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19<sup>th</sup> February 2009

Dear Mr Phelps and Mrs Phelps-Roper,

I am writing to advise you that following the London bombings in July 2005, the Home Secretary announced a list of particular activities that would normally lead to a person being excluded or deported from the United Kingdom (UK) on the grounds that their presence in the UK would not be conducive to the public good. The list of unacceptable behaviours covers any non-UK national whether in the UK or abroad who uses any means or medium including:

- writing, producing, publishing or distributing material; '
- public speaking including preaching;
- running a website;
- using a position of responsibility such as a teacher, community or youth leader;

To express views that:

- foment or justify terrorist violence in furtherance of particular beliefs;
- seek to provoke others to terrorist acts;
- foment other serious criminal activity or seek to provoke others to serious criminal acts;
- foster hatred which might lead to inter-community violence in the UK.

The list is indicative and not exhaustive.

The Home Secretary has considered whether, in light of this list, you should be excluded from the UK. After careful consideration on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2009, she personally directed that you should be excluded from the UK on the grounds that your presence here would not be conducive to the public good. She has reached this decision because of your homophobic protests and other activities, which have

brought you within the scope of the list of unacceptable behaviours by fostering hatred which might lead to inter-community violence in the United Kingdom.

The Home Secretary notes that you have made the following statements:

- *Thank God for AIDS", "Fags Burn in Hell", "God blew up Troops", Fags are nature's Freaks" ([www.godhatesfags.com](http://www.godhatesfags.com))*
- *"We warned that WBC has had lots of experience with Ireland's militant sodomite citizenry, steeped for many decades in ignorant, blind idolatrous Catholicism, belching out their vile fagspeak, slander and blasphemy against God and His word." (Fred Phelps Sermon 29/07/2007)*
- *"Jews, thus perverted, out of all proportion to their numbers energise the militant sodomite agenda...The American Jews are the real Nazis (misusers and abusers of governmental power) who hate God and the rule of law."  
([www.adl.org/special\\_reports/wbc\\_on\\_jews.asp](http://www.adl.org/special_reports/wbc_on_jews.asp) - Fred Phelps and the WBC:In their own words)*

The Home Secretary has noted the content of your Church's web-site and reports of your activities in the world press.

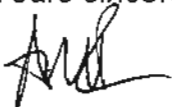
In expressing such views it is considered that you are fostering hatred which might lead to inter-community violence in the United Kingdom.

The Home Secretary considers that should you be allowed to enter the UK you would continue to espouse such views. In doing so, you would be committing listed behaviours and would therefore be behaving in a way that is not conducive to the public good.

In light of these factors, the Home Secretary is satisfied you should be excluded from the UK on the grounds that your exclusion is conducive to the public good.

You are instructed not to travel to the UK as you will be refused admission on arrival. Although there is no statutory right of appeal against the Home Secretary's decision, this decision is reviewed every three years.

Yours sincerely



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*On behalf of the Secretary of State for the Home Department*