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September 3, 2019

Dear Robert,

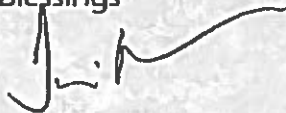
Please find enclosed [redacted] This is the total refunded from the [redacted] County Tax Assessor's office after I met with them earlier this year. I met with them to see how the church could avoid property tax assessments in the future. I didn't want a replay of previous years. In that meeting they told me that our non-profit status was predicated upon our building being a place for worship and that an educational usage was not in keeping with our non-profit status.

I responded by saying, "This is not meant to be an in-your-face statement, but what right does the State have to tell the church what is and what is not worship. You are not theologians or interpreters of Scripture. Worship isn't just singing and listening to a sermon. Every act of obedience to God is an act of worship. We are told in the Bible that it is our responsibility to educate our children and therefore education is an act of worship and does not violate any property usage understanding."

They told me that I should include that argument in the paperwork I would be submitting for upcoming years. They said that it would have an impact on those who make the decisions concerning assessments. I did so and received the above amount back from Alameda County which I now pass back to you.

Robert, thank you for being responsive to our situation here and may the Lord lead you and Classical Conversations into increasingly fruitful ministry.

Blessings



Tim [redacted] Pastor  
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