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From: Clementine Jones
Sent on behalf of: Justin Welby
Sent: Fri 12/06/2015 11:53:51 AM
Importance: Normal
Subject: Safeguarding - Pre-meeting (GT)

From: Graham Sawyer [mailto:graham.sawyer@**DPA**]
Sent: 29 June 2015 13:41
To: Joanne Scott
Subject: RE: "Nondum Considerasti...": An Open Letter to the Archbishop of Canterbury from Survivors, Whistleblowers, Legal Experts, Clergy and Campaigners on Abuse

Dear Joanne,

Thank you very much for your email. We shall get back to you as soon as possible and hope to confirm the meeting next Tuesday.

With warm good wishes,

Graham

The Reverend Graham Sawyer,
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From: Joanne Scott
Sent: 29 June 2015 13:22
To: 'graham.sawyer@**DPA**'
Cc: 'Church Reform Group'
Subject: RE: "Nondum Considerasti...": An Open Letter to the Archbishop of Canterbury from Survivors, Whistleblowers, Legal Experts, Clergy and Campaigners on Abuse

Dear Mr Sawyer

In response to the Open Letter which was sent to the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Archbishop would like to invite you and members of the Church Reform Group to meet with him on Tuesday 7 July 2015 at 10am at Lambeth Palace to discuss the matters raised in your letter.

I am blind copying this email to those of your group that I have email addresses for (Lucy Duckworth, **Name Redacted** and **Name Redacted**) but would be extremely grateful if you could kindly pass this invitation to the other members of the Group who are listed in the Open Letter.

It would be helpful to know in advance who will be attending the meeting, for logistical purposes, by

Monday 6 July 2015.

Yours sincerely,

Joanne

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From: Justin Welby

Sent: 12 June 2015 11:33

To: Joanne Scott; Nigel Stock

Cc: Ailsa Anderson

Subject: Safeguarding - MACSAS Open letter

Dear Joanne,

Please could you check with Graham (the NSA), but I think that the demand from MACSAS for a meeting with me should be accepted. We need to get back to them urgently, certainly by the middle of next week, with offers of times before Synod in July. I am happy to use an hour early in a keep free evening or 105 time. Graham will need to be there at least, as may Paul. It is possible that they advise against it, in which case we will need to discuss further,

Many thanks

Justin

From: Church Reform Group [<mailto:info=churchreformgroup.org@mail183.wdc02.mcdlv.net>] **On**

Behalf Of Church Reform Group

Sent: 12 June 2015 05:21

To: Joanne Scott

Subject: "Nondum Considerasti...": An Open Letter to the Archbishop of Canterbury from Survivors, Whistleblowers, Legal Experts, Clergy and Campaigners on Abuse

Dear Archbishop Justin Welby

"Nondum considerasti quanti ponderis sit peccatum - You have not yet taken account how great is the weight of sin" **St Anselm**

We are writing this open letter to you under the title, "*Nondum Considerasti...*", as survivors and whistleblowers of abuse taking place in churches, religious institutions and elsewhere, in which we stand here shoulder-to-shoulder with legal experts, Anglican and non-Anglican clergy and other campaigners. In writing to you, we are mindful of your words of promise to those who have suffered abuse in Church of England contexts:

"The rule is survivors come first, not our own interests and however important the person was, however distinguished, however well known, survivors come first".

The recent publication by the Methodist Church of its independently-audited past cases review into abuse draws public attention to the pointed failure of the established Church of England to demonstrate the same candour and transparency.

Survivors of Anglican clergy abuse previously tried to hold the Church to the personal promise you as Archbishop made for an entirely independent and wholly externally-audited inquiry into the Church of England's abuse record (stated in your words, "*What they [survivors] want, they will get*"). However, campaigners were subsequently told by your own designated bishop on safeguarding that the Church was instead concentrating on working on banking reform and "*other issues*", and such internal Anglican past cases audits as have since taken place fall far short of the Methodist example of openness.

Of even greater distress to victims, you will be aware of the strong concerns raised by survivors groups directly with you and your national safeguarding officials about the continued employment by some Church of England dioceses, such as London and Winchester, of private scandal management companies like Luther Pendragon Limited which are known to have acted to obstruct, apply pressure and threaten survivors, whistleblowers and others who have spoken out about Anglican clergy abuse.

It comes as astonishment to many ordinary Christians that the Church of England, which solicits donations from poor parishioners to fix the leaking church roof, nevertheless appears to have unlimited funds to pay expensive scandal management PR companies like Luther Pendragon Limited, which latter has also done lobbying for the tobacco and nuclear industries.

In meetings with senior Anglican leaders, survivors groups have been told tales of how the dispersed authority within the Church of England means that the Archbishop of Canterbury is powerless to speak out publicly with spiritual and moral authority about these serious matters or express criticism to his autonomous bishops who apparently are independent princes in their dioceses, and that he is powerless even to stop convicted Anglican priests from using their clerical titles.

In the midst of all this iniquity and collusive silence by the hierarchy on abuse, the actions of Anglican bishops and archdeacons who enthusiastically issue pastoral letters for the general election criticising the government and the banks and Wonga, call to mind Jesus' condemnation of the hypocrisy of religious leaders who externalise the Church's sin and will not heed the beam in their own eye.

As the community of survivors, whistleblowers and those who stand with us, we therefore call upon you and charge you, Archbishop Justin, in Christian conscience to break your silence about the wrongdoings of the Church of England which we have detailed above, and demand their immediate correction. We ask you to speak out with utmost clarity in moral and pastoral guidance to Anglican dioceses specifically in relation to their employment of scandal management companies, with the same clarity that you readily speak out about financial institutions. We thereafter ask if you would personally meet with us at the earliest convenience to discuss progress on these matters.

We similarly call on your ordinary parishioners in the Diocese of London, Diocese of Winchester and wherever else Church monies are spent on costly scandal management companies, to take an ethical Christian stand and *withhold their donations* to the collection plate until such time as the bishops of those dioceses terminate their contracts with these firms, and further that diocesan authorities apologise to survivors and whistleblowers of clergy abuse. Rather churchgoers might choose to give their hard-earned money to Christian charities caring for the poor in the UK and overseas, or to survivors organisations supporting victims of abuse. In all of this, the person of Jesus Christ himself