

# KING COLLEGE

BRISTOL, TENNESSEE 37620

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Dr. L. B. Gibbs, Stated Clerk  
Holston Presbytery  
323 West Walnut Street  
Johnson City, Tennessee 37601

Dear Dr. Gibbs:

In accordance with Section 111-3 of the Book of Church Order, I hereby renounce communion in and the authority of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, and in particular membership in Holston Presbytery.

The problem which prompts this action is that I believe in the virgin birth, the miracles and in the bodily resurrection of our Lord and in the authority of the Scriptures as the word of God written. I believe that these doctrines are important. These doctrines have been repeatedly rejected (in my hearing) by ministers and candidates during recent weeks, and I can no longer endorse by continued membership in this branch of the Church the casual rejection of that which the Church universal has believed across the centuries. Only yesterday I was publicly rebuked (not unkindly) for even suggesting that it is important whether or not Jesus actually fed the five thousand miraculously.

Let me here record at the parting of the ways my grateful appreciation for the happy privilege of being a member of this Presbytery for ten years and assure you of my continued love for the members of the body of Christ from whom I shall now be separated organizationally--not because I wish to leave the Church to which members of my family have been joined for seven generations, nor because of any personal unhappiness, but only because I must not concur in dishonor to Him whose name I first heard from members of this branch of the Church.

I shall, of course, release the College from any contractual obligation to continue my employment, and to the extent which it is possible I will leave quietly and without embarrassment to Presbytery. At no time have I sought membership in any other Church, and I do not now have even tentative plans for so doing, but I now consider myself free to seek such membership.

With the prayer that He who loved the Church and gave Himself for it will yet strengthen that which remains, I am

Cordially yours,

*George A. Anderson*  
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