

**15<sup>th</sup> March, 2006**

**To:**

**National Council Executive, Bible College of NZ,**  
Private Bag 93 104, Henderson, AUCKLAND, 1231

**Chairman and Members of the Board of Governors, Scripture Union, NZ**  
PO Box 760, WELLINGTON

**Chairman and Members of the Board of Governors, TEAR Fund, NZ**  
P O Box 8315, AUCKLAND

**Chairman and Members of the Board of Governors, TSCF**  
PO Box 9672, Marion Square, WELLINGTON

**Dear Chairmen and Board Members,**

Over the last few days I've listened to ***Focus on the Family*** on ***Radio Rhema***, bring tributes to James Dobson related to the just published biography of him entitled 'Family Man'.

Friends and associates, and his wife, all testified to his integrity, and comments were passed about how he insisted that ***Focus*** replied to every letter they received, and treated every inquirer as someone of worth - even 'as though they are your best friend'. Good on them if this is an accurate description of how they function, and not just some sweet violin playing.

However, I would like to let you know that in regard to my letters to your boards about Peter Lineham's continued involvement in the leadership in your organizations since declaring himself to be a homosexual, that I feel like I have been treated with utter contempt. The arrogance betrayed by your lack of response, in the case of some of you to my letters, but universally to the substance of my letter, I find simply astounding. On ***Focus*** the comment was made that people should be treated as they should expect a 'Christian' organisation to treat them. Unfortunately, because of the examples you have set, I expect to be treated with disdain, and will be blessedly surprised if a 'Christian' organization actually conforms to Christian standards of politeness and good manners. Your persistent lack of response for over a year now is a disgrace to the name of Christ.

**[COMMENTS DELETED FROM WEB LETTER AT THIS POINT]**...I am quite satisfied my late in-laws would turn in their grave if they knew how the centre of that which they are supporting with their wealth, is not holding. While slick marketing makes sure all the right things are said, behind the scenes, the faith has slipped. I recall clearly my late father-in-law saying that he would never again give to a certain 'Christian worker' because they had not even bothered to acknowledge the gift they had been given, and regarding another, about the arrogance they exhibited – which made him stop support. He had some strong thoughts about these matters, and in line with Scripture abhorred homosexual sin.

**[COMMENTS DELETED FROM WEB LETTER AT THIS POINT]**...Common courtesies seem no longer to exist at this level. And I am quite sure there will be many more who will cease giving once this is widely known - perhaps the downturn has already begun. Without question we will not be giving any more to any of your organisations and am quite willing to mention that fact to others - and outline the reasons.

I do not know who is responsible for suggesting the disgraceful course of action you have taken, even after my own personal involvement for many years in leadership in one of your organizations. Nor do I know if any board members protested at the arrogant and cavalier suggestions which clearly won the day. Apparently none resigned over it and none have contacted me to say they have distanced themselves from it. So all board members are responsible and will have to answer to the Lord for these actions. I would not like to be in your shoes when that happens.

Where is the fear of the Lord?

**Your Sincerely**

**Renton Maclachlan  
94 Mckillop St  
PORIRUA**