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Mr B D Hales
c/o [ADD ADDRESS]

Dear Mr Hales

I apologise for troubling you again. However there are certain matters which I need to urgently share with you.

I presume that you know I was shut up in March by Garth and the other Leeds priests. I freely confessed to indiscretions involving a massage parlour. I did write to you straight after being shut up and asked Garth to hand my letter to you but I have no confidence that you have received it. This is one of the reasons why I am writing to you directly.

I appreciate that I have sinned and I have sought forgiveness from the Lord for my actions.

The relationship with my family has deteriorated significantly since March. As you know, there were issues prior to then. I do still hope we can reconcile our difference but unfortunately Deborah has been persuaded to involve solicitors against me.

I have two significant concerns.

I live in constant fear of being withdrawn from despite the fact that I remain in fellowship with you. As you know, I have tried my best to be faithful to both you and to your father before you.

I take some comfort from the 'Faith in Practice' section within the amended 'Meeting House Trust Deeds' which I understand you helped to draft and fully endorsed. As a brother who is currently being justifiably admonished and disciplined, I am given a sense of hope by the commitments in this document on how to deal with fallen brothers in a sympathetic and compassionate manner.

My second concern relates to the Leeds assembly. As you are aware I have had an issue with members of the assembly for several years. I am afraid to say that I have lost trust in the priests in Leeds. I sincerely doubt that they are acting truly and in accordance with your instructions. I have regularly been told by them that you have given them counsel regarding me but I have no way of knowing whether this is true. You may recall in the past that they have been found to have borne false witness against me.

You will be aware that we have met on several occasions over the last few years and on each of those occasions you have never informed me directly of any of the actual issues which have been the basis of my various assembly rebukes. This gives me further reason to doubt what I am being told by my local brothers.

Bearing in mind these circumstances, I wonder whether you would be prepared to communicate with me directly.

I apologise again for having to trouble you but the implications of these matters are very far reaching.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Lance Christie