

Joint Report of Simeon Shankster, Dean Kinsley and Steven Shankster to West Manchester Congregation of Meeting with CAM Representatives

June 12, 2019

Attendees:

Eli Weaver, Paul Weaver, Eris Labady, Bob, (Lawyer representing CAM from Washington D.C. by telephone), Dan Hooley, Darvin Seibel, Rene Clugston, Simeon Shanster, with Dean Kinsley and Steven Shankster as support for Simeon.

After a few preliminary remarks including the reading aloud of CAM's recently published public statement, CAM's lawyer from D.C. called in and assumed leadership of the meeting for the first half hour. When asked who authored the public statement published by CAM, the lawyer stated that it was himself. Upon the expression of strong disapproval of the lawyer answering questions addressed to CAM, the lawyer withdrew. (The strong disapproval was expressed by us, not by CAM.) Near the end of the meeting, as concern was again being expressed concerning the lawyer having authored CAM's public statement, Dan Hooley stated that CAM was also involved in the formulation of the public statement.

Among the reasons given by CAM for the lawyer's involvement were two of special concern to us. 1.) CAM is such a large organization that it must **protect** itself. 2.) Failure to **protect** the resources entrusted to CAM would be poor stewardship.

After Simeon presented the doctrine of Non-Resistance, the response was: As men under authority they are unable to follow their consciences, but must answer to the directives of the board, and counsel of the lawyers they have hired. At that point, Simeon asked for private counsel from Dean and Steven. We withdrew and unitedly agreed that Simeon should withdraw from any involvement with CAM, nor act on CAM's behalf in this situation until such a time as CAM would demonstrate their return to the Biblical principles of Non-Resistance and Two-Kingdom theology. (Mat. 5:39-40, 1 Pet. 2:19-24, Rom. 13:1-5) We returned and Simeon told them that based on their admission of their inability to be governed by the New Testament as their highest authority in their response to this tragedy he feels compelled to withdraw.

Based on this foundational difference, Simeon was not willing to further engage with CAM, although he has a myriad of concerns about CAM's handling of this situation.

After Simeon's conclusion, Dean and Steven were granted permission to speak, and gave brief statements of support for, and united agreement with this scriptural stand, and expressed disappointment with CAM's unbiblical position.

We each expressed our earnest desire to be able to work together again, our appreciation for the dialogue, and implored them to return to Scriptural Authority.

It should be noted that we feel there are obvious mischaracterizations of the truth presented in the Public Statement dated June 11th 2019.

Simeon Shankster

Dean Kinsley

Steven Shankster