THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

October 30, 2014

OAKTON VIRGINIA STAKE

Kathleen Marie Kelly
By email:

Dear Sister Kelly:

A stake disciplinary council was held earlier this evening to consider your appeal of the decision that you be excommunicated for apostasy from the Church made by the bishop's disciplinary council on June 23, 2014. This short letter is to advise you that the decision of the council is to confirm and sustain the initial decision.

I will supplement this letter with a more detailed explanation of the council's procedure and decision and address the main points raised in the materials you submitted with your appeal. I hope to send that letter to you in the next week or two. For now, I assure you that, as a council, we prayerfully sought heavenly guidance and feel that this decision is confirmed by the Spirit.

As a formal matter, you are informed of your right to appeal this decision. Because this decision is made by a stake disciplinary council, any appeal is to the First Presidency. If you decide to appeal this decision, you should specify in writing the alleged errors or unfairness in the procedure or decision and present your appeal to me within 30 days of the date of my more detailed supplemental letter. I will then forward your appeal and any associated materials to the First Presidency.

I again express my sincere hope that you will make the necessary changes in your life to regain your membership in the Church together with all of the associated blessings.

Faithfully yours,

Scott M. Wheatley

President, Oakton Virginia Stake