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Dear John,

It has been some years since we were last in contact. I recall the last time I saw you, you were driving into the Leominster office as I was driving out, Kathryn sitting next to you in your Renault Megane, and all we managed was a wave and a “hello” through open car windows. Since then, I know that you have undergone challenges in your health, notably your heart bypass operation, but I am hopeful that you are overall enjoying good health, and that Kathryn’s MS situation is as stable as possible.

My purpose in writing to you is to reconnect and to see whether your influence might be of help in resolving the matter that is outstanding between me and Day One. I enlist your involvement as a respected friend as well as the President of Day One Christian Ministries and in relation to the trustees of the Management Council and the Council of Reference of Day One.

By way of preface, let me underscore to you that I am thankful to have been able to serve the Lord in the role I played in Day One, and in which I rendered over ten years of service—I believe all of it productive—in the ministry there. I have always held you in esteem, and I have not considered involving you until now in the matter of the termination of the work in the USA and how I and my family ended up being treated.

I do not know whether you are aware that there have been ongoing communications between me and the council, broadly through Dr Jim Winter and always cc’d to all members of the council. Some of this is summarized in the link two paragraphs below.

With the closure of the work here in the USA, I cooperated fully with all parties involved—Day One’s attorneys, David Stair the CPA, Colin Jones and Mark—so it was a great shock when, once I had completed all the duties required of me in the closure of the office here in Greenville, that I was asked to sign a document that substantially and materially misrepresented certain aspects of the closure of the work here if I were to receive the severance payout on offer. Day One’s attorneys, Nelson Mullins, were adamant in their discussions with my attorney, Timothy Farr, that the matter was not negotiable. Guided by Mr. Farr, who is also an elder in my church and whose approach is always to endeavour to find a private solution rather than an expensive legal one involving potential litigation, I pursued a course of action in which I exchanged emails with the Day One council (Jim Winter was usually the respondent) in which I sought a private solution. I laid out all my grievances, including that the men, my brothers in Christ, knowingly required me to lie (seemingly to the financial advantage of Day One) about how the work was closed, and, especially, that I was asked to declare that I did not have a workplace injury, although I pointed out repeatedly to them that I DID have a workplace injury.

You could read supporting documentation on my website and blog; all council members are familiar with this link and, from my tracking software, I know that several of them have checked it out and will therefore be familiar with the contents. Please see <http://www.blogspot52.com/dayone20161102/> (this is a private link and is only visible to them or anyone who has this exact address).

The net outcome from all of this is that Jim Winter notified me in the middle of March this year that he had resigned as a member of the council and was no longer the chairman and that I should in future direct any correspondence directly to the Day One office.

John, other than calling on you for your help, I really feel that I have exhausted all options of finding a private solution to this. I was reading in the Proverbs this morning in chapter 17 and was reminded that things can get messy when there is uncontrolled contention (v. 14): "The beginning of strife is like releasing water; Therefore stop contention before a quarrel starts." I have sought now for over three years to find a private solution to this matter. There ARE others whom I could call upon to intervene and I may yet have to do so, but it has always been my preference to avoid exposing the actions of my brothers to public scrutiny where they may have erred and even where they had good opportunity to put matters right but have simply failed to do so.

My family and I have been deeply wronged in this and I believe that the Lord is grieved in this matter, especially as it is still possible for us to find a private and God-honouring solution. I know you well enough to be quite sure that you do earnestly wish what is best under God for the work and witness of Day One and for its future spiritual and material prosperity. I am approaching you fraternally and appealing for you to use your influence in not only helping to put right a wrong that has been done to me, your brother in Christ, but also to intervene for the sake of the Lord's future blessing on Day One. Of this I am certain—God is not mocked; and if my brothers in Christ continue to ignore this matter so clearly set before them, the Lord will surely call them to give an account as to why they have closed their hearts to me when I have only ever sought the best for the ministry of which they are His stewards.

I am hopeful for your help in this regard. Might I count on you to exercise your influence in seeking a private solution to this matter while there is still time to do so?

Sincerely in our Lord Jesus Christ,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Jim Holmes". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style. Below the signature is a short, horizontal, slightly wavy line.

Jim Holmes

This letter is printed and posted to you from within the UK by my sister, Margaret Jones, and who is handling this matter in fair confidence at my request. I may also email a copy to you once I have secured your email address. My email address is listed at the beginning of this email with my physical address, jameswholmes@att.net, and I would appreciate of your soonest response.