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## "Danny Gave Her All of the Things in Their Home"

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### Dr. Walt Thompson's Claims

In May and June 2006, 3ABN board chairman Dr. Walt Thompson made certain claims about what 3ABN president Danny Shelton did for 3ABN ex-co-founder Linda Shelton after he had previously discussed Dr. Thompson's claims regarding paying off Linda's car. On this page we discuss another point of trivia: Walt's claim that Danny gave Linda a house.

The following two different letters contained identical wording regarding what Danny had done for Linda after their divorce.

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**From:** Walt Thompson  
**CC:** Mollie Steenson  
**Subject:** 3abn  
**Date:** May 16, 2006 10:59:28 PM EDT

Dear \*\*\*\*\*,

Thanks for your interest in 3ABN and your willingness to share your questions and concerns and accompanying info.

...

Just to make this letter a bit more complete, let me tell you what I know about Danny's attempt to save Linda for himself - even after the divorce papers were signed. ... He bought her interest in the house, helped her move to South Carolina, build a porch on her home there, gave her all of the things in their home including things that were really his. ...

...

You have the choice of accepting this account that is written as carefully :  
honestly as I know how, or of accepting the things Linda is telling people

Sincerely in Jesus' precious name,

Walter Thompson  
Chairman, 3Abn Board  
Walter Thompson MD

**June 13, 2006**

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Walt Thompson  
**Subject:** Re: 3abn  
**Date:** Tue, 13 Jun 2006 21:24:27 -0500

Dear \*\*\*\*\*,

Thank you for your e mail sharing your frustrations with 3ABN. It is understandable that you may feel frustrated regarding the breakup of Dan Linda. You are not alone. ...

...

Just to make this letter a bit more complete, let me tell you what I know a Danny's attempt to save Linda for himself - even after the divorce papers signed. ... He bought her interest in the house, helped her move to Southe build a porch on her home there, gave her all of the things in their home i things that were really his. ...

...

... If you have further questions or need further evidence, please let me kr

Sincerely in Jesus' precious name,

Walter Thompson MD  
Chairman, 3ABN Board

**A Month Later, Danny Shelton Contradicts Walt**

Just one month latter, Danny's Financial Affidavit of July 13, 2006, counters Walt's

that Danny did keep a number of major items in the house, major items that Linda claims to:

**VI. ASSETS (CONT.)**

**HOUSEHOLD GOODS, APPLIANCES AND ALL OTHER PROPERTY NOT PREVIOUSLY LISTED:**

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>PRESENT VALUE</u>	<u>H TITLE</u>
Marital property Denny received:			
Bowflex exercise machine			
Stove			
2 Refrigerators			
Dishwasher			
2 Freezers			
Master bedroom set			
Downstairs bedroom set			
Old outside lawn furniture			
10 Horses + 2 horses sold	West Frankfort, IL	\$17,750.00	(\$4,50
1 Martin guitar	Same	\$9,000.00	
1 Dog	Same	\$600.00	

"Denny" is apparently a typo by Danny's attorney.

So who is telling the truth on this one? Is Walt Thompson correct when he says in 1 that Danny gave Linda everything in the house? Or is Danny correct when he testif possesses the above of list of items?

**Linda Sells "All Household Furniture" to Danny**

We first note a copy of the Bill of Sale signed on June 4, 2004, by which Linda sold furniture" to Danny:

**BILL OF SALE**

I, LINDA S. SHELTON, ... do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over DANNY L SHELTON, his executors, administrators, and assigns, all r interest in the following, to-wit:

All outside lawn furniture, the sauna, the Bow-Flex exercise machine and household furniture, furnishings and appliances and all contents of residence 2954 New Lake Road, West Frankfort, Illinois, except two (2) glass case furniture Linda brought into the marriage before the marriage, two (2) tables and all antiques and knick-knacks currently in the basement and closets.

We are unable to find a comparable Bill of Sale by which Danny sold any items to technically speaking, everything excluded above is still owned by both Danny and Linda. She does claim ownership of everything excluded from the June 4, 2004, house agreement following email that Danny sent Linda on September 14, 2004:

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Danny Shelton

**To:** Linda Shelton

**Subject:** Re: Re:

**Date:** Tuesday, September 14, 2004 7:15 AM

Linda, ....

The big Ryder truck is in San Antonio Sunday. It won't be home until about Monday or Wednesday.

You will have had time to sign the agreement by then. If you don't sign the agreement I will be much better off financially.

We will split everything 50/50 ....

We then would sell the assets including everything that you have packed up from the house already. The things at your trailer and well as your mini storage in Marion, as well as all the things in the 3ABN barn, and all the things at your parents storage facility.

The major things like the John Deere Gator and the Jacuzzi, we would sell for the money. The piano would go back to 3ABN since it really belongs to them.

According to our house agreement I bought every major thing in the house except the 6 items you listed and any of the old furniture you brought into the marriage.

Linda, I'm not too worried that you won't sign this agreement. Financially, it will be in my favor as compared to the way it stands now.

I'll let you take the things on the truck plus another load from your Marion:

place plus the things in the barn, But if you decide not to sign our agreement be your responsibility to bring everything back so we can split it up.

This email serves as official notice that if you use my truck to haul all the to Springfield and you decide not to sign the settlement agreement, that you responsible for bringing all the items that you have taken back to be split

... I've already told you the agreement as your attorney has it, stands. I'm not to modify it. It's a take it or leave it. I'm happy either way.

...

Who would have thought that all of this would have started over so called phone calls for hours at a time.

...

Love is forever

Dan

## Linda Says, "Danny Is Correct"

Since we already covered Linda's counterclaims to Walt's statement in an earlier di here only that part which deals with the things in the house. Did Danny give Linda their home" as Walt claims, or did Linda sell "all [the] household furniture" to Dan after Walt's claims, Linda wrote:

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Linda Shelton

**Subject:** RE: 3abn questions

**Date:** Wed, 20 Dec 2006 15:18:34 -0700

... I will answer your questions.

...

9) No, he did not give me "all of the things in the home..." He has all of the furniture, the boat, the jacuzzi, the sauna, about 18 Gibson guitars, the horse trailer, etc...subject to divorce case which is pending.

...

I am still much in prayer about this "whole thing." The Church at large is big-time by all of this. This must be the first concern.

