## ST. THOMAS' CHURCH

(A Parish of The Church of Pakistan Labore Diocesan Council)



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The Most Rev. and Right Honourable Justin Welby,

Archbishop of Canterbury.

Bishop Anthony Poggo,

Secretary General Anglican Consultative Council.

Through

The Most Rev. Dr. Azad Marshall,

Moderator/President Bishop Church of Pakistan.

Your Graces,

I, Rev. Emmanuel Lorraine Vicar of St. Thomas Church Islamabad and District Superintendent of District Rawalpindi/Islamabad, also the Vice President of the Diocese of Lahore, am writing these facts to unfold some very open secrets which are known by every member who was present on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2023 for the Diocesan Executive meeting. These are very important things for you to know about this unconstitutional and ambiguous executive meeting called by Diocesan treasurer Mr. Wilson Massey.

The following are the main facts:

## **Retired Bishops:**

Bishop (R) Alexander John Malik, Bishop (R) Irfan Jamil, Bishop (R) Samuel Azariah along with Rev. Nadeem Kamran, Mr. Anthony Lamuel and Mr. Wilson Massey (Treasurer of Lahore

Diocese) committed an unprecedented, illegal and unconstitutional act that no eye has ever witnessed in the history of the Church of Pakistan.

- 1. They sent no written notices of the meeting to anyone.
- 2. Every member received a phone call from the Treasurer's office just a day or two before the meeting.
- 3. On my telephonic conversation, I enquired being Vice President, about the purpose/agenda of the meeting, the treasurer (Mr. Wilson Massey) answered that we are just meeting to describe the on-going Diocesan situation.
- 4. No written agenda was served at the time of invitation or even during the meeting. They did not disclose their real purpose to the members whereas most of the members who sided with them knew their actual intent.
- 5. **Bishop Alexander John Malik (a retired bishop):** The meeting started and Bishop (R) Alexander John Malik started giving his speech saying that:
- The Diocesan Executive is powerful enough to elect/choose their own bishop, he further declared that you can choose and consecrate a priest as bishop of your own choice.
- He further claimed about the retired bishops as under;
- 'Once a bishop forever a bishop'
- 'A retired bishop is equally powerful and does not lose his powers even after his retirement'.
- He continued to say, we can appoint third retired Bishop Samuel Azariah as election commissioner and a co-partner in consecration. Bishop (R) Azariah had already travelled from Rawalpindi to Lahore, according to their plan.
- 6. They had already invited the Lahore Diocesan council members who were present on the same premises. Then the meeting was adjourned here and the members were asked to move to the next place of meeting, which was scheduled to be after lunch.
- 7. **Mr. Anthony Lamuel:** This gentleman is an ordinary member of the Executive Committee but is so powerful just because of being a very close relative of the former bishop, Irfan Jamil.
- He misused his official capacity as General Secretary of Synod by canvassing in person for Rev. Nadeem Kamran.
- He influenced voters by physically going to them while he was holding his office.
- Here is a documentary proof:



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- People outraged and demanded him to stop as this act is biased and creates conflict of interest.
- Due to this act, another candidate and myself, wrote letters to the Moderator/President Bishop Dr. Azad Marshall, and as a result Mr. Lamuel was suspended and a show-cause notice was issued to him.
- His candidate, Rev. Nadeem Kamran, is a product of their evil planning and unlawful canvassing and illegal use of the Diocesan machinery.
- After getting suspended Mr. Anthony Lamuel initiated a tug of war with Synod by posting material on social media against Bishops of Synod and taking a stay order from the Civil Court.

