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## Legal Affairs Update

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As we admire the fall colours – perhaps with a pumpkin spice treat in hand – the harvest season encourages us to reflect on God’s provision.

For many, the past year has not been easy. From drought conditions to the ongoing stress of the pandemic, it might seem harder than usual to recognize the abundance of God’s blessings through this time. And yet God’s word encourages us to “not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up” (Galatians 6:9). For this reason, we persevere.

Here at CCCC, we are thankful for your support as we carry on. We are especially grateful for your prayers during a season of transition for the Legal Affairs team. After serving at CCCC for 10 years, Barry W. Bussey has accepted a new position as litigation director with a national charity focused on civil liberties for all Canadians. We thank Barry for his many contributions to CCCC and wish him well in his new role as he follows the Lord’s leading in his life. The work of the CCCC’s Legal Defence Fund will continue under the leadership of the Department of Legal Affairs to support the needs of our members.

Since our last update (when we highlighted a positive outcome in the *Aga* case and the publication of *The Inherence of Human Dignity*), we have continued to see God’s faithfulness in a variety of areas and projects.

*Court Cases:* In June, the Federal Court released two decisions on the Canada Summer Jobs program. The Court held that the government process was unfair to the applicant organizations (Redeemer University and BCM International). After several years of speaking out on CSJ issues, we were pleased with these decisions, which set a clear expectation for fairness in the future. You can read more on our Noteworthy blog.

*Advocacy and Communication with Policymakers:* As Christian churches and charities face challenges related to pandemic restrictions, the Legal Affairs team continues to reach out to government leaders for clarity. If you want to hear how other ministries are dealing with current issues, we encourage you to join the dialogue on The Green!

*Academic Research and Writing:* We are looking forward to the upcoming publication of two peer-reviewed articles by Barry W. Bussey: "A Response to the Political Argument Against Religious Conscience," in the International Journal for Religious Freedom, and "Not Set in Stone: Constitutional Religious Rights and Direct Democracy," in Direct Democracy Practices at the Local Level, edited by Christophe Premat.

These projects and others are possible thanks to your continued gifts and prayers. You can learn more about our work and the items mentioned in this letter by visiting our website at [cccc.org/sector\\_representation](http://cccc.org/sector_representation). We are grateful for your involvement, and we trust that God will bring about the harvest in His time. Thank you!

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Pellowe". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rev. John Pellowe