Blessings to you and yours,

Linda Shelton

A later note was more detailed:

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [Linda Shelton]

**To:** \*\*\*\*\*

**Subject:** RE: 3abn questions

**Date:** Thu, 29 Mar 2007 19:52:09 -0700 (PDT)

Hi Bob,

Dan basically got all of the bedroom furniture (two sets & one queen bed 5 couches, chairs, tables, dining set & buffet, bar stools, appliances, 2 des outside furniture, etc. I got my Dad's old bedroom set, my kid's old set (m mattresses), my doll house, knick-knack cases. Dan did purchase some ne furniture for me for the small mobile home where I moved. Hope this hel

LS

## The Mover Testifies, "Danny Is Telling the Truth"

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [Derrell Mundall]

**To:** \*\*\*\*\*

**Subject:** Danny is telling the truth

**Date:** Wed, 28 Mar 2007 13:00:46 -0700

Hey \*\*\*\*\*,

Having helped Linda with her move to Springfield in 2004, I can testify f that he is telling the truth in his financial affidavit where he lists assets th go with Linda. I helped move a bedroom set that had been in her family, t other items of furniture that had come from Danny's house. A number of that we moved were new. It was my understanding that Danny bought her

furniture to replace some of the things that we did not move, such as the living room furniture and others.

Derrell

## Remaining Questions

### How Did Walt Thompson Get It Wrong?

Where or how did Dr. Thompson come up with his list of things Danny did for Linda in divorce, and how did he end up with that list being so wrong? One might assume that the source of information, but how does one find out for sure? Who on Danny's side would comment on this question?

### Where Are All the Guitars?

Danny lists one Martin guitar as a \$9,000 asset in his July 13, 2006, financial affidavit. The affidavit refers to 18 guitars that Danny still possesses. Why aren't the other 17 or so guitars listed in the financial affidavit? Why does he list only one?

That there is more than one guitar involved is fairly certain from the June 4, 2004, affidavit which, while it doesn't say how many guitars are involved, it does say "guitars," let alone that there is more than one:

3. **Linda** agrees to sign a Bill of Sale to **Danny** (see attached Exhibit A incorporated herein by reference) for her entire interest in the contents of the marital residence including sauna, outside lawn furniture, except certain items listed on attached Exhibits B & C, incorporated herein by reference. The items and guitars and miscellaneous small items are not part of this agreement.

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This page contains links to a number of 3ABN's Form 990's, which all 501(c)3 organizations are required to file each year with the Internal Revenue Service. Just click on the year you are interested in.

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### **"I Greatly Support Your Efforts"**

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**From:** RW  
**To:** AUreporter  
**Subject:** A comment of support, and a question  
**Date:** Sun, 25 Mar 2007 21:30:06 -0500

I want you to know that I greatly support your efforts to shine the light of day onto the situation at 3ABN. Nobody else is doing it the way you are...with documentation. I realize you must be getting a lot of pressure to stop, but that's to be expected.

I have a question that nobody else has been able to answer. Maybe you can shed some light on this.

I've been following this ongoing saga for over two years now, and I have not seen or heard any indications that the church leadership are concerned enough to look into this situation and try to use their influence to bring a resolution to the problem.

Maybe they are, but are not telling us. If so, why not? Their silence seems to indicate an unconcerned diffidence. I'm perplexed and beginning to be frustrated about this "deafening silence" from the leadership in the face of what appears to me to be one of the biggest scandals in the history of the denomination.

Are there any indications that we may be seeing our leaders exercise some "leadership" pertaining to this situation?

Sincerely,

RW

----- Original Message -----

**From:** WebMaster

**To:** RW

**Subject:** Re: A comment of support, and a question

**Date:** Sun, 25 Mar 2007 21:59:19 -0500

Yes, there are indications. And you should feel free to express your concern to leaders that you know, which will possibly encourage them to either look into the matter or voice their feelings more publicly.

Not long ago, before the conference presidents' meeting, a friend of mine called a conference president and shared some things with him. That president was unaware of what was happening, and was initially surprised that his union president hadn't said anything. Then it dawned on him why he hadn't. Now since I wasn't on the line, I can't tell you all the reasons he could think of why his union president hadn't said anything, but it makes sense to me why he might not.

But that is changing, I think. There should be little political risk for our leaders to speak out now, and there should be enough info out there now for them to make an informed decision for themselves about what is going on.

I do know of a ministerial secretary in one conference that just sent out the *AToday* article on Tommy to various ones. I know of another pastor in another conference who got a copy of that email.

And then there have been two pastors in \*\*\*\*\* that have forwarded to quite a few Linda's request that the evidence against her be made public. I know a pastor in \*\*\*\*\* got it from one of those pastors, and someone in \*\*\*\*\* got it from the other.

Momentum is building, and there are some things in the works that we will all find out in due time. And praise God that at this point it looks like all of this will not have the devastating impact on our church and mission that it looked like it could have had.

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God bless.

WebMaster

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----- Original Message -----  
**From:** C  
**To:** AUreporter  
**Subject:** danny  
**Date:** Wed, 21 Mar 2007 1:20 pm  
  
...  
  
I have been following your website for a couple of weeks now and you are doing a FANTASTIC job of uncovering the real DANNY SHELTON. Not the person we see on 3ABN. Keep it up and MAYBE someday he will admit his guilt, confess his sins and be done with it! I am not sinless. I am not trying to appear so either. But I confess and am forgiven. He owes Linda and ALL of his viewers a confession.

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## "I Saw Through Danny a Long Time Ago" "Didn't Need Any of This Info"

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----- Original Message -----

**From:** LJ  
**To:** WebMaster  
**Subject:** Who are you?  
**Date:** Tue, 3 Apr 2007 05:26:33 -0400

...

I saw through Danny a long time ago. Didn't need any of this info. Before the divorce I thought Linda was getting liberal, but AFTER the divorce I saw that liberalism increased! Because I had a friend (deceased) who personally knew the Shelton's, he knew of Tommy's homosexuality. I knew Danny must know that, and wondered why he would let him be on 3ABN, and I also knew he was a preacher in a Sunday church. That was a red flag. From my point of view Danny was using 3 ABN to promote the Shelton family. And Melody's divorce and remarriage, and new baby was another red flag. None of this should be put before the public. What is going on with Danny? Why does he think his supporters are so dumb not to see through all of this?

