

# Disclaimer

The Board Members and leadership Teams of COI are fully representative of both Houses of Israel (as defined in Scripture, which is Judah - i.e. Torah Jews, and 'rebirthing' Ephraim - i.e. mainly re-identifying, Torah seeking New Testament believers). While we do not share the same religious beliefs, we do strive to unite on one main common ground: i.e. that the Restoration and Redemption of the 'Israel of God' ('the restoration of the Fallen Tabernacle of David') has to take place as Divine Prophecy clearly indicates. This will have to be achieved across our theological differences while we work for and trust God to bring us to eventual unity in the Faith as He requires. This can only come about with the dedicated attitude and assistance of us all to comply with the Will of the Creator God of Israel. Through COI we have the opportunity to share and dedicate our support, knowledge and facilities to make the greatest Goal of Divine Purpose, the Final Redemption (Geulah) a reality.

We do not advocate, evangelize or proselytize any person who chooses to associate with the COI Vision and promotions. We full-heartedly understand and deeply appreciate that it is normal to find in any family or nation people with different opinions and thoughts. And we all have a right to express our opinion while striving after the communal Goal.

Our goal is to promote and advocate that the Two Houses are indeed Family, and we will do everything in our power to promote unconditional love and respect for each other.

Israel as a country reflects such a tolerance amongst the nations. Being the only Democracy in the harsh Middle East, Israel continuously shows utmost tolerance, a fundamental principle of the Scriptures. Should we, as lovers of Israel and of the God of Israel, not do the same? In this way to respect the opinions of all involved while striving for the same Goal.

## **Food for Thought:**

King Solomon's mighty Empire was broken by God splitting it in two. The House of Israel (Ephraim) was subsequently rejected by God and exiled from the land and broken, The House of Judah followed, was exiled from the Land driven amongst the nations, broken. The leadership of the Commonwealth of Israel comes from amongst these exiles - a broken people in time gone past. But amazingly, the God of Israel uses brokenness, broken things and broken people to accomplish His will. We humbly thank you (those who identify with this Vision of Reconciliation and Restoration) that you love Israel because you belong to her, and she belongs to His People. We, who zealously strive after the Message of the Scriptures, are all one Family and Israel is our Inheritance. We need to work hard at restoring our family and our people – ONE Nation, with ONE heart, ONE soul!

## **We strive to achieve Reconciliation Founded on the powerful factors that Unite us**

By avoiding the factors that divide us, we will strive to achieve reconciliation founded on the factors on which we are united. Theological differences are rife and there can

be no hope to ever overcome it fully. These differences will never be neutralized and will only eternalize division as vividly seen in the 41,000 different Christian denominations in the world.

**Therefore, in COI communications, theological teaching should be regarded as totally divorced from the COI platform and could be personally promoted from personal non-COI platforms. The COI platform and contact base will NOT be used as a prospecting source for such discussions by any person associated with COI, and especially not by its leadership. In this way we will endeavour to remove divisive factors in our striving for peaceful reconciliation.**

### **Reconciliation Uniting Factors**

There are 7 unifying factors which we have defined for-advancing the Restoration Goal:

1. Our love and subjection to the Creator, the God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob.
2. Our love for Zion, its people, its Land and its City, Jerusalem.
3. Our dedicated efforts to promote Peace between between the House of Judah (i.e. Rabbinic Judaism) and Zion loving non-Jews (generally based on NT Messianism) in fulfilment of 'love your neighbour'.
4. Our zeal for the Divine Purpose, as defined in Scripture, of establishing His Universal Kingdom of the God of Israel.
5. Our unrestrained dedication to His Word irrespective of our perceived religious differences.
6. Our passion for Peace in Zion and in the House, Land and Nation of the God of Israel.
7. Our non-critical appreciation for the spiritual leaders (Rabbis) of Judah. (Note: This respect does not suggest blind subjection, but rather 'rational consideration' for their vast sources of knowledge and experience built up over the span of 3,500 years right since Moses, by dedicated leaders appointed for their wisdom and knowledge of the Torah).

In addition

The Divinely required Reconciliation reconcile between Judah and non-Jewish lovers of the Scriptures and the Land of Israel across this great barrier due to theological differences, will require great wisdom, patience and trust between the 2 divided factions – and implicit trust in our Creator to accomplish the ultimate Reconciliation. It is the explicit goal of the COI Vision to help create solutions to cross this Divide. It is therefore incumbent on each of us:

- If you are Messianic – to undertake never to evangelize Jews. Evangelizing fosters the greatest obstacle to Reconciliation from a Jewish viewpoint.
- If you are Jewish – to undertake not to insist that Messianics deny their Messiah as a pre-condition to reconciliation. Jews have to trust the Creator, and must believe and know in their heart and brain, that the

upcoming Reconciliation will be carried out in a God-guided way that will only enhance Judah's stand with God.

## Conclusion

To enhance a peaceful reconciliation we advise to follow these 4 fundamental points:

1. Always refer to the COI Vision of mainly: Peaceful Reconciliation.
2. Use the COI Disclaimer as basis for your reconciliation.
3. Focus only on the Uniting Factors.
4. Doctrinal discussions, as a service, can be referred to a few opposing interpretations by various COI associates for them to make their own decisions. But, these are time wasters for several people as a result and therefore we should focus on the COI agenda.

