



October 26, 2015

Re: **Life Fellowship Church**
Request for Façade Plan Appeal

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of Life Fellowship Church, please accept this letter highlighting all aspects of design that are currently in nonconformance with the provisions set forth in Section 146-139(F)(8) of the Zoning Ordinance.

(1) Building Massing:

Elevations fifty (50) feet or longer shall have at least two (2) offsets at least 18 inches deep.

Elevations not in conformance with provisions: West Elevation

Appeal Response:

Life Fellowship Church is conceived as a three volume structure to house an educational block, grand community space, and worship center. We believe such a simple composition with a touch of ingenuity gives Life Fellowship and the City of McKinney an exceptional addition of architecture. The educational block is simply 112' x 60', and is capped by an "abstract bell tower" that unfolds itself from the wall allowing people to walk underneath a 43' canted tower. The west elevation also features vertical articulations within the stone of the same material the tower is clad in to create a sense of layering of materials from within.

(2) Exterior Finish Materials (for elevations three (3) stories or smaller):

*Minimum 50% of each elevation finished in masonry materials (brick, stone, synthetic stone)
Maximum 50% of each elevation may be finished in secondary materials (stucco, EIFS, CMU, lap siding, architectural finish metal panels, and or glass curtain wall.*

Elevations not in conformance with provisions: All Elevations

Appeal Response:

All material selections are articulated to correspond to major architectural elements or to create a dialog amongst themselves. For example, looking at the South Elevation we can see how the stone on the east symmetrically responds to the Nichiha panels used on the educational block and tower. Furthermore, this same horizontality connection is emphasized by the strong roof lines carried thought and also strategically placed to vertically divide elevations. The metal panels along the south elevation have a unique reveal pattern that is carried onto the north elevation on the top portion of stucco finish creating a sense of uniformity.

Please note that we have designed with all provisions in mind and we feel we continue to be true to the spirit of Life Fellowship Church and the City of McKinney in creating an exceptional building for the community.

Very Sincerely and Respectfully,

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