But the main thing that bothered me, is the PENTECOSTAL atmosphere of his live meetings. Lots of clapping and praise to each other. I could not watch so turned it off. I waited for the day when Danny would cleverly introduce his new wife on TV. That did it. I got up and turned it off, and wrote and told him I would do so *whenever he appeared with her*. **What an affront to all of us out here.** Again, he thinks we are a bunch of dummies. Well, the financial support must have dropped off, so what does Danny do? He starts putting on some excellent CONSERVATIVE preachers. Very clever of him.

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It is very obvious by the tone of Danny's emails that he is not a converted man. He has all head knowledge, and he has more "stuff" than any preacher should have! I have a friend who was in the entertainment world as a guitarist. He noticed that Danny sometimes uses VERY EXPENSIVE guitars, and wondered **how come a preacher owned such expensive guitars?**

I wonder what role Danny will play in the upcoming GLOBAL RAIN? If Danny lives up to what I think he is, He will be very clever and use this time to "repent" and use this chance to regain the sympathy of many of his viewers. He should put away his new wife if he truly repents!

3ABN would be better on in the control of the church with Danny removed, but, I bet that will never happen. As time goes on Danny will "hang" himself and none of us need to give him the rope, he will do it all himself.

LJ

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## The June 4, 2004, House Agreement

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Battered Wife:  
"Home Loan?"

Through the following agreement prior to their divorce, Linda sold to Danny her half of the house along with all the furniture and appliances, except for certain items specifically excluded from the agreement under paragraph "3," Exhibit B, and Exhibit C:

- "Horses"
- "Guitars"
- "Miscellaneous small items"
- "Two (2) glass cases"
- "Furniture Linda brought into the marriage before the marriage"
- "Two (2) treadmills"
- "All antiques"
- "Knick-knacks currently in the basement and closets"
- "Blue vibrating chair"
- "White wicker shelf unit"
- "Dad's bedroom set"
- "Linda's doll house"
- "Alyssa & Nathan's baby chairs"
- "Three (3) glass curio cabinets"
- "Antique family tables"

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Some of the above items, being drawn from three different places in the agreement, appear to be repetitious.

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None of the above items are given to Linda by the following agreement. Danny still retained ownership of them, including Linda's children's baby chairs, which Danny made fairly clear in his email of September 14, 2004.

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### AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT entered into this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2004, at West Frankfort, Illinois, by and between **DANNY L. SHELTON**, hereinafter referred to as "**Danny**," and **LINDA S. SHELTON**, hereinafter referred to as "**Linda**", Husband and Wife, each in their own right;

Both parties acknowledge that their marriage is under



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severe stress at this time and both parties desire to resolve all questions of legal ownership in their marital residence, its contents and approximately 18 acres with all buildings and appurtenances located in unincorporated Franklin County, Illinois and having a common address of 2954 New Lake Road, West Frankfort, Illinois.

Should either party file a petition for dissolution of marriage, both parties desire that this agreement be incorporated in either a marital, settlement agreement or the judicial order which severs the bonds of matrimony if no marital settlement agreement is reached.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual covenants, promises and agreements contained herein the parties agree as follows:

1. a) **Danny** agrees to pay to **Linda** the sum of ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-SIX THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED EIGHT AND 19/100 (\$126,908.19) DOLLARS on or before June 7, 2004, which is \$150,000. less an existing loan from **Danny** to **Linda** of \$19,000. and less one-half of the estimated 2003 due 2004 and 2004 due 2005 pro-rated real estate tax in the amount of \$4,091.81.

b) **Danny** will be solely responsible for the debt on the marital residence, he shall remove **Linda** from any obligation thereon, he shall indemnify and hold **Linda** harmless for any obligation now or in the future on the marital residence, and he will refinance or payoff the obligation within thirty (30) days of the date of this agreement to remove **Linda** from the obligation or this agreement is void.

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2. **Linda** agrees to sign a quitclaim deed to **Danny** for her undivided one-half (1/2) interest in the marital residence and approximately 8 acres with all buildings and appurtenances described as follows:

See Exhibit A incorporated herein by reference.

3. **Linda** agrees to sign a Bill of Sale to **Danny** (see attached Exhibit B incorporated herein by reference) for her

entire interest in the contents of said marital residence including sauna, outside lawn furniture, except certain items listed on attached Exhibits B & C, incorporated herein by reference. The horses and guitars and miscellaneous small items are not part of this agreement.

4. From this day forward each party is solely responsible for any credit card debt the party incurs; and each will hold the other harmless therefrom.

5. **Danny and Linda** agree that should either party at any time with no time limit file a petition for dissolution of marriage in any court, the real estate and other property which is the subject of this Agreement shall be treated by both parties as being non-marital property belonging solely, exclusively and completely to **Danny**, and **Linda** will not assert any claim of ownership or interest of any nature or degree at any time especially during the dissolution proceeding.

6. In further consideration for the monies paid in this agreement, the property exchanged and the mutual covenants, promises and agreements herein, both **Danny** and **Linda** agree not to seek either maintenance, support or alimony payments in relation to a separation or dissolution action which may be filed at any time by either party.

7. This Agreement is contingent upon a title search being completed prior to recording said deed and the results of such a search must not discover any defect or cloud on the title other than the existing mortgage and accrued real estate taxes.

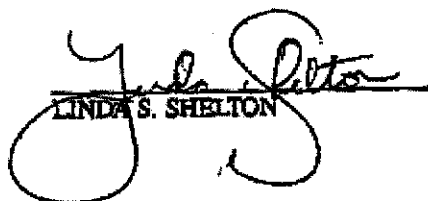
8. In the event that either party should find it necessary to retain an attorney for the enforcement of any of the provisions hereunder

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occasioned by the fault of the other party, the party not in default shall be entitled to recover from the defaulting party reasonable attorney's fees, expenses and court costs incurred whether said attorney's fees are incurred for the purpose of negotiation, trial, appellate or other legal services.

9. **Danny** waives any and all interest or claim he may have in any settlement monies paid **Linda Shelton** from Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc.

