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The Body of Elders
Loganholme Congregation of
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Dear Brothers:

We received your letter of April 29, regarding BCH request for reinstatement, and trust the following comments will be helpful.

Your letter states, "It appears to us that BCH has only partially admitted to his sins and has not made restitution with his daughters. Hence we are of the opinion that Mr BCH still continuing his lies and is not demonstrating true repentance worthy of reinstatement." As highlighted in our previous correspondence, at least three of Mr BCH daughters have provided clear and credible allegations of sexual abuse by their father. In addition, there are unsubstantiated accusations of him sexually abusing others. We also note in his current 'Plea for reinstatement' letter, that, after admitting to "touching" one of his daughters, Mr BCH now blames her for the incident.

Therefore, as the situation appears to be unchanged, we can only repeat the comments from our letters to the Kalamunda elders dated November 9 and December 21, 2010:

You mention that BCH "admits to one occasion in which he molested one of his daughters." Nonetheless, other daughters also accused him of sexually abusing them, and he has both admitted to and denied these accusations on different occasions. In this regard, a judicial charge of lying was connected to his denying the allegations of child abuse in court. We note his current admission to you that "he has a tendency to stretch the truth at times." In fact, over many years the various committees established a pattern of lying. ***Until he fully acknowledges to Jehovah and the judicial committee his sins of child abuse and of lying in connection with these offences, it would be difficult for a committee or the victims to consider that he was repentant.*** In view of this, and in harmony with the new *ks10* elders' textbook, on page 118, "two members of the committee should acknowledge receipt of the request and briefly inform him."

While we understand BCH refuses to admit to allegations he *now* claims are not true, there is overwhelming evidence that he did commit the offences and now continues in a pattern of lying. In view of the nature and extent of Mr BCH offences and the established pattern of lying, extreme caution should be exercised in considering his requests, particularly until he provides an open and honest confession to the judicial committee.

We trust these observations will be helpful and commend your handling of this difficult matter. Please accept our warm Christian love and greetings.

Your brothers,

Watchtower B.S. Society
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c: Body of elders, Kalamunda