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Follow-up on Limavady protest against attacks on Bible Protestantism

A further report by Rev. Wesley McDowell

After the revelations in last month's Burning Bush that certain Limavady ministers were present at an ecumenical forum co-sponsored by Limavady Borough Council, denials came thick and fast.

The list of participants included the local Baptist pastor, Jim Smith, the Reformed Presbyterian Minister, Rev Robb and local prominent member of the Gospel Hall oversight Mr Marshall Howe. Others who have a name of being evangelical were there including Presbyterians. Local politicians were also named among the delegates. It is a strange thing that none of the aforementioned said anything at the time of the Forum they now don't want to be identified with.

Since the above revelations, local clergy from the Church of Ireland and Presbyterian churches were in attendance at the opening of an oratory at the Dungiven R.C. Church. These included Rev Hemphill (C of I) and Rev Clive Glass (Presbyterian). It was felt that the local press (Coleraine Chronicle and Northern Constitution) did not carry reports or pictures of Rev Mc Dowell's (Limavady FPC) protest at a Ballykelly ecumenical forum in order to protect compromising clergy. The same publications have in the past refused to carry adverts for the Free Presbyterian church in Limavady in relation to the Rev David Armstrong affair. It seems that there is plenty of press coverage and council (public) cash for ecumenical endeavours but nothing for those who endeavour to be true to their Godly heritage of evangelical Protestantism.

The battle for truth continues as investigations are under way with regard to the legality of spending public monies to promote ecumenism and misrepresenting many who are loyal and true to their Protestant heritage. Members of Limavady Free Presbyterian church have distributed copies of last month's The Burning Bush in various areas and they have found that folk are interested in it. Some ladies attended the local Free Presbyterian church receiving copies of the publication.

Perhaps other congregations should consider getting extra copies to give out and thus keep folk informed of ecumenical trends and those the need to resist them.