars Hill. I will not insult your intelligence by pretending to know what it is like to walk in your shoes, because I don't. I can only imagine that it is incredibly painful.

That said, you voluntarily submitted yourself to the authority of the elders when you became a member and then an elder at Mars Hill, however imperfectly that authority may be administered. The church has a First Amendment right to discipline a member and even more so an elder / pastor in accordance with what it believes is a biblical manner, and to communicate with its congregation on those subjects. We believed then, as we do now, that the decisions made were in the best interests of the church and its labor in the spread of the gospel. We realize you do not agree. You believe that we are in unrepentant sin, and vice versa.

We have repeatedly tried to meet with you in an effort to get past this painful stalemate. A reconciliation team consisting of Brad House, James Noriega and Phil Smidt has continued to reach out to you in an effort to talk through your list of grievances. Up until this point you have been unwilling to meet with them.

We have also asked Pastor Wayne Taylor of Calvary Fellowship to reach out to you and see if you would be willing to meet with him and any Mars Hill executive elder of your choice. We continue to believe that he would be a good, independent person to serve as a mediator in our dispute and would do well in representing the Gospel in the middle of this. You have yet to accept this offer. If you have concerns about Wayne, we are open to mediation with another neutral party from the local Christian community.

While we disagree about a lot of things, we share your desire to resolve this dispute as brothers in Christ in a manner that does not dishonor our God. We agree that that would be best accomplished through a third-party mediator rather than resorting to secular courts in violation of 1 Corinthians 6. I await your agreement to meet with Wayne or a suggestion of an alternative mediator.

Respectfully,  
Pastor Jamie

On 1/26/08 6:28 PM, "          @qwest.net"          @qwest.net> wrote:

See attached Word documents.