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RE: Sovereign Grace Ministries

Thanks for taking a moment to learn more about us. Recently, a number of individuals have asked about our partnership with Sovereign Grace Ministries. “What do you (we) think about the recent events concerning Sovereign Grace Ministries?”

If you are unaware, some of our partner churches and Sovereign Grace Ministries (SGM) are involved in a process of evaluation. Questions have been raised regarding a number of historic and recent events. A few church leaders and SGM representatives have been the focus of specific allegations and the volume of dialogue (and the dialogue’s volume) over how to proceed has increased dramatically.

First, let us communicate how glad we are to see God at work in all of this. Nobody likes trials and difficulties, and certainly any situation in which someone suffers as the result of the sin or weakness of a leader is cause for concern and sadness. Likewise, it’s painful for anyone to be misunderstood or falsely accused. However, it is precisely now and in these moments that we are able to calculate God’s good intentions. The Father trains us as his very own children.

Second, we celebrate the blessings we enjoy as a member of SGM. It’s not an overstatement to say we exist as a local church (in large part) due to the service, sacrifice, and influence of brothers and sisters around the world. As a young church, we have more than our fair share of outside friends and supporters and our only regret is that they aren’t here to witness the fruit of our partnership with them firsthand.

Third, we are actively engaged in the various initiatives SGM has undertaken to rectify, reconcile, and reform where necessary. At the moment, our actions are limited to leading and caring for our church, participating in extra-local dialogue within SGM, and continuing to utilize the resources of SGM (conferences, care, counsel, relationships, etc.). We recognize our ongoing need for help and appreciate that SGM hasn’t stopped helping us.

We certainly have had questions and concerns during this season, and still do. It has been difficult, at times, to discern fact from fiction, the proper path forward, or even when to speak up and when to observe. Yet we are convinced that there is biblical warrant to be patient, believe the best, and hope for a bright future. We are leaning in, eager to be an agent of grace during this challenging season.

While we don't know how everything will turn out, what we do know is that all of it will be for His glory and our good. This promise has been a great source of comfort to the members of our church.

If you are interested in learning more about us or have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact us. We're available.

For the glory of God,

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The Pastoral Team of Sovereign Grace Church