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Dear Mr Scott, Mr Caddies, Mr Stewart and Mr Tabart

Bishop Greg has kindly asked me to notify you that because of your breach of trust in circulating correspondence to the general media no further communication will be entered into with your letters or emails.

He would like to remind you that if you hold a church office that you are expected to work with the Synod resolutions regarding the way you conduct yourself.

I enclose a copy of "Being Together" for your consideration as one part of the important practice of respectful communication while working through differences and relationships within our church.

Kind regards

Alison

Being Together Expectations of Behaviour in our Church Community

*(Approved by General Synod July 2014 and
adopted by the Newcastle Diocesan Synod October 2014)*

Jesus told us to love one another as he loves us. As Christians we know our life together is strengthened when our behaviour is consistent with our faith. However, our experience of being together can be difficult, particularly when there are differences. So it is important to be clear about how we will behave towards each other.

Being a community:

- We will **value the wellbeing of others**.
- We will **encourage each other to participate** in the life of the church.
- We will **consider the impact of our behaviour** on others.

Relating to each other:

- We will **treat each other with respect and dignity**, irrespective of ability, gender, sexuality, race, age or contribution to the church.
- We will **act with integrity and honesty** in our interactions with each other.

Communicating with each other:

- We will **communicate respectfully** with others, and not in a way that threatens, belittles or humiliates.
- We will **speak with integrity and honesty**, and refrain from speculation and gossip.

Acknowledging difference:

- We will **respect those who are different** from us and not isolate or ridicule them.
- We will **listen to and seek to understand** the beliefs, opinions and practices of others, even when we do not share their views.

Responding to conflict:

- We will **accept responsibility** for our part in a conflict.
- We will be willing to **play our part** in resolving a conflict.