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Subject: Re: Followup From Our Last Meeting
Date: September 14, 2016 at 4:06 PM
To: Barry Pendergast barrypendergast@telus.net
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Hi Barry

Thanks for your e-mail. I am taking a few days to reflect on your proposal and will get back to you early next week.

Blessings

Les

On Sep 9, 2016, at 15:04, Barry Pendergast <barrypendergast@telus.net> wrote:

Pastor Les

We appreciate the time you have taken to meet with Pat Nixon and ourselves in recent weeks and to listen to part of our extremely painful story.

We have just met with Pat to review the course ahead that would allow us to safely share our testimony alleging spiritual abuse, misuse of important scriptural principles and the bearing of false witness against us in the Marriage Matters Ministry at First Alliance Church in Calgary. These matters happened between the Fall of 2014 and June 1st 2016.

We have taken advice from professional counsellors and those experienced and trained to discern where spiritual abuse has occurred. They have suggested your involvement in leading the process may be perceived as a conflict of interest and may diminish the trust needed for a successful outcome. Pat and ourselves therefore believe the process you have started to implement will not allow the facts to be fully and fairly determined or the issues resolved.

For proper correction to take place, and most importantly a God honouring solution to be lovingly achieved, we humbly submit an alternative process is required.

A true path to reconciliation can only happen where love, humility and truth are practiced and present in a spirit of trust.

Pat and ourselves propose the appointment of an independent, experienced and wise Christian mediator/ peacemaker (s) by the Canadian Missionary Alliance. Their role would be to carry out a full inquiry involving testimony and written evidence from all parties involved. If we have erred in our conduct we are happy to take the full correction and responsibility for it. Equally others involved need to be held fully accountable for their behaviour and actions.

Our hope and prayer is that this emotionally devastating experience can help aid the development of a healthy and spiritually sound process, with necessary safeguards to prevent this kind of abuse ever happening again, to be implemented across all ministries at First Alliance, and be a model for other churches to follow and implement.

Sincerely

Barry & Jennifer Pendergast

Our of courtesy a copy had been forwarded to Pastor James

