

# Echo Meeting

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BROTHER PETER MORA: Well brethren and this is it. This is the end. Now you know, for our echo meetings here's what we do. We go to each of the elders who served and we ask them the following question. If the brethren could only remember one thing from your discourse, what would you want them to remember? And here's what they said.

Starting with Brother Ric [Cunningham] yesterday, The Fabric of Truth. And he said, remember this, make the truth your own. Now Brother Ric also gave us a bonus lesson and that was if you're going to buy sheets by only Egyptian cotton 600 thread count, you pay more but it's worth it. So thank you Brother Ric.

Brother O. B. [Elbert] had the study, The Epistle of Jude, and he said, we live in perilous times. Let us lead godly lives with our eyes wide open. Thank you Brother O. B..

Brother Larry [McClellan] , Taking Up Your Cross. He said, be willing to step out of your comfort zone to represent who you are and the truth within you to the glory of God whatever the results. Thank you Brother Larry.

Brother Homer [Montague], What Is The Answer? He said, answers to specific questions should help to enhance our sanctification as opposed to seeking to obtain intellectual knowledge. Thank you Brother Homer.

Brother Len [Griehs], Nuclear War and Armageddon. He said, God is overruling everything so don't worry, be happy. Think those are words to the song.

And then today we open with Brother Homer. We had the theme discourse Finally which was first Peter 3:8. Brother Homer said, the word finally refers to the result of a process that pertains to our character development at which point we should be able to stand at the mark of perfect love. Thank you Brother Homer.

Brother O. B., Bless The Lord At All Times. Brother O. B. said, our mouths are consecrated to the Lord and should always praise him. Thank you Brother O. B..

Brother Larry, Enduring The Test Of Time, persevere the present shaking of the world around you holding fast to the faith of Jesus as you watch and pray and cling to the promises God has given you. Thank you Brother Larry.

Brother Len, Informed, Reformed, Transformed. And these happened to also be the words in a song and Brother Len said, I'm just an old lump of coal but I'll be a diamond someday. Thank you Brother Len.

And finally Brother Ric. Jerusalem Reunited 50 Years Later. Brother Ric said, God is working with the natural seed. But he also gave us a bonus lesson and that was the listing of Jesus' parables in possible chronological order. Thank you very much Brother Ric.

Well brethren these have been wonderful, powerful and practical lessons that we all appreciate and we feel the Lord's blessing upon these two days. But now we're going to open it up to you as an echo meeting and I'll need someone to carry the mic. Who's on the end? There's that Brother Tim. Tim would you carry the... Oh you've got it Brother Russell has the mic. Brethren, when you're ready to testify just raise your hand and Brother Russell there you go. You've already, he'll come around to you. And if you would of course please state your name and your equation.

SISTER JANET WOJCIK: I'm Janet Wojcik. I live at the BSRC and I am an Associated Bible Student of Portland. And I'm first because I didn't want to forget the love that I'm supposed to be bringing. And so I bring the love of Judith and Jerry Black from the BSRC and I bring the love of Sally and Ed Heidelberg from Michigan. And I also bring love from the BSRC sisters study that we do on Fridays. And I'm so thankful to the Lord for allowing me to come to this convention. This is our third year and I just find it such a blessing and I want to thank everybody at the L.A. class for doing such a fine job and bringing us so much food for thought, joy and just wondrous, wondrous fellowship. Thank you very much.

BROTHER PETER MORA: Thank you for your testimony. We're so glad you're here. Thank you. Who would like to be next? Over there.

SISTER ARIEL WAGNER: Hi I'm Ariel Wagner from Los Angeles. I just wanted to bring the love from my mom and stepfather Renata and Zwishak Grudzien from Poland. They wish they could be here but they're in Poland so they can't. So they just wanted to send their love and hope everything went well.

BROTHER PETER MORA.: Thank you very much sister Ariel. Who can be next? Oh here we go.

SISTER ROSEMARY WOJCIK: This is Rosemary Wojcik from BSRC. The dear ones from my class and all their love and all the residents that live there. I think this is my first convention here and it's been just wonderful. I am full to the brim and I'm thankful for this summer. We just had that that does it and I'm thankful I have a book full of notes and I hope to share these blessings. Thank you all.

BROTHER PETER MORA.: Thank you for your testimony sister Rosemary. We're glad you're here. Brother David. Oh actually go ahead over there. Brother Brad and then we'll take Brother David.

BROTHER BRAD BACH: I just wanted to say brethren that it has been very good to be here. This is a wonderful facility that we have to be able to use. Count that as a real blessing. You know that not everybody in the fellowship around the globe has that but this is very nice and very peaceful. Especially thankful for the convention because of being able to see Brother Ric and sister Ruth. Not sure why I'm getting choked up but we go back a long way. And I owe them a lot. As you can imagine. While we're all in the school we all still have a lot to learn and so we're thankful that we could be here and advance our learning, continue to learn the different lessons that were provided for us so Lord bless you all. Good to be here.

