

May 10, 1999.

Dear Pastor Terry & Restoration Christian Church,

It is with regret, but necessary that I inform you that as of August 01, 1999, the East Hampton Neighborhood House will no longer be available to your group for Ecumenical services. It was discussed and decided after our last Board meeting that we should take this course. There are two issues involved that I hope will explain to your satisfaction, how we arrived at this decision:

Being as we are a non-profit organization like yourself, I'm sure you can understand the economics involved here. We receive no monies from local or state government to help us operate our organization. We rely on donations from the community as well as what we collect from groups such as yours. Unfortunately, we are lacking in the revenue needed to maintain our building and grounds and need to make it up the best way we can. Our best possible means of accomplishing this is our weekend functions. The monies generated from a single weekend can do a lot to improve our financial picture. We are not out to make a profit, but we do need to cover our expenses. We are not currently doing that.

I am sincerely sorry for any inconvenience that this might cause you but will also remind you of the original plan when you first came to us back in January of 1991 with Pastor Kelley...the building was to be used as an interim place of worship until you had your own built. "Our" (Pastor Kelley and I) original agreement was for 2 years from 8 - 12 every Sunday. The Church has grown beyond that as has its use.

The mission of the Neighborhood House is to provide a low-cost meeting place for groups to meet. The Restoration Christian Church has been accommodated for a little over 8 years now. In providing a place for you these past years, many others have been denied of *their* privilege. Sundays are always Christening day and with limited space available in our area, many families have not been able to celebrate the occasion as desired because our building was in use.

To be fair to all involved, this change is unavoidable. It has been our pleasure to have given you full access to our facility for all these years. I know finding a new location will possibly be a hardship temporarily, but I truly believe your Church is strong enough that it will survive.

Sincerely Yours,

Penny Benbenek  
Resident Director