FORM 3 (Rules 6 and 17)

Clergy Discipline Measure 2003

Statement in support of a Complaint, or in support of an Answer to a Complaint

Box for use only by the Registrar of Tribunals	*Statement submitted by:* *Name of maker of statement:* *Date of statement:*

In the matter of the complaint

Enter the name of the complainant.
Enter the name of the member of the clergy about whom a complaint is made.

made by The Board of Deputies of British Jews

against: Rev Dr Stephen Sizer

My full name is: **Revd Dr Donald Wagner**

My contact address, including postcode, is:

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***Telephone & e-mail details are optional, but it could be helpful to the registrar and bishop to have them.*

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The matters in this statement to which I refer are all within my own knowledge, except where I indicate otherwise. If anything is not within my own knowledge then I set out the source of any matters of information and belief:

You must explain in your statement how you know about each of the matters you describe, ***unless*** *you know about them because you have* ***personally*** *seen or observed them.*

Grace and peace to you and may the light of Advent guide us in overcoming the darkness. The Middle East is often clouded by darkness, particularly in the regions under Israeli occupation that yearn for justice and peace.

I am writing in support of my colleague Rev. Dr. Stephen Sizer, who is a respected voice for the poor and challenges injustice across the Middle East. I have known and worked with Stephen for nearly 20 years and have the utmost respect for his writing, pastoral ministry, and his speaking around the globe on behalf of the victims of persecution and human rights violations.

I was one of examiners for his doctoral thesis on Christian Zionism and was proud to provide overwhelming approval for Stephen to receive his doctorate.

His critique of Israel's policies vs. Palestinians is specific and legitimate, and of course is never welcomed by those who strive to cover-up the abuses of power.

Stephen's voice must be safe-guarded and encouraged. His challenges are consistent with those levelled by the pre-eminent Israeli human rights organization "B'Tselem," which of course translates as "in the image of", the image of God that we are called to honour and safeguard in all human beings.

Dr. Sizer is within this tradition. I sincerely hope that you will support his mission and ministry.

I believe the facts in my statement to be true. I am aware that the contents of this statement may be made public

You must sign and date this statement.

Signed: Donald Wager

Dated: 24 November 2018