BROTHER PETER MORA.: Thank you Brother Brad. We're very glad you're here too. Brother David and then Brother Mark.

BROTHER DAVID: Thank you. Brother and it's been delightful convention. I've learned a lot. I do appreciate the hard effort that each speaker has put into the preparation. I do appreciate that and when they prepare earnestly then we benefit the more. This is an echo meeting. Can I echo a question? Please. Okay Rick at the very end said something about Jesus the Jews and Gentiles three pourings of the Spirit, I got that, but I didn't get what he was comparing that to. That's the only question that I would just so,

BROTHER PETER MORA.: Give me the question one more time.

BROTHER DAVID: At the very end of Rick's talk he's talked about the Jews then the Jews then Gentiles three pourings of the Spirit. Okay he was likening that to three something else. I didn't get that point. The other three.

BROTHER PETER MORA.: All right. Brother Ric will - - Are you ready to answer that or do you need a minute?

Brother Ric Cunningham: Okay. Thank you. Thank you for the question Brother David and I was liking it to the three outpourings of the Spirit at the beginning of the gospel age. First upon Jesus without measure. Then upon the Jewish Christians at Pentecost then upon the Gentile Christians with Cornelius and his family. So it was just unique that there were three outpourings there to begin the gospel age and now that's the spirit begetting but there seems to be three outpourings of the Spirit during the millennial age but it's not spirit begetting. But likewise it starts with a small number that the first one was Jesus then the counterpart I'm liking it to was this holy remnant in Jerusalem. Then the second one is a bigger it was the Pentecost on the Jews of faith if you will there at the first day of that but that's likening it then to the house of Israel after the deliverance from Magog and then the third and larger group was the Gentile Christians which would be the largest portion of the body so then the world of mankind received the holy spirit as it proceeds. So in both cases it shows a three but a larger smaller to a larger just showing kind of an orliness of God's plan at how these ages unfolded.

BROTHER PETER MORA.: Very good thank you. Brother David does that answer? And thank you Brother Ric. Brother Mark.

BROTHER MARK: Well dear brethren, we've been so blessed to have so many come and attend this convention and the lessons that have been presented to us there are so many thoughts that have been presented that are just so appreciative in depth discourses that are not the surface but deep they go very deep and I think the brethren have appreciated that very much the deep lessons that have been presented to us at the convention here you know Brother Len showed some pictures with his hymn in his previous discourse he was showing back when this convention used to be in July and they used to have the Unitarian Center in downtown L. A. and there were hundreds there for those those conventions and that huge facility with oh this might of a young people might have made just one half of one small little class and there were probably 50 other kids there at those conventions and I remember I think it was probably in the early 2000 range when Asilomar finally decided to change no longer have their convention and I don't want to know the date for that was but we decided to ask if we could move into

that slot here in the end of May when Asilomar had their conventions and we all remember how wonderful those were and the wonderful experiences and lessons we had from those conventions and so I think back in the remembrances this convention has been going on I think sometime in the 40s maybe Brother Jim has the knowledge of the exact start of the date I probably have an old program somewhere that lists the date of the number of years but this will be certainly one of those conventions I remember for a long time. We thank you so much for coming in the spirit of the brethren and have enjoyed your fellowship very much thank you

BROTHER PETER MORA.: Thank you Brother Mark. Up here, Sister Nannette.

SISTER NANNETTE NEKORA: I was only going to supply the number of years. We missed one convention in within the last 15 years we skipped it and I believe it was at the time when we transferred from July to May, but before that time the program always showed the number of the convention and as long as I have been coming since 1955 I found it very curious that that number was my age so I'm 82 now we missed one convention so the Los Angeles conventions have been going on for 81 years.

BROTHER PETER MORA.: Oh, thank you very much. 81. Who can be next? Oh, over here.

SISTER ELLIE ROZMUS: I'm Ellie Rozmus from Vancouver British Columbia class and also part time at the retirement center, and I'm very happy to be here, you know, if you're on Facebook you have to, well you don't have to but, you list your current city where you live and then you list your home town and I always list my hometown as Los Angeles even though I haven't lived here I was just counting it about for about 54 years but I was immersed here it's almost 55 years at the - - I can't believe the numbers are so high now - -at the Fourth of July convention when Brother Lemel's father I think his name was also Ed he was the immersive for years and years and so I'm happy to be back and attend the convention when I was youngster I started coming to the meetings when I was about 11, I mean we had a couple hundred brethren in the class and now I think someone said there's a down to about 25 maybe it's as well as happening every place but I've appreciated the talks and the thoughts at this convention and seeing all the brethren and some were surprises, pleasant surprises, that I haven't seen in a while and so I it's been a real pleasure to be here.

BROTHER PETER MORA.: thank you very much sister Ellie. Sister Charlene, right behind.