  
DANNY L. SHELTON

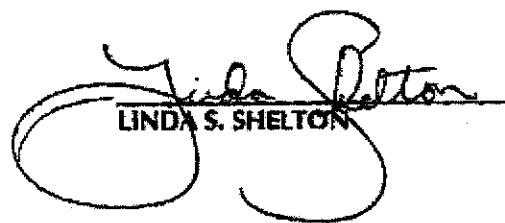
  
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**BILL OF SALE**

I, **LINDA S. SHELTON**, of West Frankfort, Franklin County, Illinois, in consideration of **TEN AND 00/100 (\$10.00) DOLLARS**, to me paid by **DANNY L. SHELTON**, of West Frankfort, Franklin County, Illinois, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over to **DANNY L. SHELTON**, his executors, administrators, and assigns, all my interest in the following, to-wit:

All outside lawn furniture, the sauna, the Bow-Flex exercise machine and all household furniture, furnishings and appliances and all contents of residence at 2954 New Lake Road, West Frankfort, Illinois, **except** two (2) glass cases, furniture Linda brought into the marriage before the marriage, two (2) treadmills and all antiques and knick-knacks currently in the basement and closets.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, Seller has signed and sealed this bill of sale at West Frankfort, Illinois, on the 4 day of June, 2004.

  
LINDA S. SHELTON

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
John Drew  
Attorney for Linda S. Shelton



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**EXHIBIT C**

- Blue vibrating chair
- White wicker shelf unit
- Dad's bedroom set
- Linda's doll house
- Alyssa & Nathan's baby chairs
- Three (3) glass curio cabinets
- Antique family tables

**AGREEMENT**

THIS AGREEMENT entered into this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2004, at West Frankfort, Illinois, by and between **DANNY L. SHELTON**, hereinafter referred to as "Danny," and **LINDA S. SHELTON**, hereinafter referred to as "Linda," Husband and Wife, each in their own right;

Both parties acknowledge that their marriage is under severe stress at this time and both parties desire to resolve all questions of legal ownership in their marital residence, its contents and approximately 18 acres with all buildings and appurtenances located in unincorporated Franklin County, Illinois and having a common address of 2954 New Lake Road, West Frankfort, Illinois.

Should either party file a petition for dissolution of marriage, both parties desire that this agreement be incorporated in either a marital settlement agreement or the judicial order which severs the bonds of matrimony if no marital settlement agreement is reached.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants, promises and agreements contained herein, the parties agree as follows:

1. a) Danny agrees to pay to Linda the sum of ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-SIX THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED EIGHT AND 19/100 (\$126,908.19) DOLLARS on or before June 7, 2004, which is \$150,000 less an existing loan from Danny to Linda of \$19,000, and less one-half of the estimated 2003 due 2004 and 2004 due 2005 pro-rated real estate tax in the amount of \$4,091.81.

b) Danny will be solely responsible for the debt on the marital residence, he shall remove Linda from any obligation thereon, he shall indemnify and hold Linda harmless for any obligation now or in the future on the marital residence, and he will refinance or payoff the obligation within thirty (30) days of the date of this agreement to remove Linda from the obligation or this agreement is void.

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EXHIBIT

2. Linda agrees to sign a quitclaim deed to Danny for her undivided one-half (1/2) interest in the marital residence and approximately 3.5 acres with all buildings and appurtenances described as follows:

See Exhibit A incorporated herein by reference.

3. Linda agrees to sign a Bill of Sale to Danny (see attached Exhibit B incorporated herein by reference) for her entire interest in the contents of said marital residence including sauna, outside lawn furniture, except certain items listed on attached Exhibits B & C, incorporated herein by reference. The horses and guitars and miscellaneous small items are not part of this agreement.

4. From this day forward each party is solely responsible for any credit card debt the party incurs; and each will hold the other harmless therefrom.

5. Danny and Linda agree that should either party at any time with no time limit file a petition for dissolution of marriage in any court, the real estate and other property which is the subject of this Agreement shall be treated by both parties as being non-marital property belonging solely, exclusively and completely to Danny, and Linda will not assert any claim of ownership or interest of any nature or degree at any time especially during the dissolution proceeding.

6. In further consideration for the monies paid in this agreement, the property exchanged and the mutual covenants, promises and agreements herein, both Danny and Linda agree not to seek either maintenance, support or alimony payments in relation to a separation or dissolution action which may be filed at any time by either party.

7. This Agreement is contingent upon a title search being completed prior to recording said deed and the results of such a search must not discover any defect or cloud on the title other than the existing mortgage and accrued real estate taxes.

8. In the event that either party should find it necessary to retain an attorney for the enforcement of any of the provisions hereunder

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occasioned by the fault of the other party, the party not in default shall be entitled to recover from the defaulting party reasonable attorney's fees, expenses and court costs incurred whether said attorney's fees are incurred for the purpose of negotiation, trial, appellate or other legal services.

9. Danny waives any and all interest or claim he may have in any settlement monies paid Linda Shelton from Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc.

  
DANNY J. SHELTON

  
LINDA S. SHELTON

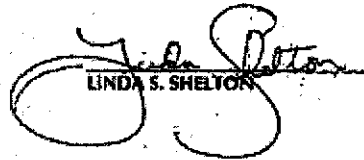
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**BILL OF SALE**

I, **LINDA S. SHELTON**, of West Frankfort, Franklin County, Illinois, in consideration of **TEN AND 00/100 (\$10.00) DOLLARS**, to me paid by **DANNY L. SHELTON**, of West Frankfort, Franklin County, Illinois, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over to **DANNY L. SHELTON**, his executors, administrators, and assigns, all my interest in the following, to-wit:

All outside lawn furniture, the sauna, the Bow-Flex exercise machine and all household furniture, furnishings and appliances and all contents of residence at 2954 New Lake Road, West Frankfort, Illinois, except two (2) glass cases, furniture Linda brought into the marriage before the marriage, two (2) treadmills and all antiques and knick-knacks currently in the basement and closets.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Seller has signed and sealed this bill of sale at West Frankfort, Illinois, on the 4 day of June, 2004.

