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From: Michael Elliott
Sent: Monday, 5 May 2014 12:46 PM
To: Bishop Greg
Subject: Current concerns

Importance: High

Dear Bishop Greg,

I wish to raise with you three current concerns;

1) The Rev'd Bruce Hoare's engagement at Christ the King Parish Toronto. As per the correspondence I emailed you on this matter on the 30.04.14 I have serious concerns about this matter. Some of those concerns include the appointment of Mr Hoare, presumably by the then Rector, his friend and advocate The Rev'd Ian Howarth and with the endorsement of The Samaritans Foundation (The CEO Cec Shevils has also long been an advocate of Mr Hoare). This appointment was made with no reference to my office and in defiance of a direction to Rev'd Ian by then Bishop Brian Farran. Bishop Peter Stuart, who is the Chairperson of the Samaritans Board was also unaware of the appointment. As my email of last week indicates, I have provided advice to the now Rector of Christ the King Toronto, Rev'd Julie Turnbull, to terminate Mr Hoare's engagement immediately and seek permission from you for any proposed future engagement of Mr Hoare at the parish. I have not yet received any response.

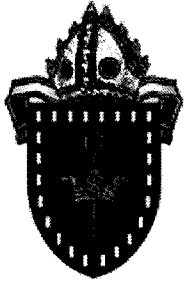
2) I have been advised that Graeme Lawrence conducted a reading during a funeral service at St Stephens Parish Adamstown in recent weeks. This is not the first occasion I have received such a report and is consistent with photographs of Graeme appearing in the recent print publication of St Stephens Adamstown displaying Graeme presenting at the pulpit. As you are aware and we have previously discussed Graeme was removed from holy orders in 2011 and the Rector of Adamstown, The Rev'd Chris Bird, was provided written advice from then Bishop Brian Farran that Graeme could not engage in any role in the parish without the permission of the Bishop (the same letter provided to Rev'd Ian Howarth regarding Graeme's co-accused Bruce Hoare). Bishop Brian also requested that Rev'd Chris consult with me regarding risk management of Graeme Lawrence and his partner, Gregory Goyette, to date Rev'd Chris has made no contact with me regarding this.

3) There is still no formal risk management plan in place at Christchurch Cathedral for either of the persons of concern, Cambell Brown and Allan Kitchingman. I have scheduled a meeting with Rev'd Canon Stephen Williams this Thursday and am hopeful of some progress. I have previously indicated my concerns to you regarding the diocesan policy for management of persons of concern, which I believe is unhelpful in resolving the above cases. This is an issue currently being considered by the PSC who plan on providing advice to you in due course.

It is my view that these three matters each highlight that the longstanding dangerous culture of supporting sexual abusers still exists within the Diocese and the Samaritans Foundation. Part of that includes an inability to implement meaningful risk management of those abusers and a willingness to engage them in roles within parishes without proper consultation and appropriate risk management.

I am doing all I can to address these systemic issues however it doesn't seem to be enough to instigate the necessary shift in attitudes of some individuals who continue to put the vulnerable at risk and create an unacceptable liability for the diocese. I feel the need to bring these matters to your attention to highlight the need for affirmative action from you to address these deep seated cultural issues.

Kind regards



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