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Dear Revd Dr Jonathan Hustler

**Call for Evidence: Archbishops' Commission on Families and Households**

We are writing as the Chair and Co-Chair of the [Archbishops' Commission on Families and Households](#), which was established by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to explore what families and households need to flourish today.

We are delighted to share with you the Commission's Call for Evidence. Recognising the importance of families and households as the cornerstone of every community in our society, the Commission aims to listen and learn and to gather evidence in order to develop practical and deliverable ideas to offer to the church and wider society.

The Commission is focusing on four particular areas:

1. The theology underpinning our understanding of family life and relationships – exploring the learning and relevant debates in Christian and other faith traditions that can guide policy-making to enable families and households to flourish.
2. The social history of families and households - exploring the changing nature and diversity of family life and household composition, taking account of singleness, lone-parent households, and extended family and community living arrangements.
3. Children and young people – exploring how children and young people can flourish and meet their potential within stable, supportive loving homes.
4. Couple relationships – exploring ways to build and sustain strong couple relationships of all kinds, and the support needed to strengthen marriage and civil partnerships and to reduce conflict in families and households.

The purpose of the Call for Evidence and the links to the survey can be found here: [Families and Households - Call for Evidence | The Archbishop of Canterbury](#). We would be pleased if you

would share the survey, along with the accompanying briefing, with churches, congregations, as well as community groups and individuals you think would like to take part.



Clearly, we want to hear from as many stakeholders as possible, but in particular from the people you consider to be key in addressing the questions we are asking. Their input is so critical to the ultimate success of the report we publish next year. We will be seeking input from children and young people through a separate Call for Evidence in the near future.

Our deadline for responses is 19<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

We look forward to receiving your evidence. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janet Walker".

Professor Janet Walker OBE  
Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Butler".

The Rt Revd Paul Butler  
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