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Charities Directorate
Canada Revenue Agency
Ottawa ON K1A 0L5

Dear Charities Directorate

I am writing about a registered charity: Gospel For Asia, (GFA) registration # 107441834RR0001

I, Garry Cluley, became a board member in 2013.

Due to allegations of wrong-doing against our organization, in a board meeting held on July 17, 2015, I requested a copy of our joint-ministry agreement along with financial statements and audits related to it. I was assured that these would be given to me. (I had only recently become aware of their existence. I was not informed of them when I became a board member and they were never mentioned at board meetings.)

Over three months went by without these documents being sent to me. On November 25th, December 2nd, and December 8th, I requested them again from the person in charge of the Canadian office, Pat Emerick. On December 8th I phoned Pat and spoke again of the importance of me having the aforesaid documents. He agreed to send them. To be sure, I followed the call with an email in which I said, in part:

I understand that you will be sending the joint ministry agreement and the audits and that you will be sending them by registered mail. Again, thank you for your time, and for your work for God.

The next day, December 9th, I received a letter via email from KP Yohannan, the chairman of our board and president, informing me that I had been dismissed from the board. A copy of the letter is attached.

KP Yohannan stated:

The board needs to welcome the fresh perspective and ideas that new members can offer

I have only been on the board for two years therefore the claim of a need for a “fresh perspective” seems disingenuous. I believe that the true reason for his action is that he does not want me to see the joint-ministry agreement or their associated financial statements and audits.

The following summarizes my concerns.

- I was not informed beforehand that my position on the board was in question

- There is no indication, that I am aware of, that this was a board action by the full board or that board members were informed of it beforehand
- KP Yohannan stated that he removed me based on By-Law 4.02. To my knowledge we do not have a By-Law by that number. We do have a By-Law 4(b) that says a board member can be dismissed if he is a lunatic or of unsound mind
- The new Industry Canada Not-For Profit Act, Section 126 does not use the word "lunatic". It states that "incompetency" is a reason for removal but this must be determined by a court
- The NFP Act also states, in Section 130, that removal of a board member must be made by a board at a duly called meeting

I am informing you of my concerns believing that the action against me was not in compliance with the Not-For-Profit Act, our own GFA By-Laws, and therefore does not comply with CRA requirements for such an action.

It is my belief that a full investigation into financial and other practices by GFA is needed.

Yours very truly,

Garry Cluley,
Member of GFA-Canada Board of Directors

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