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## John McMartin Sentenced following Indecent Assault Conviction

A spokesperson for Inspire Church Ltd (based in Hoxton Park, near Liverpool) can be quoted:

“We are sorry for all the hurt and pain the last two years of controversy have caused to the families concerned, and to many other people in our congregation.

“We applaud the woman's bravery, for being prepared to relive this incident before the courts and apologise that this occurred to her within the church community, which should be a place of safety. The incident occurred in 2013.”

Shortly after the police charged Senior Pastor and CEO, John McMartin, in November 2020, he stood aside from all his roles with the church. He subsequently resigned in October 2021. He now has no role with Inspire Church Limited.

“We can now move on from what has been a traumatic period for the church and our congregation.”

“The new leadership is part-way through plans that will ensure the church has the highest standards of governance and compliance. The plans include: a changed constitution, policies and by-laws; an expanded board of men and women; a team of elders, also of men and women; and a re-invigorated management that will include an executive leadership team (men and women) and sub-committees.

“Inspire Church is a very important house of worship for hundreds of people from many backgrounds. Our congregation deserves to have a church that is well-run and has an excellent reputation. This has been a very stressful period of unwanted distraction for everyone concerned,” said the spokesperson.

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