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Dear Mr. Phillip Emerson (Executive Director):

My name is Todd DuBord and I am the Senior Pastor of Lake Almanor Community Church in California. I've attempted a few different times over the past months (by mail and fax) to inform the Foundation of my experience on the tour at the Jamestown Settlement. Because I personally have not had a reply in four months from the Foundation, I'm writing again. I'm not an extremist, just a religion major and an American citizen who is sincerely concerned with the preservation of truth and tradition that has been handed down to us (as I'm sure you are too).

Attached (also online at www.lacconline.org) is a retelling of my experience at the Jamestown Settlement, "The Jading of Jamestown," in which I also discuss (documentation from the Library of Congress) the Christian mission and motives of those who founded Jamestown back in the early 1600's. The information I give in this attached document was intentionally avoided by our two tour guides at the Jamestown Settlement, when 50 of us from California were being taught by them. When asking about the three Christian plaques in the front of the Anglican Church (at the heart of the colony), one guide said she was *"unable to speak about the plaques. We are only allowed to say they are religious plaques."* Another guide repeated on several other occasions that the primary reason the first settlers came here to America was "to make money." In fact, he expected and prodded our group to replicate his three-word answer like a mantra, as he frequently asked us, "And why did these settlers come to America?" In all we were not taught anything religious about this deeply Christian community—evidence I've given in much detail in the attached treatise.

I'm respectfully requesting this information is (1) reviewed by appropriate personnel; (2) responded to in a letter from you or the appropriate personnel; (3) passed along to tour guides so they can assure visitors are presented with a clearer picture of this distinct Christian community that started the colony.

Respectfully,

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Cc: The Governor of Virginia, Karen G. Rehm (NPS Chief Historian), and other governmental officials

“The Jading of Jamestown”

By Chaplain Todd DuBord (M.Div.)

(www.nationaltreasures.org)



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The crisis at the first American colony

Last year (2006) my wife, Tracy, and I joined a group of about 50 from First Covenant Church of Sacramento, including their Senior Pastor, Ted Smith, on a Christian legacy tour of Washington, D.C. and various sites in Virginia. One of the primary purposes of the trip was to rediscover the history and particularly the Christian heritage of America's Founders, early settlements, and nation's capital. Unfortunately the greatest thing we discovered was that our Christian heritage was being abandoned. (I'd like to thank World Net Daily [www.worldnetdaily.com] for breaking this revisionist story nationwide.)

The first place we visited on the tour was the Jamestown Settlement, owned and operated by the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation for the Commonwealth of Virginia (<http://www.historyisfun.org/jamestown/jamestown.cfm>), not to be confused with the adjacent Historic Jamestown, co-administered by the National Park Service and the APVA (Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities) (<http://www.historyisfun.org/2007/HistoricJamestowne.cfm> and <http://www.nps.gov/archive/colo/Jamestown/jamestown.htm>)--which will also be addressed in part in this treatise.

While the tour guides at the Jamestown Settlement and Museum were cordial and informative on many points, we were all caught off guard by their unwillingness (yes, unwillingness) to discuss Jamestown's religious roots. As one of the tour guides was leading us through the very heart of the replica of the community, the Anglican Church, we asked if she could speak about the significance of the three religious plaques on the

wall in the front of the church: the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments, and the Apostles' Creed (the same are in the Bruton Parish Church in Williamsburg).

Our guide responded to our inquiry by saying that she was "*unable to speak about the plaques. We are only allowed to say they are religious plaques.*" We were noticeably shocked by her comments and challenged her that these were very important in the lives of the colonists, and not educating others about them is a deliberate avoidance and minimizing of Christian history. We were all appalled, and shared so with her, especially understanding that this was an educational tour, on which students from across the country were being taught every week. In fact, it seemed whenever there was an opportunity to address any of the religious characteristics or zeal of this first community, it was avoided. (Something reverberated even on their "Brief History of Jamestown"-- <http://www.historyisfun.org/jamestown/jamestownhistory.cfm>, which does not contain one reference of any religious mission or motive).

Another guide repeated on several other occasions that the primary reason the first settlers came here to America was "to make money." In fact, he expected and prodded our group to replicate his three-word answer like a mantra, as he frequently asked us, "And why did these settlers come to America?"

Throughout the tour, we were given absolutely no religious information from Jamestown guides about this first colony in America. Without our own well-educated, informative guides from *Christian Legacy Tours* (Sacramento), we would have left Jamestown with the impression that these settlers were nothing more than predecessors pressed from the capitalist-greed molds of the 21st century. But were they? The historical evidence shows likewise.

