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Dear Peter,

Following our discussion on Saturday last when I informed you of the amalgamation of the two dimensions of the Youth Service (Residential & Outreach) into one and the new path which the Diocese proposes to follow, I felt it important to report back to Bishop Michael Campbell and the Vicars General. I can now confirm their unanimous agreement and support and so I ask for your full cooperation in implementing the following decisions:

- 1. Our Young People are the Hope of the Church and so a major plank in our Diocesan Mission.
- 2. In future there will be only one Youth Service, thus bringing together the Residential & Outreach dimensions. The endeavour will be to provide an even stronger Service for our young people to experience and recognise the power of Christ in their lives.
- 3. An Advertisement for a new Director of Youth Services will be placed this week and we would greatly appreciate your support. The new Director, would, we hope, shadow yourself and Fr Philip Conner until 1 September 2009 with a refurbished Castlerigg Manor the Diocesan base for youth ministry.
- 4. The new Director of Youth Services will act on behalf of the Bishop in implementing the Diocesan Vision for the Youth Service including:
 - Residential Retreat Team
 - Outreach Mission Team
 - > The above Service will engage schools, parishes and other agencies *i.e.* Diocesan Education Service

Peter, I want to thank you very sincerely for all your work at Castlerigg Manor these last few years and you generously took on this assignment at a critical and difficult time. It is our sincerest hope that the Director of Youth Services will build on your work in continuing to give to our Diocese a worthy Youth Service. After discussion with Bishop Campbell you will be given a new appointment and I would ask you to be in touch with him after 1 May.

With every good wish, prayer and thanks,

As ever in Christ,

Bishop of Lancaster