



## SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

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Dear Mr Grames,

I have received your letter dated April 22, 2013 and can confirm that I also received your letter dated January 21, 2013.

In Australia there are laws with regards to privacy and ownership of intellectual property. Those laws prevent a person publishing a letter addressed to them as the intended recipient without the authors' permission. Apart from the legal rights of the author there is also an ethical issue. I was very disappointed to find that my past correspondence to you has been published on your internet site. My permission for that was not obtained and I do regard that as a breach of trust. It serves to illustrate why administrators have to be very careful what they say as they risk whatever they say going wider than their intended audience. Today we are even finding that using Power Point in a public forum has to be used carefully as attendees will use a mobile phone to take a picture and then upload it onto social media and control over who can then read that material is lost. Even on some theological issues we have vilification laws that restrict what we can say about others and their lifestyle and beliefs. In another denomination two ministers in Australia were charged for criticising another faith for what they believed.

Communication to our church members today on some issues is becoming more challenging as not all messages are intended for or suitable for the wider public or media. I wish things were different but technology is fast changing things. It's one reason why many discussions of a commercial nature between companies usually has a confidentiality agreement signed first.

For the above reasons I am not able or willing to respond to your letters.

Yours sincerely

Rodney Brady  
Chief Financial Officer  
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