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To our local Christian partners in ministry,

Greetings!

You may be aware that Colin Leaver, Executive Director of Quinte Youth Unlimited (YFC) was involved in a “stunt driving” incident in late spring this year. This news brought criticism from a few individuals in our Christian community. The Quinte Youth for Christ board of directors has had time to investigate Colin’s conduct and we feel that we have resolved the issue. Now we feel it is time to report to you, the Body of Christ, our local churches and partners in the mission of youth for Christ.

Over the summer Colin faced his charge in court. After apologizing, he was shown mercy and has dealt with the consequences appropriately. Colin did communicate and apologize in his monthly Email update on June 30<sup>th</sup>, which some felt was not adequate due to the seriousness of the incident. Since then the court has concluded the matter. Colin has written the following statement:

I am embarrassed to admit that this spring I was caught speeding excessively on the way home from finishing up a fundraising event. I was not impaired in any way nor was I racing anyone. I simply made a foolish mistake. I understand that I broke the law but I did not appreciate the potential serious consequences at the time. As the Executive Director of YFC, I have since learned that there are greater consequences for my actions such as damaging the reputation of the organization and broken trust. I was more than humbled, I felt humiliated as my infraction was broadcast publicly on the news. I have been deeply convicted about my poor decision and know that I have no one to blame but myself.

I have made it a personal commitment to publicly apologize for any damage that my personal actions have caused Youth for Christ, the Church and Christians in general. My decision did not convey the Godly example that YFC wants teenagers to follow. I hope and pray that my personal mistake does not reflect negatively on the support and partnership that YFC has enjoyed with your church.

We feel that since Colin has apologized sincerely, he has received God's grace and ours. He has also received the civil punishment for his infraction. Fortunately there was no damage and the civil repercussions have been resolved. As the board of Quinte Youth for Christ we have confidence in Colin's leadership and example in our community among young people .We do not want to live like the parable of the servant who after receiving mercy from his master was merciless to his fellow man (Matthew 18). The example that we want to be for youth is one of the grace & forgiveness that we freely receive we are also to extend to others.

The purpose of this letter is to ask you to also show grace and forgiveness. We value your continued confidence in the organization and leadership of Quinte Youth Unlimited (Youth for Christ). If you have any questions or concerns, please respond directly to the YFC board by email at [board@qyfc.com](mailto:board@qyfc.com).

On behalf of the Board, Daniel Beylerian, Chair