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The Body of Elders
Kalamunda Congregation of
Jehovah's Witnesses—Perth WA

Dear Brothers:

In response to questions regarding [BCH] as raised by the circuit overseer on his S-303 report dated December 19, we are pleased to provide the following observations.

In his report, Brother Roberts asks whether anything can be done to assist [BCH] [BCH] and reference is made to our May 11 letter to the body of elders. The question is raised, "if he can't confess to his daughters personally, because they don't want anything to do with him, then would it be appropriate for him to do so in writing to the elders and they could pass it on (to) the daughters? If he feels there is any misunderstanding in regards to the situation where he is accused of lying, then the burden of proof is upon him not the elders."

Until now, [BCH] has not acknowledged the extent of his offenses to the judicial committee or his daughters and has continued in a pattern of lying. Rather than there being a "misunderstanding in regards to the situation where he is accused of lying," he was disfellowshipped for lying. Nonetheless, if he now proposes to submit a written confession and apology for the elders to forward to his daughters, he may choose to do so. He should also provide a copy for the judicial committee.

By way of reminder, please note the following recent direction provided to the body of elders in our letter dated November 9, 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 offenses, 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."

In view of the nature and extent of [BCH] offenses and his pattern of lying, caution should be exercised in considering his requests, particularly until he provides an open and honest confession to the judicial committee. We trust these further reminders will be helpful and take the opportunity to send our warm Christian love and greetings.

Your brothers,

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