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Cleric calls for private process of healing

Tuesday, February 19, 2008

By Brian Rowan

One of the church witnesses to the IRA's decommissioning has called for a " safe place" where people can share "their deepest and darkest thoughts" on Northern Ireland's past.

The Rev Harold Good was speaking as the Eames/Bradley Consultative Group continues its private dialogue.

As revealed in the Belfast Telegraph, that group recently met the UVF leadership, and is now believed to be exploring the possibility of talks with both the UDA and the IRA.

"I think there are a number of questions that could be asked of all parties to the conflict," Mr Good said.

"Do you believe this process is necessary?"

"If so, why, and if not - why not?"

"What can you say or do which would enable others to say and do what you believe they should say and do in this process?"

The former Methodist President - a founding member of the Healing Through Remembering Group - said the project on the past has to involve "all sectors of society".

"I mean that we have all contributed to this situation by what we have said and by our silence - what we have done, or what we have failed to do," he said.

"We must examine our own hearts and minds about where we have been in all of this," he continued.

The churchman believes all parties to the conflict need guidance on how best to address the past - not just the Government.

And he believes this is best done in private.

"I myself would have advised them (the Eames/Bradley Group) not to have public meetings," the Rev Good said.

"The best thing for this group would be to provide a safe place where people can share their deepest and darkest thoughts."

The report and recommendations of the Eames/Bradley Group are due this summer.

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