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**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:**

Over the years we have had inquiries, from time to time, asking if Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong was ever a member of "The Church of God (7th Day) at Salem, West Virginia. We have answered these letters to the best of our ability without going into detail and looking through back files and records.

Why the concern as to whether Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong was ever a member of our Church has been rather a mystery to us. We have never advertised the fact that he was. The only place that it appears, in print, is in our book, entitled, "A History of the True Church" which was published in 1936. Here it states that his [Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong] name was drawn for a member on the Board of Seventy.

In recent months we are having so many more inquiries that it is becoming a burden to answer each one separately. For this reason it was decided to publish the following records, from the beginning, and the letters of correspondence and reports published in our papers. Following through to minutes of the study presented by Mr. Armstrong to the General Assembly of the Twelve, Seven and Seventy in the year 1937.

We trust that this will answer the question often asked, "Did Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong ever belong to, 'The Church of God,' at Salem, West Virginia."

Respectfully Submitted,

*Chris W. Royer*

Elder Chris W. Royer

Secretary of the Apostolic Council.

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A Form Notice sent to Mr. H. W. Armstrong

The Church of God,  
Box 222,  
Salem, W. Va.

Dear Brethern:

I am anxious to begin on the ministry which has fallen to me by lot, in the one body, and am determined by the help of the Lord to live and teach the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, as found in the Holy Scriptures, and as outlined in the Constitution of the Church of God, with world headquarters at Jerusalem, Palestine. Will you please record this my acceptance, and have credentials issued to me, according to my ministry in the body.

Sincerely,

*Herbert W. Armstrong*  
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(First name) (Initial) (Last Name)  
1142 Hall St, Salem, Oregon.  
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(Address) (City) (State)

A form notice sent to Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong from Headquarters, [Salem, W. Va.] requesting his signature, address, and acknowledgement.

# A Letter of Confirmation from Mr. H. W. Armstrong

**ACTUAL REPRINT FROM THE ORIGINAL**

Crow Stage, Eugene, Oregon  
January 29, 1934.

Dear Brother Dodd:

Your letter of the 22nd received, and I hasten to follow your suggestion, and enclose herewith my acceptance of the ministry of one of the Seventy, which you can submit to the Twelve.

I fear, however, from your letter, that I did not make myself entirely clear to you, fully as I wrote.

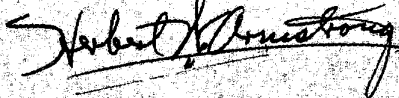
So let me clearly and plainly say that, regarding the pork question, I do actively teach, as well as practise, the abstinence from pork and the meats declared unclean in Lev. 11. The only qualification is the manner, or method of this teaching. I use Lev. 11, and the testimony of leading physicians who know foods. My teaching on it is very much like that of Bro. Dugger's article in the B.A. of January 15th. The only difference is that many of the ministers believe it a sin to eat pork, and I do not, and my teaching against it is rather from the health standpoint.

I wish also to make it plain that my argument in my former letter was intended to convey merely my REASONS for opposing pork on health, rather than sin, grounds--not as the argument I present to others.

Would you mind sending me the addresses of the different ones of the Twelve?

May God richly bless and carefully guide you in your work and serious responsibilities, and bring us all closely together in and thru HIM, into His the bond of perfect love and peace, that the work may now go forward in mighty power.

Your brother in Christ Jesus,



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*Mr. H. W. Armstrong's statement and endorsement.*

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Eugene, Oregon,  
August 18, 1934

Dear Brother Alexander:

You have asked me to make a statement of my stand concerning the "40 Points" of doctrine as outlined in the Constitution of the Church of God, (Salem, West Va.).

I feel that my views and my stand, and what I preach, are in harmony and accord with all these "40 points." Specifically in regard to the pork question, which is the only point that has been raised, I practice and teach the abstinence from pork, and have done so for some time. My teaching on this question does not conflict with, and is not out of harmony with, that of the other ministers of the church.

Your fellow-servant in Christ Jesus,

*Herbert Armstrong*

Mr. Armstrong from the General Secretary  
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Salem, West Virginia 26426

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Nov. 5, 1934

Dear Brother Armstrong:  
Peace, love and joy be unto you through Christ Jesus!

