PET(4) WPI 11 Petitions Committee

Consultation on petition P-03-262 Wales Peace Institute Response from Edwin C.Lewis

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Ms Abigail Phillips, National Assembly for Wales, Cardiff Bay, Cardiff CF99 1NA

Dear Ms Phillips,

In the latest edition of *Y Tyst*, Robin Gwyndaf draws attention to the need to establish a peace institute for Wales.

He lists some of the infernal places that already exist in Wales, such as Aberporth and Epynt...let alone Castlemartin and many others. What is wrong with our rulers? Have they turned their backs completely on our inheritance and on our Christian faith? Without 'peace', little of value is possible.

I wish to convey my opinion that this should be the Assembly's priority for the new year, which will be upon us in less than two months.

Of course, it should form part of the study programme of every school in the country and should be a regular topic of study in every classroom. Furthermore, in respect of teachers' employment contracts, all teachers should be asked the following question: do you agree with promoting 'peace' in your lessons, and do you agree to do so on a daily basis? It is not only a teacher's qualifications that are important, but also his or her answer to this question.

Peace is the only way forward for us as a nation. Therefore, a peace institute should be established as a matter of urgency!

Sincerely, Edwin C. Lewis, M.Ed, Ph.D