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The Rt. Rev. Dr. Azad Marshall		
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Your Grace		
Greetings in the name of our Lo	rd and Saviour.	
I, Rev. Emmanuel Lorraine (Vic candidate for the forthcoming B October 29, 2022. The Synod a the Bishop in the Dioceses of th have the responsibility to hold th responsibility of the Synod Offic candidates.	ishop's election of the Dioce and its Officers' role is very in the Church of Pakistan. The 5 the Bishop's election free and	se of Lahore to be held on mportant in any election of Synod through its Officers I fair. It is the primary
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Bishop's election for the Diocese of Lahore and clearly violating all ethical norms and moral values by exploiting his office to influence election in favour of his candidate. He shouldn't have been doing this, he has failed to keep such an important office, impartial. Mr. Anthony Lamuel is taking the above mentioned candidate to the worthy Bishops of the Church of Pakistan and to voters in order to impress them with his present portfolio. He is misusing his office and position. He is influencing voters and thus failed to keep himself impartial. He has become a party in the forthcoming election of the Diocese of Lahore. He has clearly shown his vested interests in Rev. Nadeem Kamran and cannot do justice with his office. This will be very dangerous. Instead of being Neutral in election he has clearly shown his inclination and interest towards one person. He will try his level best to give every benefit to the person of his choice. Sir, as per above situation I, as candidate have no option but to assume that forthcoming Bishop's election of the Diocese of Lahore have already been engineered and prearranged by the Synod through its General Secretary (Mr. Anthony Lamuel), therefore, as per the above situation this election has lost its sanctity and transparency. I, therefore, very strongly request you please constitute Synod Court to look into this serious matter and illegal acts of an important Officer of the Synod and call Synod Executive to take stern action as President electoral body for conducting free and fair election and to save sanctity and transparency of this election. I am very hopeful to receive positive and rapid response from your side in this regard to avoid any court intervention. With prayers and regard Eler Rev. Emmanuel Lorraine (Candidate) Vicar St. Thomas Church, Islamabad DS, Rawalpindi/Islamabad Vice President, COPLDC

8. **Bishop Irfan Jamil (Former Bishop)** also played an active part in canvassing for Mr. Nadeem Kamran by personally calling voters and pressurizing them to vote for Mr. Nadeem Kamran.

All this was pre-planned as on that day (18<sup>th</sup> January 2023) security guards were hired, they took our cellular phones and locked all doors and the members once entered were not allowed to go out till it was over.

They had this plan in place and their candidate, Rev. Nadeem Kamran was also aware of all this. He had been present in Lahore for over a month. On that day (18<sup>th</sup> January 2023) his relatives from Karachi, which is 1,200 kms away from Lahore, were also present which is a proof that Rev. Nadeem Kamran was well aware of the favourable result and knew that he will be the next bishop. Therefore, he is a party in it.

## **Executive Committee:**

- The executive committee is not constituted in an impartial way, as four family members and **other close aide of** Bishop Irfan Jamil were present in the meeting (Mr. Anthony Lamuel is brother-in-law of Bishop Irfan Jamil and he is member of every Diocesan Committee). Bishop Irfan Jamil's daughter and wife whose votes are cancelled, they had no right but still joined in.
- A seminarian from London was especially called back and his expenditure and ticket was borne by Rev. Nadeem Kamran as he was his voter.
- The formation of this executive was beyond any rules and regulation and did not care about conflict of interest.
- Two family members of Mr. Massey are also part of executive committee which again creates conflict of interest.

## **My Recommendations:**

- 1. Since this whole process was pre-planned with evil intentions with the help of retired Bishops, every decision taken by them should be declared null and void.
- 2. The three retired Bishops (Bishop Alexander John Malik, Bishop Irfan Jamil and Bishop Samuel Azariah who were elected and consecrated under the same constitution and procedure which they have now clearly violated) should be summoned and be made clear that they have no such right to practice the powers of a sitting Bishop.
- 3. Since they have set an unlawful example which can be followed by other interest seekers that is why they should face the consequences and disciplinary action. The three retired bishops and Rev. Nadeem Kamran (who is already compromised because all the retired bishops along with Anthony Lamuel have their vested interests and they have eventually brought him forward as their bishop) should be defrocked as a result of this heinous act.
- 4. Mr. Anthony Lamuel who is the master mind of the whole plot should be banned from the local Church Membership, Parish Counsel and Synod, permanently.
- 5. Process of election should be discontinued as this involves manipulation and bribery.
- 6. Process of nomination should be adopted just like Roman Catholic and Anglican Church.
- 7. Profiles of senior priests should go to the Archbishop of Canterbury and after interviewing them the priest on merit should be nominated as the next Bishop.

In search of Justice,

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