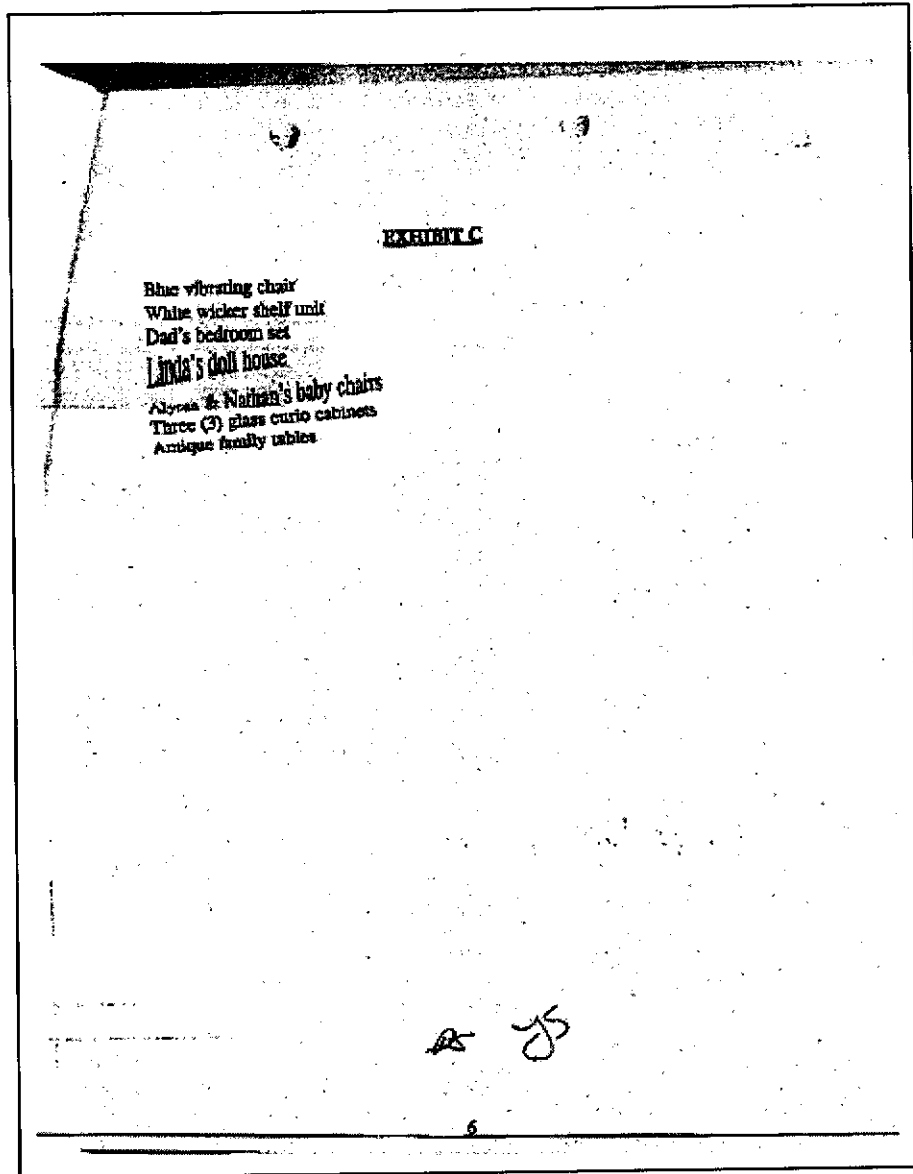
  
LINDA S. SHELTON

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
**John Drew**  
Attorney for Linda S. Shelton



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Lies hide in darkness & blame everyone else."***



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## Open Letter by Barbara Kerr

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The following letter was published at the request of Barbara Kerr on [BlackSDA.com](http://BlackSDA.com) on August 16, 2006. The bolding of the original letter has been restored.

There are a number of categories that we could place this letter in, but we will place it here under "Ethical Allegations" since it documents alleged retribution exacted by Danny Shelton over the stands people take on matters unrelated to the programs they air on 3ABN.

The documented allegations of retribution include:

- Dropping Barbara Kerr's program from 3ABN because Barbara took a position on a personal matter that was different than that of 3ABN president Danny Shelton.
- Removal of all traces of Barbara Kerr's Taste Of Health miracle stories from Kay Kuzma's book about 3ABN, *Mending Broken People*.
- Threatening musicians who were scheduled to participate in a benefit for Barbara Kerr to the point that they cancelled out.
- Refusing to donate or sell the masters of Barbara Kerr's programs and the rights associated with them to her ministry.

There are many other items of interest in this letter, including the following allegations:

- Danny Shelton would call Barbara Kerr and talk with her for as long as two hours about his wife, which according to him constitutes "spiritual adultery" and grounds for divorce.
- Danny would call Barbara right after Linda had talked with her, which suggested to Barbara that Linda's phones may have been tapped.
- Etc.

**For two years now I, Barbara Kerr, have kept silent regarding the happenings surrounding one of my best friends, Linda Shelton. I am one of those ministries**

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referred to in Dr. Abrahamsen's letter that was affected adversely by the split of the Shelton marriage. June 1st, 2004, all of Linda's programming was taken off of the air. By default, my ministry seemingly disappeared overnight as we had taped 99% of all of my cooking programs together.

I didn't know anything was wrong until the first week of May 2004. (I was in Italy the entire month of April and was not available to Linda.) As soon as I heard the rumors that she had "run off" with a Norwegian doctor, I called Linda (**she was at 3ABN not in Norway**). I jumped in my car the next day with my friend Claudia, and we made the 11-hour drive to West Frankfort, IL. We stayed three days and had an opportunity to visit with both Danny and Linda.

I would like to stop here and say that by my not being a "paid" employee of 3ABN, I have had a unique opportunity watching employees come and go. In seven years of volunteering at this ministry, I really got a feel for their personalities versus their characters. I also watched in horror as **some people would work so hard to position themselves to climb the ladder of success.** You could see "pride of position" stamped on their foreheads as they walked the halls searching desperately for fame. It's no wonder Linda and Danny both have become leery over the years of people trying to become their "friends." It's unfortunate that people will use people, but this is the real world after all, and God warns us that "whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant, and whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

I had the privilege of meeting many Godly people while volunteering at 3ABN who were the same off of camera as they were when the cameras were rolling. I would have to say that was especially true of Linda Shelton. She was as sweet, charming, spiritual and *innocent* off camera as she was on! **If that was the only statement that I had to make about Linda, it would be enough, for each of you saw the "real" Linda as she held out her hand in prayer on every "Presents" program.**

I have kept my mouth shut to the public about the things that I have known for the past two years because I knew that God would reveal every secret thing in its time.

