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Subject: RE: Working Together TF Meeting tomorrow

You are absolutely right. It began with a sort-of apology and has gone downhill since then from my perspective. It has been a painful and traumatic time for me, and continues to be so.

I see some light in your willingness to acknowledge mistakes and also to work with someone from 'outside' to get a clearer perspective on the magnitude of the damage caused not only by our 2 'villains' but also Swami Satyananda, Swami Niranjan and the Satyananda leadership as a whole.

You have also intimated, correctly, that my recent posting on a Satyananda site stemmed from an ongoing distress at not being heard, despite the fact this process began in February which may seem a short time to some, but to me it has been achingly drawn out. Now every day that goes by without something to indicate that I am a valued once-child of the Ashram just creates more sadness, frustration, anger ... you name it.

I have spoken with Terry and will await any outcomes of his work with you. In the meantime and until this is addressed by the organisation as a whole in a way that respects me, my family and others, I will continue to take actions that will move towards justice, acknowledgement and peace for all of us who were hurt by Satyananda and his 'empire'.

From: Working Together [mailto:workingtogethertf@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, 8 May 2014 4:19 PM
To: Alecia Buchanan
Subject: Working Together TF Meeting tomorrow

Dear Alecia,

It's Yogasandhan here. I just received a message from Rocklyn to say they had removed your post from their FB page and wanted to touch base with you.

I realise you and the others have not yet had a chance to have your stories heard in a meaningful way. The changes between myself and Ahimsadhara in being the contact point has not helped to create a trusted space either. The comments of yourself and others around this instability are valid and we know there needs to be improvement here.

Tomorrow we are meeting with Terry to look at a management plan that takes into consideration everything that you have brought to our attention. The aim is to create a stable framework for moving forward that will over time facilitate building trust. Right now you have no reason or experience that would cause you to trust the ashram and it is not expected that you trust us or our actions. We need to create a space or structure

where that may be possible. This needs thought and it needs your ongoing communication with us directly to keep letting us know what you need to be able to trust. Please do let me know this.

I have read through the communications you had with Ahimsa and see that you are very present with the pain this has caused you while being deeply aware of the impact it has had on many others. This is important for us all to know. Over the past 2 months I have begun to see that in the history of the ashram people have had to come to terms with the actions of Akhandananda and many have struggled for decades to try and understand him and also SHISHY.

Your story and the story of the others however has not been given this same attention or understanding and we are working towards creating a situation where this can happen in a way that creates change for everyone involved including the organisation. I'll be in touch after the meeting tomorrow.

Warm regards,
Yogasandhan