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CC: NAD President, NPUC President, Oregon Conference President

Dear SDA General Conference ADCOM and EXCOM,

RE: STONE TOWER SDA CHURCH OBJECTION TO GC ADCOM'S STATEMENTS

We write to you from Stone Tower SDA Church, of the Oregon Conference (OC), of the North Pacific Union Conference (NPUC), of North American Division (NAD). At our Business Meeting of January 5, 2025, the following statements of SDA General Conference (GC) ADCOM were critically reviewed and considered:

- ADCOM statement dated 2015 as available at: https://www.adventist.org/officialstatements/immunization/
- ADCOM statement dated 2021 as available at: https://adventist.news/news/reaffirming-the-seventh-day-adventist-churchs-response-to-covid-19-1

## Areas of concern:

- **Origin**: These statements are of questionable origin, not voted in a regular GC session by official delegates of the world church body, and may therefore not be representative of, nor published as official statements of, the SDA Church.
- **Content**: The 2015 statement contradicts the 28 Fundamentals by introducing "peer-reviewed scientific literature" as supposed basis for the SDA health emphasis. The SDA health emphasis is a matter of fundamental belief (Belief 22), and the 28 Fundamentals only recognize the Bible (Belief 1) and the Spirit of Prophecy, specifically the writings of Ellen G. White (Belief 18) as authoritative.

We petition the GC EXCOM to:

- Publicly withdraw these statements.
- **Apologize** for allowing such statements to be published and the subsequent harm caused.

In our view these ADCOM Statements have severely impacted and undermined the foundation and principles of Religious Liberty as practiced and upheld by our Church Members.

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Thank you for your cooperation and assistance in this regard.
Sincerely,
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Leonid Zakhariya - Head Elder
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