

# “Lots” Proposal Update 11/1/2017

## Status of Proposal

- Over 100 individuals from 17 different fellowships have [added their names in support](#).
- We see tons of momentum, but feel we haven’t been able to reach enough people yet.
- We continue to sympathize with those who feel previous voting should stand, but also realize that refusing to consider other paths forward is not a viable option given the realities we face:
  - There have been further divisions among believers that we cannot seem to overcome.
  - More information about necessary content to include in the statement has come since those documents were produced (e.g., [Dallas talk](#), [United Proposal](#)).
- We would like to take a few more days to personally contact as many believers as we possibly can and post supporting commentary on blogs through Sunday, Nov. 5th.

## Where We Are Now

- Scriptures will be printed in time for Christmas and we believe this assignment should be finished before then.
- There are many versions of the Statement of Principles, but there is no clear path forward.
- The Scripture Committee has taken a stance of neutrality, but have agreed to manage a mechanism for voting at the request of any who desire it.

## Where We Have Been

- There have been misunderstandings, assumptions, and harsh words for those who have stepped forward to carry out an initiative without the consent of the main body of believers. We are sensitive to these issues and have discussed at length many options on how to avoid this problem going forward. Ultimately, we decided that the best approach was an extensive “ground game,” reaching out to people individually to explain how this proposal brings everyone together, and then asking them to participate and support it.
- This grassroots effort over the past month has resulted in tremendous momentum and support for the “Lots” proposal.
- We have now reached a point where enough support has been generated that permission needs to be asked of the entire body of believers to proceed with this proposed process.

## Where We Are Going

- We ask that the Scripture Committee conduct a simple YES/NO vote from Nov. 6-8 (M-W) to determine if the “Lots” proposal is supported by a majority of the body of believers.
- If the majority is in favor, we will immediately call for all names and documents to be submitted to the Central Recorder.
- If the majority is not in favor, we will hold off and assess other options.
- We humbly ask that all believers set aside their differences and consider the broader appeal of this proposal to help us complete our assignment from the Lord.
- Please add your name in support of this proposal via the [NAMES SUBMISSION FORM](#).
- Any questions, comments, or anonymous names can be submitted to [Jim O’Rullian](#).
- **Proposed timeline**
  - Nov. 6-8 YES/NO Vote; if majority favors proposal, then:
  - Nov. 9-11 Names and documents submitted to Central Recorder
  - Nov. 12 Lots cast among entire body of believers during live web-cast
  - Nov. 13-19 Statement of Principles drafted
  - Nov. 20-21 Document presented to the main body for review and comment
  - Nov. 23 **Thanksgiving**. Statement of Principles presented to the Lord with our prayer that He accept our offering and revise the document if needed prior to sustaining and adoption.

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