Although I am a little late, yet I want to complete my duties assigned unto me by the Twelve at the St. Joseph Campmeeting, so will write you now regarding your credentials.

The brethren heard a report by Elder Wm. Alexander, who had talked with you, and it was their understanding from the conversation with Brother Alexander that you were in harmony with the other brethren on the faith points in the constitution, and hence should not have your papers withheld longer, and so they were voted upon, and granted, with the provision that I write you about the matter so that there might be no misunderstanding, and if you were so you could uphold the articles in the same light and manner as the other fellowministers then you should have your credentials mailed at once. Also with the understanding that members would not be accepted into the body, nor baptised until they had been taught the important doctrines of the church, especially those that define sin, and had acknowledged they had repented of them. This I promised to do, and although I am tardy, I beg your forgiveness, and ask that you at your convenience give us answer briefly to the matter that we may be enlightened as to the matter, and proceed in the way we should.

We feel the work is progressing very well for these trying times, and especially in times when we are persecuted by our former brethren, as well as by those outside. However, the church continues to gain in numbers, and, above all things, in zeal, for which we praise the dear Lord.

Our hope is that the dear Lord is blessing you in your ministry for him, and that many precious souls are receiving forgiveness, of sins, and walking in the narrow way that few find.

May God bless you and those of like precious faith in Christ Jesus laboring with you.

Sincerely,

Brother *Beaver*

Following are a few reports of the work of Elder Armstrong three and four years after the organization in 1933 and published in our official publication, "The Bible Advocate and Gospel Herald", Entered as second-class matter November 10, 1933 at the post office at Salem, West Virginia. It continued under this name until we changed the name to, "The Advocate of Truth" February 20, 1950.

Bible Advocate Vol. 3, No. 11 March 23 1936

Evangelist Herbert Armstrong writes from Eugene, Oregon, as follows: "Two weeks ago I finished a six weeks' campaign at Eldridge School House 12 miles North of Salem. We had an attendance equal to the best we have ever had. All together there are twenty-three that we are hopeful of taking a stand with us, so far. Six have come out, five commenced keeping the Sabbath three weeks ago. One was a Catholic. I am preaching there each Sunday night, keeping the work alive. Next week we will organize a Sabbath School. Brother and Sister Runcorn of Salem will meet with this new company, and Chas. Henion from Jefferson, a young man, has been with me in this neighborhood, and I am placing him to supervise the Sabbath School. I have urgent calls for meetings in three other places." --Elder Armstrong is also speaking regularly over the air from the Eugene station.

Bible Advocate Vol. 3, No. 18—June 29, 1936

Evangelist Herbert Armstrong is in the midst of a very promising tent meeting in Oregon. At last reports he said it was the most encouraging tent meeting he had ever held and the people were really hungry to hear the Word of life. The attendance was extra good and many were already deeply interested.

Bible Advocate Vol. 3, No. 20 — July 27, 1936

Evangelist Herbert Armstrong writes from Oregon about replacing the big tent with the smaller one, as the large one was shipped to Idaho for the summer campaign there, but says, "All things work together for good. Six have already been added to the Eugene Church, all new converts, and one other moved to Chicago. There are 20 or 30 regular attendants who rarely ever miss a night, besides the others who come and go, and shift and change....."

Bible Advocate Vol. 3, No. 24 — Sept. 1936

Evangelist Herbert Armstrong is laboring in Oregon, carrying on his broadcasting work every Sunday, and conducting evangelical meetings besides. They are purchasing a portable tabernacle to be used out on the Pacific coast in evangelical meetings, which can be moved and used both summer and winter in the work.

Bible Advocate Vol. 4, No. 11 — March 22, 1937

Evangelist Herbert Armstrong is still laboring in Oregon full time and a few new ones are being added to the church there. He is planning to begin an effort in a new field south of Eugene where an interest has been created through his broadcast. He wished a correction to be made relative to his broadcasting work, that with his recent hookup with three stations there he reaches practically all of the Willamette Valley, and the south west part of Washington, but the messages do not reach the north western part of Washington as was inferred by the recent statement that he reached most of the Pacific north west.

Bible Advocate Vol. 4, No. 19 — July 12, 1937

Evangelist Herbert Armstrong is conducting a tent meeting at Eugene, Oregon, which is expected to continue up until the Pacific coast camp meeting convenes there, beginning August 20th.