Danny is a very powerful man. Maybe the most powerful man in the SDA church and his influence is felt far and wide. **When he doesn't like you he has no problem picking up the phone to call conference presidents and heads of ministries.** I have personally felt his wrath and its consequences by standing up to him, asking hard questions (when everyone else was afraid too) and continuing to be a friend to Linda and support her through this nightmare.

I can honestly say that I hate injustice and I refuse to stand by and watch someone be bullied. My husband and I are very much the same in this respect. With that said, it was so incredibly confusing those first few months listening to both Danny and Linda talk about their "problem." Each person was emphatic that the other person was lying. At this time, both Dan and Linda had credibility with me even though Linda and I were actually close friends. It would give me a headache just trying to sort out what each one had verbalized.

It was also clear early on that Linda had a receptive spirit to being counseled, while Dan was "closed off" and "non-receptive." By that statement I don't mean that he wouldn't talk to Claudia and me. He did. He just did 99% of the talking. It was as if Dan was on "machine gun mode" and his words just shot out of him like bullets. I should also say that at the time we drove up to 3ABN, it didn't matter to me if Linda was guilty or innocent. I was on my way because she needed a friend.

I was appalled that Linda had been locked out of 3ABN and completely cut off from talking to the employees. The hard drive from her computer was removed and she wasn't able to retrieve any information that she had stored in that computer.

I may not be a PhD, but it didn't take much common sense to see that Linda was being "cut off" from all former friends and co-workers. Linda, Claudia and myself talked for hours, we prayed together, we cried

together and we counseled together. I kept hearing the words of Jesus in my ears: "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends."

Danny has always maintained that Linda would not receive counsel and it is my belief that nothing could be farther from the truth. What she didn't want was 3ABN "arranged" counsel and refused anything that smelled of *it*.

I had one opportunity to ask Danny tough questions during our three-day stay. I knew that even by asking, that they might not be well received. My questions were 1) Are you having an affair? 2) Have you fallen in love with someone else? 3) Are you willing to acknowledge that you have responsibility for your marriage falling apart?

Dan emphatically denied an affair or any love interest other than Linda, but he was completely unwilling to take one shred of responsibility for the marriage beginning to unravel. The entire blame was on Linda's shoulders and he had many reasons why it was all her fault.

During the weeks that followed I received several two-hour long phone calls from Danny. I averaged about five minutes during those conversations. Again, his words flew out like machine gun fire almost painful to listen to. He was definitely on a mission to discredit his wife and isolate her from *ANYONE* that lent her a helping hand or a shoulder to cry on. He sounded so extremely believable and convincing. He had some kind of so-called "proof" for every "thing" she was being accused of. Eventually Danny persuaded me with partial truths that Linda was the one in the wrong. I was even mad at Dr. Abrahamsen for not walking away from the situation because I believed he was only making matters worse by continuing to befriend her.

Linda and I didn't speak for about three months (Oct.-Dec.), but she continued to maintain her innocence. Occasionally she would send me an email with an update and a kind word. Never once did she get mad at me for not "siding" with her. **What I found strange was that**

**every time Linda and I would begin talking over the phone again, within about 24-hours I would get a phone call out of the blue from Dan** and he would begin his torturous rundown of all his "evidence." (Were her phones tapped?) hmmmm.....

I prayed that God would show me the truth in the situation and I asked for wisdom to respond to each of them. Whenever Linda and I began to reconnect again, Danny became angry. **His words were more than unkind as he spoke "ugliness" about his former wife.** I began losing respect for him not only as a husband, but as the Christian leader he should have been portraying! He spoke about his wife's menstrual cycle freely over the phone. (HUGE MISTAKE – how inappropriate and disgusting. AND, if he was discussing it with me, surely he was discussing it with others.) He actually had the nerve to say one day, "Well, I've always said that Linda would spread her legs for anyone." Unbelievable beyond words!!!!!! What Christian leader would say that? And to use the words "I've *always* said." How many times had he said that to someone?

These disgusting statements weren't the first time Danny's words had turned my stomach causing me to lose tremendous respect for him as a leader. It is shameful to even repeat what he said. (I have decided not to repeat it because it's too horrible and what bugs me more than anything is that I can't tell this truth, because no matter how true it is, the incident is too inflammatory to be published. Maybe someday, the truth will be known.)

The last time I taped a cooking program at 3ABN was early December of 2003. I will never forget gathering up the last tray full of dishes and food on the kitchen set and heading for the door. **As I neared the piano, goose bumps stood up all over my body and a voice so audible in my head said, "This is the last time you will ever tape a program here."** I was so shocked I stopped walking, turned around to look at the kitchen set and said out loud, "No, that can't be." There was no shaking the feeling, so I stood there in stunned silence for a moment as I took it all in one last time.

I was sure the voice must be wrong because Dee Hildebrand and I had already set the schedule for the following year. The strangest thing happened though. My normal schedule of taping every other month beginning in January just wouldn't work out. This time, no matter how we tried to arrange the schedule, the first possible spot was just after July 4th, taping a LIVE with Dr. Neil Nedley. Then, I wasn't on the schedule again until late September, so we also booked October, and December.

I don't remember if it was January, February or March (2004), but Kay Kuzma called my home and told me that she was working on a new book called *Mending Broken People*. It was to be a book about the ministries that "made up" 3ABN and the miracle stories that surrounded their work. She interviewed me for about 40 minutes over the phone asking questions about Taste Of Health and how my ministry had changed the lives of others. I shared several testimonies with her, and she thanked me for my contribution to 3ABN and for allowing her to share my story.

I didn't hear from Kay again until late May or early June 2004. **This conversation was much different.** She was doing her best to find out where I stood regarding Linda and Danny. I wasn't budging from Linda's side. I commented that Danny still hadn't been able to show me a single Bible text that indicated I should turn my back on my friend. I, too, was unable to persuade Kay of Linda's innocence – her mind was made up. We hung up. Her new book was published several months later and all traces of Taste Of Health miracle stories had been removed. It was as if by not including the seven years of volunteer work that I had done, they could pretend that I had not been a big part of 3ABN's health message.

