

June 28, 2005

Ms. Patricia Hendrix
World Wide Ministries Division
Presbyterian Church USA
100 Witherspoon Street
Louisville, KY 40202-1396

Dear Ms. Hendrix,

The Board of Directors at Donaldina Cameron House is writing to request an update on the status of establishing a \$1,000,000 Trust Fund to be used to provide healing services and education for the many people harmed by the abuse/molestations perpetuated by Dick Wichman while he served as Executive Director of Cameron House in San Francisco.

The PC USA General Assembly Council public letter of 7/8/04 encouraged us with "At baptism, the church promises to guide and nurture God's children in both word and deed..... ..The PC USA General Assembly Council is committed to beginning the slow and deliberate journey toward healing."

In December 2004 you met with survivors and with members of Cameron House and the Presbyterian Church in Chinatown. At that time, we could not specify the level of resources that would be required. The journey that Cameron House is undertaking towards the healing of the individuals and the community of those harmed by the abuse/molestations perpetuated by Dick Wichman is almost totally uncharted territory. In these past six months, the healing activities we have organized at a grass roots level have affirmed that we are going in the right direction and have shown us that many more similar meetings and counseling sessions will be required for the well-being of the survivors and the community.

We also realize that we as a community face a very long journey ahead. The journey will uncover many unexplored areas that will require more resources, both financially and professionally, than Cameron House can currently provide. At our April healing workshop, the trained facilitators asked about plans to follow up. They know from experience that once the doors for memories and emotions are stirred, they need to be treated with appropriate and professional care to promote the healing that is so desired.

It was at a recent survivors meeting with the SF Presbytery Cameron House Response Team that the survivors put together their request for a trust fund. As the Board of Directors at Cameron House, we fully support their request.

We appreciate that you have helped set up a meeting with Doreen Der-McLeod and the Moderator of Presbytery in July.

In addition, we request that GAC include some time during their visit here in November to meet with some of the victims.

We would also like to know our point of contact for regular updates. If you are our point of contact, perhaps you could schedule a series of monthly e-mail updates with our Executive Director, Ms. Doreen Der-McLeod. (Doreen@cameronhouse.org)

If there are appropriate actions the Cameron House Board can participate in to expedite the process of establishing this fund, please let us know.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and we look forward to a reply from the General Assembly Council.

Regards,

David K. Miller, President
Board of Directors