

The same letter - with minor changes required as a result of it being sent to different organizations - was also sent to:

To the Chairman and Members of the Board of Governors
Scripture Union, New Zealand
PO Box 760
WELLINGTON

To the Chairman and Members of the Board of Governors
TEAR Fund, New Zealand
PO Box 8315
Auckland

To the Chairman and Members of the Board of Governors
Tertiary Students Christian Fellowship
PO Box 9672
Marion Square
WELLINGTON

11th December, 2005

To:
Peter McNee, Chair National Council Executive
and Members of the National Council Executive
The Bible College of New Zealand
Private Bag 93104
Henderson
AUCKLAND 1231

Dear Peter,

At the beginning of March this year (2005) I wrote to the Chairman and Board of Governors of Bible College of NZ an extremely serious letter regarding Dr Peter Lineham. This was regarding him being retained in an official capacity in your organisation throughout a period when he has been identifying himself publicly as a homosexual and has been actively identifying himself with a group that endorses unbiblical views regarding homosexual relationships/practices.

As I noted in my last letter to you, I found the way I have been responded to totally inadequate - the executive had three opportunities to reply in a reasonable and Godly manner but this unfortunately was not done.

Recently the enclosed piece written by Peter, and published in '*Spirited Exchanges*', Issue 32, April 2005, was forwarded to me by another concerned individual. I am not sure whether you are aware of this article but now draw it to your attention and ask that it be read and tabled at the next National Council Executive meeting. The web address of the article is:

<http://www.spiritedexchanges.org.nz/web/page/70/beingChristianandGay.boss>

While one can feel concern and compassion for the confusion Peter has expressed in this article, never-the-less Christian doctrine and ethics are not determined out of compassion for people who are confused, misguided for whatever reason, or intentionally self-justifying of their behaviour and/or that of others. Rather, it is drawn from the Word of our Creator who has spoken very clearly on this matter, as you well know.

In my original letter I asked for an explanation of how the Board, as representatives of a leading evangelical Christian organization (which in turn is representative of evangelicals throughout New Zealand and the world), can retain Peter in his roles given the disclosure of his views and actions. My request still stands, given the seriousness

of this issue for the health and welfare of the believing community. I would also like an indication of how you view Peter's apologetic of things homosexual in the box headed 'biblical passages' following his article. For your interest, my response to the last of these - re Romans 1 - is "Precisely!"

In 1 Timothy 4:16, Paul says to Timothy, '**Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.**' The converse is implied – that if you do not watch your life and doctrine closely you will lose/be lead astray, and lose/lead astray those you have care for also. You can have the flashiest campus, the snazziest marketing campaign, the hottest adventures on offer, do wonderful humanitarian deeds, but if you lead others astray, then to quote Jesus speaking regarding one who causes youngsters to sin, '**...it would be better for him to have a large millstone hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea.**'

I urge your executive to provide a Christian response to my letter.

Yours Sincerely

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