

**Total Life Christian Missionary Baptist Church (TLCMBC)**

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To: Texarkana Area City Officials  
Attn: Mayor and Board of Directors or City Council

Date: December 20, 2016

Dear Mayor and Board of Directors or City Council:

1. The Community Development and Engagement Ministry (CDEM) of TLCMBC, a Texarkana USA based church, has instituted the Texarkana Area Christian Leadership Conference (TACLCL). A number of autonomous community-oriented persons representing themselves and perhaps eventually their respective churches and businesses, non-profit and for-profits, have committed to TACLCL.
2. TACLCL vision is to realize and promote Texarkana USA as a Model Metroplex regarding Christian-based interdenominational, interracial, inter-political communication, cooperation, collaboration, effectiveness, and non-violent impetus regarding critical/core value-based life/cultural issues. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of TACLCL vision. We are communicating similarly with churches and other organizations in the area.
3. Due to historical and present day events, we as a nation are confronted with the increasingly intensive themes of Blue Lives Matter, Black Lives Matter, and White Lives Matter. It is intuitively obvious to godly hearts that all lives matter, both police and non-police. Yet, it is also intuitively obvious that certain lives nationally and locally are not sufficiently valued, according to the viewpoint of many citizens of this nation and community.
4. It is important that city employees sufficiently and completely publicly recognize and address sensitive and controversial issues in a timely and effective manner. In your capacity as a representative of the people, we request you establish on your agenda periodic reviews to officially inform the public of what various applicable city employees (e.g. Police Department) are doing and plan to do to address national and local issues (Psalm 33:12-15;127:1) of the kind mentioned herein. We realize this review due to time constraints may involve a combination of your regular meetings and special meetings.
5. In the future we plan to convene periodic conferences to address such issues. Indeed, the citizenry also has responsibility for repentance regarding wrong beliefs and behavior. Yet, we hold it is the city's obligation to also lead in addressing such critical community issues. We will certainly invite you and city employees to participate in our conferences. But we urge the city not to wait on or depend on us but rather to autonomously cooperate and collaborate with us. We aim not to detract from other important city work as we recognize, value, and are grateful for the work of city volunteers and employees that extends peace and good will toward all (Luke 2:14).
6. If you have any questions feel free to contact me at 903-280-5439 or [taclc@cdboyd.org](mailto:taclc@cdboyd.org) or at [www.tlcmbc.org](http://www.tlcmbc.org).

Sincerely,

/s/

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