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Dear Bishop Salter

December 9, 2007

Church of England North Coast Children's Home

In reply to your letter dated October 18, 2007.

Your letter unfortunately did not address in any way the intimidating assumptions you made on me and my moral code.

Regarding our meeting I would like to know how many of the statements did you read? You should have already read my story and those of the other 40 victims, maybe then your insight would have shown a clear understanding of what we were meeting for. One must never assume another will be the carrier pigeon, it was not conveyed to us in any manner – so apology accepted.

I did not accept the care package as in no way does it reflect the abhorrent life in the home or the consequences of such a brutal, unnatural, unlawful existence, that like it or not has great adverse impact on your whole life. I would have accepted the package when it was offered had I thought it was just and was given in the true sense of regret and acknowledgment of the truth.

It seems to me useless you accept and conform to the direction of the church and sign the release you are not even offered a truly heart felt apology, and that is disgusting. The cost of justice should have nothing to do with it. That justice is done and responsibility taken is the moral standard that should be the code for true regret.

I am aware of the esteem in which my brother is held in the church and is indeed a irritant to you and considered the 'ring leader.' I rather suspect it is part of the reason the church continues to deny him the right to closure.

In this quest for justice and acknowledgement never once has the church accepted the responsibility despite evidence that shows they were the overarching body; never once have they come forward and told the truth, but continue to find ways around this and look at the whole picture as a inconvenient nuisance.

With comment to the measures put into place by the Diocesan response and prevention measures paper. These were in the main put into place quite a while ago and goes without question that all of these points should have been moral expectations and that all people should expect nothing less from a holy body.

The real test is when confronted with adversity, how than are those standards interpreted?

It is commendable to appear to be responding with good intent to public and Christian values, it is what goes on behind closed doors that shows the real value of commitment and this was not shown in our case.

The church, it seems, is willing to assist those who were treated with vile contempt in their institutions, but only when adversity rears its ugly head.

It is with absolute disgust I learn it is being considered to allow REDACTED to return to the ministry and that is what I mean when I suggest you have to be seen to be accountable and act on the very statements you draft and publicly release.

I am pleased that finally, CH [redacted] has been compensated for the ruination of a precious life in the Church of England North Coast Children's Home.

I have no doubt, in time, the government will decide that those who were subjected to evil mistreatment in their intuitions and those of the churches and agencies will finally be repatriated. I hope with all my heart I will live to see the day. In the meantime I will continue in my quest for justice and look for avenues within the law to achieve the outcome I have the right to expect. This unfortunately is not resolved.

Is a heart felt apology not given without a release because that would implicate the churches?

Your eloquent words in no way answer the questions I have put to you and I feel that is the least you could do.

As the holy season draws near and we celebrate the birth of our Lord, I and ask you also to reflect on those who suffered the devastation of abuse while in care.

May peace be with you and the blessings of the holy season.

Sincerely,

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