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YES! YOUR LETTERS DO GET THROUGH TO ME!

I have just received two anonymous letters, apparently from ministers in mid-east areas.

I DID NOT READ THEM!

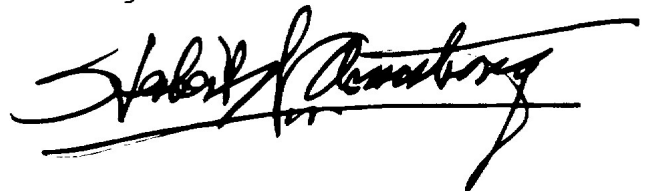
I threw them into the waste basket!

Recently there has been a tendency for a VERY FEW members and ministers--either dissident or for some reason wanting me to hear a voice (as in a telephone call) not knowing who is talking. If you call me anonymously on the telephone--if you expect me to listen when you refuse to identify who is talking--I shall, as I'm sure you would, hang up.

Fellow ministers, ANY of you can get through to me at ANY TIME. So can our lay members--yet some ministers have become nervous and verbal if for any remote purpose I let the membership know they can reach me if and when they feel necessary. Naturally I do have to be screened from 250 thousand members and co-workers--too many trying to get through to me at once. Like the Volkswagon ad, I'm only human. But there is no unwillingness on my part to hear from any--except the anonymous.

But let me make clear TWO important points:

- 1) If you wish, I will respect your privacy, and your letter will be put to no use, as an anonymous letter would--except it won't hit the wastebasket.
- 2) If your letter accuses someone or carries a charge against someone, that someone remains innocent in my mind unless or until proved guilty. Especially if a lay member writes something against a minister, I fully protect the minister unless PROVED in the wrong.



FROM PASTORAL ADMINISTRATION

Dear Fellow Ministers:

Greetings from Pasadena! It is a busy and happy time out here with scores of parents and friends around for college commencement which takes place at 4:00 p.m. this afternoon.