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It is with sadness that I saw the CNN story yesterday where you characterized the United Church of Christ as a “non-biblical Christian group,” while speaking to members of the Bethel Baptist Temple in Cincinnati.

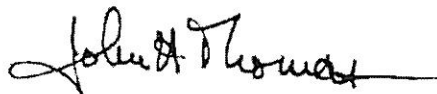
While I realize that many divisions exist across the Christian community, I also believe that we remain members of the Body of Christ together. For this reason alone, I want to extend an invitation to you to visit the United Church of Christ’s Church House in Cleveland — where our national offices are located.

I would welcome this as an opportunity to introduce you to the UCC, to talk about how we read and honor Scripture, and to share with you the ministries that we carry out in Christ’s name.

My hope is that this would be a constructive conversation. Therefore, I would like to request that we meet in private — one without press in attendance or press statements issued afterward.

I hope we can find a mutual time when this meeting can take place, and I look forward to hearing of your interest and availability. I can be reached at 216/736-2101 or <thomasj@ucc.org>.

Cordially,



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