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Dear Pastor,

I'm pleased to be able to forward to you your personal copy of the CRC Churches International Minister's Manual.

It is evident that Jesus, in His ministry, considered it essential that He increase in favour both with God and man (Luke 2:52). In our current age there is a proliferation of regulations and laws that affect us, whether we are aware of them or not. At times it is often difficult to understand the intricacies of how these statutes relate to us as Ministers of the Gospel. Yet this doesn't absolve us of the responsibility of being informed and conforming to the "Laws of the Land".

This Minister's Manual is a work in progress. It is obviously fluid to meet the ever changing nature of our Australian Laws, and it is also changing because we are learning "how to interpret these laws in the context of Christian Ministry".

It is our hope that this manual will be a help to you. It's probably not something you'll sit next to the bed for light night time reading, but we do hope it will be a practical book you can refer to. It contains the CRC Charter and National and State Constitutions.

It also contains some "policy" documents: documents that we've developed in recent years to give Ministers guidelines on such issues as "Sexual Harassment", "Divorce and Remarriage" and "Discipline and Restoration of Ministers". As we develop a "policy" of other such issues, these will also be included.

We trust that you will find this manual useful and an asset as you perform your duties as a Credentialed Minister within the CRC Churches International.

In His service,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Vasilakis".

Pastor Bill Vasilakis  
***Australian National Chairman – CRC Churches International***