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Statement from the General Secretary

A year ago a pre-publication draft of an article for the on-line magazine *Epiphanies* was shared with four institutions within the Anglican Church of Canada. This action has caused real and unnecessary pain and harm for the three sources whose stories were at the centre of the article. Regardless of the circumstances, it happened on my watch. I regret that this sharing occurred and particularly regret the harm caused to the three sources. I deeply regret my part in these events. I am heartbroken that they have been harmed, and add my sincere and unequivocal apology to those of the Primate and the Council of the General Synod for the harm caused by these events.

As the Primate has said, although we may, and must, learn much from this incident it cannot erase the harm done. We are committed to ensuring that it does not happen again and ensuring the integrity of our journalistic practices now and in the future.

Prior to the inception of this article we were already in the process of reviewing our policies and procedures for the prevention and addressing of sexual misconduct in the General Synod. That work continues with renewed vigour.

We pray for healing for the three individuals at the centre of this article, for all who have been harmed in any way, and for a truly Safe Church.

The Venerable Alan T Perry
General Secretary