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DEAR BISHOP SLATER,

I AM IN RECEIPT OF YOUR LETTER DATED 24TH DEC AND IN ALL SINCERITY DO NOT QUESTION YOUR GOOD INTENTIONS NOR DO I TAKE OFFENCE TO YOU TAKING THE MICKEY OUT OF ME BY WAY OF REFERENCE TO MY USE OF WORDS. BUT YOU ARE WRONG, YOU CAN MEET WHAT I AM SEEKING BY STANDING UP & BEING COUNTED & ACKNOWLEDGING THE TRUTH.

THE APOLOGY ISSUED TO ME IN NO WAY ADDRESSED ME, CA It showed no admission of responsibility. I do not wish to be ungrateful for the great effort taken to photocopy a blanket apology that could have been meant for Jack Sodals cat & has no indication of what you know of my own personal trauma. It showed not one ounce of understanding of the rumination of my childhood due to unlawful discarding practices committed against innocent children entrusted to care under the banner of the Church of England North Coast Childrens Home. Like it or not the home was certified under the Act for the care of children with the overarching body being the Church of England Kismore, no matter how that control was dispersed & records support that fact.

WE THE ABUSED DO NOT BLAME YOU BUT  
YOU NEED TO TAKE OWNERSHIP & EXERCISE  
YOUR AUTHORITY & ACT ON WHAT YOU KNOW  
TO BE TRUTH TO NEGATE THE SAD MISGUIDED  
ASSUMPTIONS OF MR LOMBER KEVIN &  
GAUTH BLAKE & THE FACTUAL TRUTH OF ABUSE.

MY EXISTANCE WAS NOT AN "EXPERIENCE"  
IT WAS AN ABHORRENT EXISTANCE THAT  
BY 40-DAYS STANDARDS IS TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE.

WE WERE SHOWN NO COMPASSION, NO LIFE  
LESSONS, NO LOVE & NO KINDNESS.

THE GIVEN LESSONS WERE HOW TO EMBARRASS  
FEMA, HOW TO CODE IN ANY WAY, HOW  
TO BE ABUSED, HOW TO LIVE WITHOUT ENCOURAGE-  
MENT. HOW TO SHUT UP & ACCEPT YOU WERE  
NOTHING. GREAT GROUNDING FOR A YOUNG  
LIFE! YET SOME OF US SURVIVED.

WOULD IT BE ACCEPTABLE FOR THOSE  
CHILDREN YOU LOVE TO BE TREATED IN  
THAT MANNER? NO NOT IN A MILLION YEARS.  
I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT SHOULD THOSE ABUSES  
BE VISITED ON THOSE YOU HAVE LOVED YOU  
WOULD EXPECT NO LESS THAN WE ARE ASKING.

MY BROTHER CARRIES ON HIS BACK THE  
PROOF OF CRIMINAL VIOLENCE & YOU I HOPE  
HAVE MADE YOURSELF AWARE OF THE  
ACCOUNTS IN PERSONAL STORIES TO CONVINCE  
YOU THIS WAS NOT A HAPPY HEALTHY HOME.

I BELIEVE THE HOME IN ITS INCEPTION  
WAS ESTABLISHED WITH ALL GOOD INTENTION.  
HISTORICAL DATA CLEARLY INDICATED THAT  
& I HAVE NO DOUBT THE INTENTION WAS ON

THE SAME VALUE IN THE YEARS TO FOLLOW.  
 HOWEVER THAT WAS NOT SO & YOU KNOW THAT. IT IS BEYOND MY COMPREHENSION HOW THE CHURCH CAN CONTINUE TO DIVORCE ITSELF FROM THE FACILITY & CLAIM ONLY A PASTORAL INPUT. IT IS CERTAINLY TIME TO GET SOME SPINE & TAKE OWNERSHIP OF THESE DEBILITATIVE TIMES. IT WON'T CAUSE MUCH MORE OF A NEGATIVE ATTITUDE<sup>TO</sup> THE CHURCH BY THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE HEARD IT ALL BEFORE & ARE TO A DEGREE DESENSITISED - YOU KNOW THE STORY "WHEN THE COCK CROWS IT WOULD GO A LONG WAY TO ASSIST IN HEALING BY THOSE WHO WERE ABUSED.

I AM 63 & I STILL HAVE NOT LEARNED TO LOVE & EMBRACE THE PERSON I AM. I EXPECT NOTHING FOR ME, THAT IS HOW DEEP ROOTED THE LESSONS TAUGHT TO ME HAVE MANIFESTED WITHIN ME. THAT IS WHY THE CHURCH NEEDS TO SERIOUSLY RECONSIDER THE APOLOGY TO ME; TELL ME WHAT YOU ARE SORRY FOR & MAKE SURE YOU INCLUDE GIVING ME AWAY TO A UNFIT FATHER & DEPRIVING ME OF THE ONLY FAMILY I HAD, THAT HAD UNTOLD REPERCUSSION ON US. PLEASE DO NOT FORGET THE BEATINGS THE PSYCHICAL & MENTAL ABUSE, THE MUTILATION OF A SMALL BODY & THE FEAR & PANIC ATTACKS THAT HAVE BEEN my DAILY COMPANION.

THE CHURCH NEEDS TO LEARN FROM THE LESSONS TAUGHT FROM THE PARENT.

YOU ARE SEEING A CONTRADICTION NOT WITH LITTLE COURAGE & NOT A LOT OF HONESTY.  
 I LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR REVISED

APOLOGY . I STILL BELIEVE I SHOULD BE COMPENSATED WITHIN THE GUIDELINES AS I TOLD YOU TO YOUR FACE .

I NEED THIS RESPONSIBILITY AND THE TRUE FACTS VALIDATED .

I WATCHED THE PRIME MINISTER APOLOGISE TO THE ABORIGINAL STOLEN GENERATION . HE SAID WHAT HE WAS SORRY FOR - & IT DIDN'T HURT A BIT .

WE ALL IN THIS LIFE HAVE OUR BRIDES TO CROSS & I AM PROUD OF THE PERSON I KNOW I AM . DESPITE MY GROUNDING , THE GOD GIVEN RIGHT TO BASIC VALUES AFFORDED AT BIRTH TO EACH OF US - MINE TO EMBRACE , MINE TO DESTROY , MINE ALONE TO EXERCISE THE GIFT OF FREE WILL , THAT WITHOUT MY PERMISSION WAS STOLEN , BY THE VERY PEOPLE DECREED TO BE BEYOND QUESTION .

ONCE AGAIN I WAIT YOUR RESPONSE

Sincerely

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I WAS VERY SORRY TO LEARN THAT SOME OF THE PEOPLE WHO SIGNED THE RELEASE STILL HAVE NOT RECEIVED THE PROMISED APOLOGY .