

5th October 2007

Confidential

Dr Bruce Westmore
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Dear Dr Westmore,

My role with The Salvation Army is Secretary for Personnel, which means I have some responsibility for our clergy (our officers). We have recently introduced a strong policy on Management of Sex Offenders in Salvation Army Fellowships. One clause of this policy says: "No one who has been convicted or cautioned for a sexual offence will be re-accepted for officership or readmitted to officership regardless of whether their name has been removed from the sex offenders register."

We have an officer, Major Colin Haggart, who admitted to an offence against a minor some 18 years ago. After offending, Colin came forward immediately and confessed to his superiors. He readily accepted disciplinary action. Subsequently he went and reported himself to the police. Colin took advantage of counseling over a period of time. Some five years later he and his wife were reaccepted to officership.

On reading this new policy Colin and his wife came to see us in some distress as he felt that the new policy would mean he would have to step down from officership.

We have consulted with our lawyers, specifically with John Dalzell of Corrs Chambers Westgarth. John agreed with us that it would be very helpful if we had an up to date professional assessment of Colin, specifically his risk of re-offending.

I have asked Colin to make an appointment to see you and we would be very grateful if you could provide me with a formal report.

Would you also have your invoice forwarded to me please?

Please feel free to call me if I can assist further.

Many thanks.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Farthing (Major)
SECRETARY FOR PERSONNEL