Spring came. Claudia, my mother and myself spent the entire month of April 2004 in Italy. It was just days after arriving home that we learned of Linda's being "out-ed" at 3abn.

May was just a whirlwind with the 3ABN "mess," school getting out and one of my closest girlfriends was six months pregnant and needed a place to stay. Bill and I

opened up our home to her and she asked me to be her coach. During my friend's doctor visit in June they moved her due date up to July 12th. She began to get increasingly nervous knowing that my "tape date" was on July 6th. I was growing more and more frustrated with Danny (the divorce had just gone through) and **I really wasn't sure I would be able to tape anything without Linda in the kitchen.** It just didn't seem right. I was somewhat relieved because of the due date being so close and I called and cancelled the LIVE.

The baby was born July 15th, and my friend was still not back with her husband. She slipped into serious postpartum depression and missed her husband terribly. After working out the details of reuniting, she finally convinced me that she could not manage the trip home the first week of September by herself, so my husband bought me a ticket.

I called Dee the middle of August to explain that I just couldn't get my recipes together in time for the September deadline, that I had too much on my plate at the moment and that I would be flying back to my girlfriend's home with her and the baby. I needed to cancel once again. Part of me was relieved. I still wasn't sure I fit in anymore.

**The next morning I received a phone call from Tommy Shelton explaining that they had cancelled my remaining "tape dates"** and that my taping cooking programs for 3ABN wasn't a good fit anymore. He was kind (as I had always known Tommy to be), but nonetheless, he was the "axe man" that day.

As I hung up the phone I began to cry and my crying turned into big "red-headed" sobs. Then I remembered the words the Holy Spirit had whispered in my ear last December, and **I knew that in fact, I would never tape there again. I had been fired.**

I knew that when I stood by Linda that it would most likely affect my taping at 3ABN, but then I've never been one to be "politically correct." Unlike the actual 3ABN employees, I wasn't losing a paycheck. I had been working for free for eight years. You see, I had made a



vow to God in 1994 that I would spend the rest of my life helping others to not get as sick as I once did. **Danny Shelton didn't call me to the ministry, God did. Dan's allowing me to tape programs or not tape programs was a trivial thing to God, and it still is.**

I had always known that Three Angels was only a training ground. **The Lord had impressed me very early on that it was temporary and that He had something much, much bigger down the road.** Looking back, I can't help but feel my seven years of training at 3ABN was the perfect amount of time.

Even though I was no longer an invited guest at 3ABN, it didn't stop Danny from calling off and on to keep up with his "Linda trashing." I decided that time would reveal the real liar. Even though what Danny said all sounded irrefutable, **I couldn't get over how instead of trying to shelter and protect his wife from the public, he was tearing her apart with his words to anyone that would listen.** It didn't take long for him to reveal more of his spots.

**Because my programs had been taken off the air and I didn't own the rights to the master copies, seven years worth of my work was locked up in what I like to call "cooking school prison" at 3ABN.** Three Angels would no longer air the shows because they had Linda in them, but they wouldn't donate or sell the programs to me either. They even refused to sell copies of the programs to viewers that would call in and request them. Clearly they were of no more use to 3ABN's ministry, but **when I asked Danny if he would donate my work to my ministry his reply was, "One shouldn't cut off his nose to spite his face."** He then wrote an entire paragraph outlining all of the "new rumors" that I was supposedly saying about him. Rumors that I hadn't heard until I received his letter. He also requested a statement in writing that he could give to people when they wanted to know where I stood on the subject of him and 3ABN.

I was in a quandary. Even though I loved and supported 3ABN, I had lost pretty much all respect for Danny. He is unable to separate himself from the ministry in that

way and I was unable to lie in order to receive those masters. **This letter is my public response to his request, so everyone will know just where I stand in respect to how I feel about his ungodly leadership.**

At the close of his last email to me his words cut me like a knife. He said,

"Barb, it honestly doesn't make me any difference who you support in this situation. We will all go on the same. Your influence, as you know, won't make or break 3ABN as well as make or break Linda.

"But at least people won't be able to accuse you of jumping ship to serve your own selfish purposes."

**I was filled with righteous indignation.** Since when had working eight years without a paycheck, trying to educate the public and teach God's Law's of Health, qualified as "serving my own selfish purposes"? **I decided to take an entirely different approach.**

I've always been a prayer warrior, **so I went to my Bible in search of answers.** I kept reading passages from Psalms where David's prayers against his oppressors were extremely direct. David minced no words in telling God what he wanted done to the people that hated him. I had never prayed this way before and wasn't sure if I could.

**I did change my prayers the day that email arrived in my inbox.** My prayer became, "Lord, scatter Danny Shelton and his family like chaff in the wind. Set the oppressed free. Make us the head and not the tail. Contend with those that contend with me. You have promised not to be a respecter of Kings and rulers and those with a proud heart. Shut the mouth of those that speak lies about us. Let them be drunk with their own blood as with wine. But let Your servant rejoice. Let my

accusers be clothed with shame, and let them cover themselves with their own disgrace as with a mantle. I will greatly praise the Lord with my mouth; Yes, I will praise Him among the multitude. For He shall stand at the right hand of the poor, to save her from those who condemn her." (If you read Psalm 109, I used this prayer as my example.)

This prayer might sound extremely harsh, but let me tell you, God began to move in a powerful way revealing every secret thing. **Danny may think that someone he considers as small and insignificant as myself cannot touch "the anointed one" (as 3ABN likes to call Dan), but God sees every tear shed by His servants and hears every humble plea. PRAYER CHANGES EVERYTHING!**

Jumping back to the summer of 2004 (after Linda was fired and taken off the air), my mother and sister decided to surprise me with a fundraiser concert in Atlanta, GA. **It was to raise money so Taste Of Health could build a kitchen studio.** They worked for months securing a location and hired 24 musicians. Huge debt was racking up on my mother's credit cards as she was self-sacrificing and planned this huge event. They told me about it at Christmas and I was so surprised and shocked, but happy. *I so desired to build a studio and get back to work!*

Long story short, **two people that had agreed to participate in the concert both called on a Monday (the same Monday) to say how sorry they were that they couldn't participate.** I will leave them nameless. One of the two called to tell me that Danny had called them and he had explained how if he/she came to the concert and supported my ministry, that it might be *misconstrued* and all of his/her conference funding for his/her new project might get cancelled, Dan *wasn't* sure. It was enough of a "hint threat" that they opted not to take the risk. I assured him/her it was okay, hung up the phone and cried for three days.

