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Dear Tony

Greetings in the Name of the Lord!

Thank you for your phone call. I must apologise for Philip Powell, the National Secretary, not writing to you concerning our decision, but he has been overseas and this may have been part of the reason for your lack of receiving an official letter.

I shared with the brethren, Philip Hills and my meeting with you and of your confession to immorality of a serious nature over an extended period of time, and as a result of this, the meeting resolved that : "In view of the self confessed repeated acts of moral failure over a period of many years, Tony Venn Brown's ministerial credentials be revoked immediately, and that we do not recommend his return to the ministry." I explained to the Executive that this was your desire also having so clearly expressed to us that you saw no future for yourself as a minister of the gospel but only desired to be rehabilitated with your family, and as a Christian. And so, on that basis, and also the disciplinary statement made by the Conference in 1983, where repeated acts of immorality almost surely meant that such behaviour would make it very difficult for a candidate who has had this problem for many years to ever take responsibility as a preacher of the gospel.

This may seem very difficult for you Tony, and as I mentioned on the phone, the word "may" was placed in this statement indicating that, with God, all things are possible, but as we see things now, we all felt that maybe the ministry was not something for you.

I have prayed for you on a number of occasions and will continue to do so, that the will of God will be worked out in your life, and that you will find total fulfilment and victory in whatever plan the Lord has for you. I will be sending a copy of this letter to the N.S.W. Executive and requesting them to ensure that the rehabilitation program that we placed in the hand of [redacted] and his elders was being achieved.

May God bless you.

Your brother in Christ,

Andrew

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