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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to provide a statement regarding the harm and trauma I have witnessed among former members of the Christian Fellowship Organisation (CFO) who sought refuge and support within CityLife Church (formerly Waverley Christian Fellowship) during my tenure on staff as an Associate Minister (from 1985-1994) and as a Senior Minister (from 1995 to 2017).

Over the years, I met and ministered to numerous individuals and families who had suffered severe emotional, psychological, and relational distress as a result of their involvement with the CFO. Many recounted experiences of coercive control, ostracisation, and deep-seated fear, which led to significant personal and familial breakdowns. The damage was far-reaching, often resulting in estranged relationships, mental health struggles, and the loss of stability in their lives.

I personally witnessed the struggles of former CFO members who entered CityLife Church seeking healing, only to be burdened by the trauma of their past. Families were torn apart due to enforced excommunications, individuals found themselves unable to exercise personal agency over basic life decisions, and many suffered under the weight of psychological manipulation and isolation from their loved ones.

Several specific cases stand out, including families and individuals who were shunned, maligned, and left to rebuild their lives with little to no support from the community they had once called home. The systemic nature of the control and rejection they faced suggests an organisation that failed in its duty of care and inflicted harm on its members.

Given the widespread and devastating impact of these practices, I believe a formal investigation into the CFO's governance, duty of care, and actions against the public interest is warranted. These issues are not isolated incidents but represent a pattern of behaviour that has led to measurable harm in the lives of many.

I offer this statement in the hope that those affected may find justice and that future individuals will be protected from similar experiences. I am available to provide further details if required.

Sincerely,



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