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PASTOR GENERAL'S REPORT

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Greetings, ministers and wives!

In the sermon I gave last week, I read a serious letter I received from Andrew Locher regarding a problem that has come up with a few of our young people. I am reprinting that letter below for your reference.

Mr. Flurry,

One of our regional directors recently brought to our attention a very serious issue involving our young people and the Internet. One of the young participants in a private chat group organized by a PCG member became concerned when he read some of the messages going back and forth between the young people.

We were able to go into this chat group by invitation of one of the participants to take a look around. We were shocked at what we saw. The group's chat room was created with an introductory page that carried the PCG logo and looked as if it were an official Church project.

Each participant in this particular group personalizes a page of information about themselves that is shared with other members of the group. Most of the personal pages attached a favorite song which plays as you look at their profile page. With few exceptions, the music would not be considered up to God's standard—in fact, many of the songs were *very* worldly and some even satanic in my opinion.

Most of the other information was not too offensive, but some of our young people gave details about very personal sexual information. Some of the graphics or pictures attached to their personal profile were cause for concern.

The intent behind these types of chat rooms is to create an environment in which the participants can communicate with each other through the Internet. Most of the conversations posted in the chat room were general in nature with little to worry about. But some of the conversations got into subject matter that could be inappropriate without supervision.

The majority of the participants were somewhat innocent in their profiles and the comments they posted. But some awful things appeared from other members of this "private group," which is composed of PCG members' children. That is why the ministry was alerted to this particular chat group.

The most alarming content is definitely not something we want our young people (or anybody for that matter) exposed to. The group had close to 20 different members ranging in age from 13 to 38. There were both males and females—from all over the country.

While this use of the Internet can be beneficial IF USED PROPERLY, there is very little parental oversight from all appearances of this example. The other ministers that I spoke with wondered just how many parents of the young people in this group were even aware that their children belonged to the group. WE HOPE THAT PARENTS WILL TAKE A MUCH MORE ACTIVE ROLE IN MONITORING WHAT THEIR CHILDREN ARE BEING EXPOSED TO ON THE INTERNET—it can be a most hideous environment.

Andrew Locher

The parents in God's Church must be wise to the ways Satan can reach our children. If we are not watching our children, Satan will get to them.

I hope we can all see the danger in such unsupervised activity. In the early days of the Worldwide Church

of God, occasionally there would be a group of members getting together to discuss the Bible and so on—what seemed like a good cause. But Mr. Armstrong said that *every time* such a group would come together without a minister, THE WRONG LEADER WOULD COME TO THE SURFACE. *Every time!*

We must be wise to Satan’s devices, and help God’s people to be wise to them as well.

With love, in Christ’s service,



CHURCH ADMINISTRATION

REMINDER: CHURCH-WIDE FAST

Mr. Flurry has called for a church-wide fast next Sunday, February 19th. Please make sure shut-ins and others who may not have heard the announcement in Mr. Flurry’s sermon are informed.

BUSINESS OFFICE

NETHERLANDS FEAST 2006

Would anyone with plans to transfer to the Netherlands for the 2006 Feast of Tabernacles please notify the UK Regional Office as soon as possible. The registration deadline is February 28, 2006. Cost of villas are 20 percent lower than last year and there is an option, at a very small cost of \$38 per day, to arrive one or two days prior to the start of the Feast and stay on in their villas up to two days after the Feast for free.

If interested, please contact the UK regional office at 044 (0) 1327-706930, or by fax at 044 (0) 1327-706947 or e-mail Mrs. Pat Durrad at pdurrad.pcguk@btinternet.com.

Below is detailed information on the villas. Thank you for your co-operation. *John Durrad*

LANDGOED ‘T LOO ACCOMMODATIONS

Here are details of accommodation at Landgoed ‘t Loo of Landal Green Parks in the Netherlands, which will be the European Feast site for 2006:

6 person, type D

- Detached Villas (area approx 120 m’s)
- 3 bedrooms, all with twin beds

- 2 bathrooms (upstairs with shower, downstairs with bath and washbasin)
- 2 toilets (upstairs in the bathroom, on the ground floor separate)

4 person, type BL

- Detached luxury Villa (area approx 120m’s)
- Washing machine, dryer and stereo set
- 2 bedrooms, both with twin beds, TV and radio alarm on the ground floor
- Private sauna and sun bed on the first floor
- 2 bathrooms (upstairs with shower, downstairs with bath and washbasin)

Beds made up on arrival in both Villa types.

As you can see the 4 person, type BL Villa is better appointed and so is more expensive.

Rental Fees

6 person Villa type D.....	\$900
(€716) 11 day package (Oct 6-16)	
4 person Villa type BL.....	\$1,100
(€880) 11 day package (Oct 6-16)	

Extra Days: Extra days are available at \$38 (€30) per villa, per night and €1.20 per person night tax. Days available are Wednesday & Thursday, October 4th and 5th.

Additional Charges: Guests will pay the following extras upon arrival themselves:

Bed linen.....	€5.25 per person
Local charges	€1.20 per person
Set of towels	€4.00 per person
Kitchen cloth	€3.20 per Villa
Bed making service	€3.00 per person (Type D only)

Notes: Beds have a duvet cover (no top sheet). Registration is Thursday and Friday, October 5th and 6th. Villas must be vacated on Monday, October 16, before 10 a.m.

Important: Please make your choice of accommodation and submit to the Regional Office with the UK

Festival Registration Form and 30 percent deposit and if extra days are required before February 28, 2006. Villas will be allocated on a first come first served basis only after receiving the deposit and you will be notified of your bungalow number.

If you intend to share a villa, one person should be responsible for submitting the full deposit to the Regional Office and the balance when due. The balance of the hiring must be sent to the Regional Office no later than September 8, 2006.

Please remember that the Church is liable for the full hiring costs of the site so all individual payments must be made before the deadline so as not to incur a penalty to the Church.

Please mark any correspondence, money or otherwise “The Festival Dept” at the following address: P.O. Box 9000, Daventry, Northants NN11 5TA, England.

We thank you for your co-operation and look forward to hearing from you.

Regional Office