

Metropolitan Tabernacle, London

Notice concerning Pastor Jeyakanth Selvarajah and the Lanka Evangelical Fellowship of Churches

The Tabernacle ceased support to Pastor Jeyakanth Selvarajah and the Lanka Evangelical Fellowship of Churches on 31st August 2023. From this date it was decided to donate directly to independent churches in Sri Lanka.

The first reason for this is that the LEFC does not (in our view) reflect the New Testament pattern for Christ's churches. This has become increasingly evident with the emergence of operating 'rules' that obstruct meaningful autonomy to member churches, and make Pastor Jeyakanth the senior pastor of all the churches in the group. In the event, he has since 2007 been domiciled over 5000 miles away in the UK, functioning on a visiting basis. We believe it is unscriptural for a pastor to be absent from his people on a permanent basis and in membership in a church in a foreign country.

The second reason is that Pastor Jeyakanth has been accused of serious offences which the Tabernacle, as a distant foreign donor, is not able to adequately investigate and resolve one way or the other. Also, the UK church of which Pastor Jeyakanth has been a member, and which has been his principal supporter, Amyand Park Chapel, Twickenham, has expelled him from membership for making false statements.

The Tabernacle will now work directly with independent churches in Sri Lanka such as those that have been visited for ministry by us or by likeminded UK churches. God willing, we will continue to extend spiritual and compassionate assistance for the salvation of souls and the blessing of the Lord's people.