Dear Mr. McGowan,

You asked me about the sequence of events at the Indian YMCA.

Sorry not to get back to you before, but we’ve been under a lot of pressure these last few weeks.

I’m not sure that I can add very much more to what we covered in our phone conversation.  But I’ll repeat here my memories of the series of events in London at the YMCA.

End 1960s  Pastor Leon Walker

                        Assisted by Stuart Powell in early 1970s

About 1972 We began to use the Holborn Library for some of our services

Summer 1974 David Wainwright appointed Pastor.  We were using the YMCA – and Holborn Library some of the time.

Sept 1976 David Wainwright transferred to the Language Department  at Ambassador College in Texas.

                      Robin Jones appointed Pastor.

                      We now used the YMCA exclusively for weekly services and Holy Day meetings.  (If the YMCA had an AGM we would meet elsewhere.

                      David Silcox assisted from 1977 – 1979

                      Bob Harrison assisted from 1980 – 1983

Sept 1985 Barry Bourne appointed Pastor

                     Edward Smith assisted him

Sept 1993 Robin Jones returned as Pastor

Oct 1999 Robin Jones retired.

                    Olivier Carion appointed Pastor

We always had a warm relationship with the General Secretary and the Administration at the YMCA The staff have been most helpful to us over the years.

On several occasions in the 1970s and 1980s the YMCA provided an Evening Dinner that all our members could enjoy. I particularly remember the help we had from Stanley Kakada when he wasGeneral Secretary. He returned later as Chief Executive, and continued to help us when we needed extra rooms – for Bible Studies, Ladies Meetings, Men’s Clubs, Young People’s activities

and other events.

Once again, I hope this may fill in one or two gaps.

Our warmest greetings to you and to Susan,

Robin and Shirley Jones

5 July 2019