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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

With thankfulness to God, I write to call our churches and families, ministers, elders, ministry leaders, and members to join in praise and continued prayer before the Lord. We have been advised the Catalyst Party's application to the Court for a second Receiver to be appointed will not be put to the Court in August. Instead, it has been adjourned to a date to be fixed, to be reviewed by the Court in December but not to be progressed or abandoned until after the receivers' appeal has been determined by the Court.

We receive this news with humble gratitude. This pause is welcome, and we should acknowledge it as a mercy from the hand of our gracious God. Yet we do not respond with presumption or complacency. The court proceedings continue, and the church remains in need of the Lord's wisdom, protection, and sustaining grace.

I therefore appeal to every congregation to give thanks to the Lord for this present mercy, and to continue steadfastly in prayer. Let us thank him for this welcome pause, for his restraint over circumstances beyond our control, and for the opportunity to keep seeking wisdom, truth, holiness, courage, repentance, unity, and steadfast hope as the court proceedings continue.

The Lord has often been pleased to preserve, revive, reform, and strengthen his people when they have been brought to the end of themselves and taught again to call upon his name. Our confidence is not that circumstances have become easy, nor that the path ahead is free from difficulty, but that the Lord reigns; not that we can secure the future of the church by the efforts of men, but that Christ will build his Church; not that present troubles are small, but that the mercy of God in the gospel is greater still.

May the Lord grant us grace to give thanks sincerely, pray faithfully, trust wholeheartedly in the righteousness of Christ, and walk together in the power of the Holy Spirit. And may He be pleased, for His own glory, to purify His church, preserve our witness, guide the continuing proceedings, and lead us in the path of righteousness.

Yours in the service of Christ,

(Mr) Peter Eckersley
Moderator-Elect