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: Steven W. Haas

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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.*

I have known Rev. Dr. Stephen Sizer for the past 12 years. I was introduced initially to him through his writing on Christian Zionism (Sizer, S. (2004) Christian Zionism. Downers Grove, IL: Zondervan). I was attracted to the book by the fact it was published by Zondervan, a respected Christian publisher and had as a leading reference, the renowned British theologian, Dr. John Stott. Rev. Sizer to this day, is known as one of the leading authorities/commentators on the disputed theological construct known as Christian Zionism. In my study of Stephen's book, I was overwhelmed by his depth of Biblical knowledge, insights into Christian orthodoxy/praxis and his complete lack of animus in clearly laying his position as to why an orthodox Christian theology cannot be joined with the political ideology of Zionism, without irreparable damage done to its witness.

Two years later in 2010, I was introduced to Stephen as we were both invited to help organize a conference hosted by Bethlehem Bible College (Christ at the Checkpoint). Throughout the conference organizational process, which amounted to several conference calls and two in-person all day meetings that spanned the course of several days, Stephen remained a thoughtful guide to discussions, seeking justice for all people, both Israeli's and Palestinians as this is the teaching of Scripture.

Further, as a student of history, it was clear that Stephen had done his homework on Israeli history and pre-history and the impact of the holocaust's trauma on its victims. In no way has his teaching served to put in doubt the horrible events of the 1940's, in which over 6 million Jews lost their lives to the Nazi terror. His was and continues to be a clear voice for understanding, truth and peace.

I was so impressed by Stephen's grasp of the theological and political issues that arise from the present conflict involving Israel and the Palestinians, and gracious manner in representing all sides, that I invited him to serve as a trip facilitator for a Middle East Vision Journey that included our President of World Vision US, Rich Stearns and other notable US Christian leaders. All travellers were well served by Stephen's participation and clarity and shared these views in surveys following the trip.

To my knowledge, I have never read or heard anything from Stephen that would qualify as "anti-Semitic" language. On the contrary, one of the reasons Stephen has been so passionate in his writing and speaking on reconciliation/peace has been his love for all peoples, Palestinian and Israeli alike. Stephen has a deep love and affection for the Jewish people, as has been evidenced by the many Jewish friends and ministry associates he has introduced me to and deduced from our ongoing conversations. Negative views that disavows Jewish existence or advocates for their destruction in any way, is antithetical to and deemed incongruent with all that Stephen has taught to others.

I consider Stephen Sizer a dear friend and mentor. A passionate advocate for the veracity of Scripture, justice and peace for all of mankind. I trust those adjudicating these matters will discover the same.

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: Steven W. Haas

Dated: 27 of November, 2018