

April 17/14

Mr. Patricia Christy Clark  
 Re: Trinity Western Law School  
The Sexual Intimacy Statement

Thanks to your government for  
 "green lighting" the T/W school.  
 It is a private school - non-Christian  
 students don't have to go to their  
 law school. They have the choice -  
 so should others.

What's next - outlawing the Bible?  
 etc etc.

Thanks again to your government -  
 Blow as much taxpayer's money  
 as you want on this court  
 action.

Sincerely

**Ross, Kara L PREM:EX**

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**From:** OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, September 23, 2013 1:09 PM  
**To:** Stewart, Ashley PREM:EX; Ross, Kara L PREM:EX  
**Subject:** FW: TWU Meeting

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**From:** Ann Coats [<mailto:Ann.Coats@twu.ca>]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 23, 2013 12:08  
**To:** OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
**Cc:** Ann Coats  
**Subject:** TWU Meeting

Greetings from Trinity Western University!

Understanding that this is very last minute, is there any chance that Premier Clark could meet with President Bob Kuhn either today or tomorrow for a brief conversation? If a face-to-face meeting is not possible, even a telephone conversation would be appreciated. He would like to briefly discuss some concerns about the Law School.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to hearing from you soon!

Kind Regards,

Ann Coats on behalf of President Bob Kuhn

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From: s.22  
Sent: December-19-13 7:01 AM  
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Subject: BC gives final approval to law school with gay sex ban

Premier Clark:

I am shocked and saddened that a BC Liberal government would approve the law school at Trinity Western University in Langley. The University's policies clearly discriminate against gay people. Advanced Education Minister Amrik Virk has obviously made a mistake and he must act immediately to reverse his decision before the courts force him and you to act in the fair way we expect of our leaders in BC.

I fear discrimination not only of gay people but of all people who appear "different" is on the rise. This minister's decision negates years of work against bullying and basically says it's OK to discriminate against gay people. What message are you sending to young gay people in schools across the province struggling to accept their sexuality?

Premier this is a BAD decision and must be reversed Immediately. This is something that could stick to your government and come back to haunt you.

Sincerely

s.22

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From: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX

Sent: January-06-14 4:24 PM

To: s.22

Cc: Minister, AVED AVED:EX

Subject: BC gives final approval to law school with gay sex ban

Hello, s.22 and thank you for your email regarding the recent consent given to Trinity Western University's application for its proposed new law school program. We appreciate your taking the time to share your concerns with us.

Trinity Western University is a private university that does not receive operating or capital funding from the provincial government. The decision to grant consent to the proposal for a law school program was based on the Degree Quality Assessment Board's recommendation, along with the Federation of Law Societies of Canada reports. We understand your concerns are regarding TWU's faith based practices and policies and in that light we have shared your correspondence with the Honourable Amrik Virk, Minister of Advanced Education, so he and his staff also have the opportunity to review your comments.

Again, thanking for taking the time to write and for bringing your concerns to our attention.

cc: Honourable Amrik Virk

From s.22  
Sent: Friday, September 19, 2014 3:26 AM  
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Subject: grieved

To the Premier of British Columbia,

Thank you for considering my letter. I read a recent article about graduating students from Trinity University in Vancouver possibly not being able to practice law because of the school's (and those students') stand on same- sex relations.

I am very concerned with what this country calls democracy and freedom of rights and speech. As a Christian, I feel that I am being persecuted more than any other religious or cultural group in our nation. Trinity University is a Christian school with Christian values. The students who go there choose those values. Other students can choose a variety of wonderful law schools in this country.

Are we not a country of pluralistic values and freedoms?

On behalf of my congregation of approximately s.22 people, I am asking that you defend religious freedoms in your ridings and ensure these students can receive the accreditation they worked so hard to achieve,

Thank you  
s.22

From: s.22  
Sent: December-20-13 01:35  
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Subject: Law School

Greetings,

According to recent polls, BC is our great country's most secular Province. A territory that Canadians from other Provinces (like myself) see as the most most progressive and "loving" of those different from ourselves. It, therefore, shocks me to learn of the advent in regard to the accreditation, by your government, of the Trinity Western University's law school.

Canadian law not only recognizes, but champions the LGBT community's RIGHT to participate as EQUALS in our society. Of course this in reference to marriage and the right to be free from discrimination. Any lay Canadian whom happens upon the TWU story and doctrine would most likely agree that it is an institution that wholly views the LGBT community as an abomination, as their scriptures instruct them to do. No matter how they choose to dress their story up, that is a cold hard fact.

I am incensed that a group of supposedly intelligent elected officials could so readily pander to a fundamental right wing christian school. What they believe (as set out by the norms of our society and law) is plain bigotry and hate towards a group of people based on the musing of a 2000 year old book. I fail to see how a government body can't see how utterly foolish that make you all look! I would have expected this sort of thing to happen with the fundamentalists here in Alberta, not in BC.