A journey originating with a vision for Christian mission

The story of Jamestown actually begins with an English preacher and geographer, Richard Hakluyt, (1552-1616), who attended Westminster School as a Queen's Scholar and Oxford's Christ Church College, where he was ordained as a minister in 1578.

Rev. Hakluyt was very interested in Western discoveries and even wrote a three-volume work, "The Principle Navigations of the English Nation," and also the "Discourse on Western Planting" (1584), which was helpful in securing patents for Sir Walter Raleigh's unsuccessful colonization attempts of North America, including the famous Lost Colony of North Carolina.

In 1606, Hakluyt became a primary patentee of the Virginia Company and a visionary for English colonization of North America, with a mission to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the natives there. With favor from King James I, his friend and minister Robert Hunt was sent to serve as the minister of the expedition. And thus the King granted a charter to a group of entrepreneurs to start a colony there.

Reflecting the work of the former East India Company and the Moscovy Company, the joint-stock Virginia Company would also attempt to yield a profit for its investors through the discovery of gold and other minerals, as they proclaimed the Gospel to the natives in the New World and sought a western water passage to the Orient.

The voyage and landing of the first American colonists



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Undoubtedly the 144 men and boys (105 passengers), who traveled on three ships from England in that initial voyage (<http://www.nps.gov/archive/colo/Jthanout/JTRES.html>), were ecstatic to hit the shores of Virginia. Thirteen years before the 102 Pilgrims landed at Plymouth in Massachusetts, these colonists landed at Cape Henry on April 29, 1607. They commemorated the event by erecting a large wooden cross and holding a prayer meeting, conducted by their minister, Reverend Robert Hunt. As colonist George Percy noted back then, “The nine and twentieth day we set up a cross at Chesupioc Bay, and named the place Cape Henry.”



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Reverend Hunt would give his life to the ministry there in Virginia and was, according to American historian, scholar, and Yale professor (for 30 years—1954-1984) Sydney Ahlstrom, “a stabilizing influence during those early years when acrimonious dissension wracked the colony.” Ahlstrom continues by saying, with Thomas Dale and Thomas Gate’s later (1611) secondary entourage, “came still another clergyman, Alexander Whitaker, whose contribution to Virginia’s spiritual welfare would be rich and manifold.”

On the Historic Jamestown web site, the National Park Service properly conveys that the first structure was utilized as a church

In one of his books, Captain John Smith wrote of building the first structure at Jamestown that was used as a church. According to his account, the settlers stretched a sail among the boughs and used rails to construct the sides of the structure. They sat on benches made of unhewed tree trunks. The altar was simply a log nailed to two neighboring trees.

Was the establishment of Jamestown merely a financial venture?

The real history of this first American settlement is far more spiritual than Jamestown Settlement guides conveyed on the day we toured the replicated colony.

While these initial settlers (“businessmen” if you will) were commissioned through a joint-stock company--the Virginia Company of London and expected to bring a profit to its shareholders through this venture, there was much more to their purpose than merely the hopes of building a lucrative trading post. Their distinctly Christian function was clearly given and stated under the Virginia Charter of 1606 (April 10), commissioned by the newly-crowned King James I, who called for the “propagating of Christian religion to such people as yet live in darkness and miserable ignorance of the true knowledge and worship of God.”....



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The sketch of Jamestown fort was found on the back of a map made by John Smith in 1608, which was sent to King Philip III of Spain by his ambassador Zuniga. The only known drawing of James Fort, known as the Zuniga Map, was obtained by the Spanish Ambassador in England who was spying against the Jamestown colony. The cross is thought to represent the church, though it might also represent the early 17th century English blue ensign.

*To read the rest of the story and research, how the administration at the Jamestown Settlement responded, how a circle of historians there agreed with Todd's research, and the exciting ending of how tens of thousands of students annually are now hearing about the original English colony's religious purpose, **go to this website's online store to download the whole story and research with colored photos for only \$2.95** or you can **download all four revisionist stories and research with colored photos for \$9.95** (titled collectively, "**Uncovering Christian Revisionism in America**," which includes 106 pages of documentation on the revisions at Jamestown, Monticello, the U.S. Supreme Court, and the Washington Monument, plus bonus materials on how the famous urban legend debunking website, www.snopes.com, made biased liberal changes against Todd's research in their article on the U.S. Supreme Court-Ten Amendment/Commandment debate).*