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Dear Jae:

The enclosed was sent out by two of the elders at Torrance. In a meeting with the deacons Brother Barnes told them that after you were reinstated at Highland they felt you worthy to be approached by Torrance. This is Saturday and Bob Denny, the elder I stand with here, has been trying to reach you by phone. He asked what elder at Highland he could call - I suggested Brother Fletcher.

I do not know a young preacher named Chapman but he is frank Pack's nephew and has been preaching at. Let me start over: Chapman is NOT related to Frank but he has been preaching at Redlands where Frank's brother-in-law has been an elder. The other elders let Chapman go because he would not teach baptism and Carleton resigned and has been coming all the way into Torrance recently since his son attends here. Chapman is the man not mentioned by name in the letter whom they are trying to get.

Since you were mentioned I just thought you might be interested. It will take a major battle or the help of God for us to save Torrance.

Love you.
March 18, 1971

Dear Brethren:

In the program we presented to you on January 31st we told of our feeling of the need for an increased evangelistic effort on the part of the entire congregation. We'd like you to know the effort we've made to bring this about.

One of the most noted ministers of evangelism is John Allen Chalk. We approached him regarding the ministry here. We're pleased that he did seriously consider the work here, but finally declined. At the present time there is another man in the area that comes with high recommendations. We are currently investigating this man, and will keep you advised of our progress.

We are asking for a response from each of you. Do you feel the desire or need for additional elders at this time? If you say yes, would you care to place one or more names in nomination? Please do so in writing and return it to the elders. If you do not reply at all we can assume your answer is no.

We are in the process of establishing the criteria for a democratic election of elders, and your response to the desire or need will help us do that.

Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,

The Elders