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The Body of Elders
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Dear Brothers:

Thank you for your August 28 letter regarding **BCH**. Mr **BCH** should be well aware of his daughter's accusations of sexual molestation against him. We understand that is why he is in prison. We would not recommend that you continue to meet with Mr **BCH** while he continues to deny these allegations. In July, 2008, we wrote the following which we believe still applies in his case:

You mentioned that after hearing that there are pending allegations of sexual abuse he "is still claiming his innocence and then expressed despair at not being able to approach his daughters about these allegations due to a court order that prohibits him from making contact with them for 10 years." You seek our comments since he is "unable to make contact with his daughters to either confront this new allegation of abuse, or to apologise and make restitution."

Since **BCH** continues to claim his innocence, it is obvious that he has not repented from his sins. As mentioned in our previous correspondence, these sins are clearly established. Therefore, we do not see how his being unable to contact his daughters has any bearing on his application for reinstatement. Surely, he must first confess his sins to Jehovah and before the judicial committee. After he has genuinely taken this initial step, any works befitting and evidencing repentance, such as apologising to his daughters, can be evaluated by the judicial committee. The judicial committee will then determine if his claimed repentance and accompanying works are commensurate with his degree of deviation.—Please refer to our letter dated LLD June 14, 2007.

We hope that these few comments are of assistance to you and take this opportunity to convey our best wishes and warm Christian love.

Your brothers,

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