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Re: Emergency Meeting of August 18, 2014

Greetings:

This letter is a follow-up to the emergency meeting of Monday, August 18, 2014, providing a summary of the meeting and expanding on the Church's plan moving forward.

First and foremost, the Church greatly appreciated your time and efforts. We look forward to working with you in helping our brothers and sisters who are being persecuted in Iraq. Given the gravity of the situation, it cannot be stressed enough that time is of the essence. We call on the legal community to work quickly in establishing a plan and creating solutions to the problems faced by Iraqi Christians.

At the meeting, six committees were created to address issues in the following categories, based on the needs of Iraqi Christians: (1) immigration; (2) humanitarian assistance; (3) political efforts; (4) international law; (5) resettlement; and (6) loss of property. A chair was appointed to each committee.

The purpose of each committee is to outline the actions that the legal community will take to address the problems faced by Iraqi Christians. The committees will meet individually to prepare a list of tasks within the next seven (7) days. From there, working closely with Bishop Francis, each committee will work to implement the identified tasks.

If you were unable to attend the August 18 meeting and would like additional information, please contact Candace Yono at candaceyono@gmail.com.

Very truly yours,

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