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As Christians, we know that it is good for all of us to make periodic retreats. Furthermore, we know that the purpose of such retreats is to see if our personal actions are leading us to our just and proper goals. Institutions are merely people united for a common purpose. So it is good that periodically, institutions reexamine themselves to see if their programs and goals are in accord with those just desires of contemporary society.

Many of our members have proposed that the Federation should do just that. We must look at our current programs and ask very pointed questions. Are they directed at today's problems? Are they well organized? Are they being carried out? If the answer is no, then what is wrong? What can be done to correct them? Do we need new programs or goals?

We are living in an era of great change and crisis. All of our traditions, teachings and institutions are being questioned and frequently changed. Much of this is good, though at times, as individuals we may feel overwhelmed by the rapidity of events. It would be easy to fall to the temptation of doing nothing, saying to ourselves that we cannot alter events. We know very well that such an approach would be wrong. We must accept the challenge and I now issue a challenge to each of you.

Think about the Federation and apply the above questions, then let me know what your views are. Your Board of Directors will then consider them and take appropriate action. I might suggest that the same should be done at the Guild level. Armed with this knowledge we will be able to keep the Federation vibrant and attuned to today's needs. Thank you for your help.

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