SISTER CHARLENE MORA: Charlene Mora from the Los Angeles Eclisia I bring you warm love from my family up in Canada the Fernets. I had the privilege of leading one of the Sunday school groups today the children that were 12 and under and it was just an incredible privilege to have the children be so well behaved and so responsive to the lesson. I'm very thankful that the Satheesan family from Bellevue is here for the first time it's such a privilege to have you with us. Besides that young group and I don't want to embarrass, the next group I'm going to talk about but there are our older young brethren and I won't point at them but they're sitting over there, and I want to express before the Lord my appreciation for how obviously they love and care for one another and there's zeal of love for each other and for the Lord so I just wanted to raise my voice and thanksgiving and as Brother Brad said I want to echo, I do feel the school of Christ and that I'm constantly learning and that I have so much to learn but the Lord is so patient with me as are my brethren and I love you all.

BROTHER PETER MORA.: Thank you sister Charlene. Oh for Sister Lois, over there.

SISTER LOIS: I'm thankful to be at another Los Angeles convention although I live up at the retirement center I still have a place here. Just to let you know it was 2002 was the last the Asilomar and 2003 we began our May conventions here, and the reason I know it was 2002 is my daughter-in-law was pregnant with her youngest, Caleb, and he was born two months after that so I do know it was 2002. Good thank you I bring the love also from Bob and Deanna Gorecki when they knew I was coming love from them and also my sister Pat Nemesh.

BROTHER PETER MORA.: Thank you so much. Oh, go ahead, Sister Kathy  
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SISTER KATHY BROOKS: I'm thankful Brother and brethren to be here, it's been a blessing and I'm Kathy Brooks and I live at the Bible Student Retirement Center I never liked this, - I kind of like Paul's thing, I'm not of Apollos, I'm not, you know, he didn't die for me, Paul didn't die for me and Peter, you know, that Scripture because I have many different ecclesias that I attend with Brother Homer almost every day the week and and also Rockland ecclesia and the Associated Bible Students so we are so privileged to be able to through technology to attend at various classes. So I like to say like him that I am of Christ and that even the L. A. class which I think the brethren here are very special and and loving to me when I

come that they're my ecclesia also so I have a different thought on that but I am thankful. I did enjoy all the talks today today and yesterday and the fellowship with the brethren. It's been very rewarding. Thank you.

BROTHER PETER MORA.: Thank you very much sister Kathy. Part two, and, okay.

SISTER SHIRLEY BRUCE: I must be getting old part two love tremendous love from Sister Shirley Bruce from the BSRC and then also abundant love from Sharon Fifield from the BSRC thank you very good thank you.

BROTHER PETER MORA.: Pass it back here to Sister Ruth.

SISTER RUTH CUNNINGHAM: Brethren, I'm very thankful to be here I'm Ruth Cunningham from outside of Detroit, northern suburbs, Michigan, and I haven't been here since 2002 that was my last convention in L. A. and I'm very thankful sister Nannette when she found out that Ric was coming she sent me her miles so that I could have a companion ticket so that's the reason I could come so I wanted to thank her publicly and it was a great blessing because I was recovering from cancer surgery at the time and it gave me something to look forward to for all these months and so I think it probably helped me recover so very thankful for that very thankful for the efforts of the brethren to put this convention on and all the discourses and all the preparation and just very thankful for the faith strengthening thoughts and it's very difficult to see what's going on in the world and not be touched by it and so I feel very strengthened by the discourses so I'd also continued interest in your prayers

BROTHER PETER MORA.: Thank you very much for your testimony sister Ruth we have time for one more. All right in that case here's what I'll do, if you wanted to bring love from your class but weren't able to do so shout it out anyone have love you can say love from okay - love from Colorado, Phoenix, back there, oh did you have a testimony? You have a testimony, Okay, so of Colorado, Phoenix, Vancouver, San Luis okay, thank you, Ken in Virginia Rawson, and anyone else Sacramento, that's it? Okay, Testimony.

SISTER SARAH SUDEGAN : I won't take that much time I'm Sarah Sudegan from Washington I'm bringing love and greeting from Puget Sound brethren this and special to give to Los Angeles brethren here I appreciate all the discourses and study that I listened here and it was a great blessing and I had a wonderful fellowship with most of the brethren. A small thing that how God deals in our life

especially in my life we had studies in the class about Volume Three and Volume Six and we went through restoration of Israel and that was here one of the talk and the crowns apportioned, that was a study that we had in our Sunday class so it was just you know how God is leading in our life that was just amazing. Just want to want to raise my voice about that. Most of the studies was connected to what we were learning back in our class so just appreciate that and thankful for the warm welcome from all the brethren here this is the first time in in this in this convention thank you brethren.

BROTHER PETER MORA.: Thank you very much for your testimony and we want to thank all of the brethren who served from the platform, we want to thank all of those who served behind the scenes, we want to thank all of you for coming we look forward to hopefully seeing you again next year, and now at this time can we vote to send love back with all of those? Very good thank you and now we're going to close this service with the singing of him number 158.