What types of lawyers will be turned out by this "school". Canadian law clearly spells out that the LGBT community can marry just as the rest of us and shall not be discriminated against. TWU "doctrine" clearly spells out that they believe in one man one woman marriage and any student violating the "sanctity" of that covenant is not welcome. Yet they can effectively teach Canadian law. I shouldn't have to point out how idiotic that sounds.

I would like to suggest that the next law your government passes is one requiring the graduates of the law school to wear a disclaimer indicating that even though they "learned" Canadian law, they don't likely believe in the equality part of it.

Disillusioned and embarrassed to be next to BC,

Concerned Canadian

From: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
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Cc: Minister, AVED AVED:EX  
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cc: Honourable Amrik Virk

From: s.22  
Sent: January-07-14 7:59 AM  
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
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Subject: Government sanctioned bullying of students and faculty by a university

Dear Christy Clark,

I am appalled to learn that the Government of British Columbia's Ministry of Advanced Education has authorized Trinity Western University to open a law school, let alone even be an accredited post-secondary institution at all, when the University's "Community Covenant Agreement" states very explicitly that students and faculty of the University must abstain from "sexual intimacy that violates the sacredness of marriage between a man and a woman", otherwise the University may "discipline, dismiss, or refuse a student's re-admission to the University" [link], and presumably discipline or dismiss faculty. This requirement means that if a student or faculty member lawfully marries a person of the same sex, they are not allowed to be intimate with their husband or wife while attending or working at this University, otherwise they risk being expelled from the school or losing their job! By sanctioning this school to operate in an official capacity within BC, you are condoning institutionalized discrimination and punishment based on a person's sexual orientation.

You are condoning bullying of students and faculty by the University.

You, Premier Christy Clark, have worked very hard to end bullying, yet this decision will make life worse for the children and adults who are struggling with accepting their sexual orientation in a society that is still hostile towards them. By effectively condoning discrimination by a University towards non-heterosexuals, you are fueling the misunderstanding, prejudice and fear that encourages this kind of bullying.

Schools should not be accredited purely based on their technical ability to provide education to a particular standard – their guidelines, policies and practices should also meet the societal, legal and human rights standards of the province and country in which they operate. Provincial and federal courts as well as the legislature and parliament have made it very clear that discrimination based on race, sex, religion, sexual orientation, physical disability, etc. is fundamentally wrong. Therefore, it is reasonable to expect the Ministry of Advanced Education to not support schools that fail to meet all of these standards.

President Kuhn of Trinity Western University said that "all students (gay or straight) are welcome to attend Trinity Western University, providing they meet our academic requirements and agree to respect our community values." This seemingly welcoming statement does not change anything and does not excuse their discriminatory policy; saying that a student or employee can "be" gay but can't "behave" gay while attending or working at Trinity Western, even when legally married to the person they love, is clearly discriminatory towards non-



heterosexuals – there is nothing welcoming about it. Being a healthy, whole person requires that you not just be who you are, but live as you are.

The issue is not Trinity Western University's institutionalized beliefs – that is a right protected by law – but that they are permitted, and indeed condoned by the province, in discriminating against people because of their gender (in the case of transgendered people) and sexual orientation (in the case of homosexual and bisexual people) with the ability to discipline, dismiss and deny re-admission of people based on these institutional beliefs. I should add that it is not a universal Christian belief that marriage only between a man and a woman is sacred (just ask a Unitarian), so I see no reason why Trinity Western cannot continue to be a functional Christian school without this single discriminatory policy.

On New Year's Day, Pope Francis reminded the world that we have “a responsibility for each to work so that the world becomes a community of brothers who respect each other, accept each other in one's diversity, and take care of one another.” Let's heed his words and start this year off right by abolishing harmful discrimination in our public institutions.

Please re-evaluate your decision in the context of its effect on the people you are harming, and the terrible message it sends to the children you have worked so hard to protect.

The right thing to do is to reverse your authorization for Trinity Western to open a law school and revoke its current accreditation as a University until it removes disciplinary consequences for discriminatory policies from its Community Covenant Agreement and any other guidelines, policies and practices it follows, so that it aligns itself with at least the bare minimum standards of human rights that are accepted in British Columbia and Canada.

I would like a well-considered reply describing how and when you will correct this error in judgement by the Ministry of Advanced Education, or at very least a plan of action and a realistic timeline for a resolution. Further, I would like to meet with you at your constituency office in Kelowna as soon as possible to discuss this in person if you are unable to correct this in a timely manner. I can be reached by reply email or telephone at the number below.

Sincerely,

From: s.22  
Sent: April-23-14 9:37 AM  
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Subject: Law Society

Dear Premier

I am writing to ask you to use your influence at the BC Law Society in seeking a review of their recent decision to allow Trinity Western to train lawyers in BC. This has the 19th Century feel to it, not a 21st century awareness of the global nature of our lives here in BC today. I am, personally, a devoted Christian. But the notion of an acceptance of Faith Based Law Schools just doesn't sit right with me. Who would they allow next? This school doesn't allow of gays and who is to predict what the next school might be concerned about?

Lets stop this now

Thanks so much

Respectfully

s.22