Finally on the third day I picked up a new book from Joel Osteen called *Your Best Life Now* and began to read. The more I read the better I felt. Chapters five and six

were all about claiming God's favor as you would claim the gift of salvation. By the time I was finished with those two chapters I was excited and claiming God's favor over my life and my ministry. My attitude changed and I quit sulking because of Danny's wrath (which I was now experiencing). I've never quite been the same since reading those chapters and having a deeper understanding of God's favor. I have learned peace amidst the storm. **Dan's wrath doesn't scare me anymore because I know I'm surrounded by God's favor.**

**Even as recent as this past February, 3ABN was still blocking Linda from speaking engagements.** Linda had been invited February 18, 2006, by our local pastor, to speak at the 11 o'clock worship hour and for the vespers program that evening here in Columbia, SC. As soon as the news that Linda was speaking in our church made its way through our conference office, our pastor received a phone call from John Lomacang (3ABN's pastor). **Within a week I received a phone call from my pastor instructing me to call Linda Shelton back and UNINVITE her.** I refused. Now, my "very uncomfortable" pastor squirmed as he gave me reason after reason that it wouldn't be politically correct for Linda to speak at our church. He assured me that *he* wanted Linda here, but that she had left the "White SDA Conference" *not-in-good-standing*. His hands were "tied" and there was nothing he could do.

Experiencing Dan's wrath did begin to answer the question in my mind as to who was lying. ***Then I caught Dan in a great big lie.*** It was the last time he and I spoke on the phone. (It's never a short conversation when Danny is trashing Linda and re-hashing all his "evidence.")

That particular day I wanted answers about his relationship with his step-daughter Alyssa. Danny became very animated over the phone and bubbly. He said that he and Alyssa were great friends, they were buddies, and that he called her often and they had wonderful conversations. Alyssa had even recently written him a prescription (she had just graduated as a Physician's Assistant) for an infection he had. When I

asked him about the "backrubs" he had been giving her before she left home (at the age of 23), he said, "Oh yeah, we're very close. Sometimes I would go in her room, and sit on her bed, and we'll just have great talks while I rub her back. It's just a loving gesture." We hung up.

**What Danny didn't expect was that I would actually pick up the phone and call Alyssa to verify his story.** Alyssa is a very sweet, private and shy person. When she got on the phone I explained how I had been in this "tug-of-war" over finding the truth. Danny always sounded so convincing and made Linda sound like a complete liar. I told her I would understand if she didn't want to answer my questions, but that it would put my mind at ease, *finally!*

When I explained that Dan had described their relationship as a great friendship and that they talked all the time on the phone and I asked about the prescription, you could hear a sigh of disgust on the other end. Alyssa said, "We are *NOT* friends, he *won't* quit calling me and I only wrote him a prescription because I felt sorry for him."

Then I asked her a very personal question. She was silent for a few moments, then answered my question with amazing honesty. I am not at liberty to disclose the biggest part of the lie that I caught Dan in that day, but it was the evidence I had been praying about.

"So do you want your mom and Danny to get back together?" I asked. "Absolutely not! He's a jerk and she deserves better. I never want them to get back together," she stated emphatically. I thanked her for her honesty and for helping me understand what the truth was and we said good-bye.

Alyssa handed the phone to her mom. Linda said, "Barb, I never knew why she moved out of the house so suddenly. I can't believe it." We said good-bye so she could go talk to Alyssa, and I sat there in stunned disbelief. **I never told Danny that I had picked up the phone to verify his story. I didn't need to. God had promised over and over again that if I would just be**

**patient and wait on Him, that He would reveal every secret thing in its time.**

### **An Update on Taste Of Health Ministry**

I just want to take a moment to say "Thank You" to all the loyal supporters of my ministry that continue to call and tell me that they miss seeing me and Linda cooking in her "kitchen." I have so appreciated your prayers and hugs over the phone.

Since the removal of my cooking programs I started doing more cooking schools again in churches around the country. I was also the main women's retreat speaker in Cape May, NJ, this past April. God also opened an amazing door here in Columbia, SC, at Fort Jackson, our military base. I am teaching a class (along with another woman) to the female officers called, "Every Woman's Battle." It's a weekly class on sexual integrity as God intended it. The class has been a huge success so far and we are excited about the questions these women are asking regarding the Bible.

**My husband, Bill, and I will be in Spokane, WA, September 9th, giving our first marriage seminar on "How to Get Along." If you would like details, just call Mable Dunbar at the Upper Columbia Conference (509-838-2761).**

**Some of you have noticed that I have quit posting a calendar of events on my web page.** It was easier to eliminate the posting of events than to deal with the sabotages. I hope you understand.

A year ago in August, **Taste Of Health applied for non-profit status.** We are only days away from being approved for our 501(c)3 and we are excited about that.

**Many of you have called to ask if I am going to tape programs anymore.** The answer is, "YES." I am going to tape programs again because I want to get back to work doing what God called me to do!

**I am saying "Yes" in faith. The HOPE Channel and**

**LLBN have both indicated that they would love to air my cooking programs, but neither facility has a kitchen studio. I am still without a studio or the funds to build one. (I've had the plans drawn up for a year now just waiting on God's timing to be perfect, and His hand to move on my behalf). Last week Claudia and I sat down and planned out 120 thirty-minute programs. I don't know where the studio will be, nor do I have the funds to accomplish this work, but that's God's problem. We have a deal – I work, and He supplies my needs.**

**God is so awesome and I just want to praise Him for everything. Even though the last two years have been rough, to say the least, God has taught me two valuable lessons that I wouldn't trade for anything. He has taught me the lesson of "rejection," (Believe me, you have only seen the tip of the iceberg in what has been printed on these pages), and He taught me to praise Him, in ALL circumstances, no matter what!**

**I'm not angry with Danny anymore when he attacks me. I don't hate him. I *do pray for justice*, and that God will use my ministry to bring ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands to know the Savior. Bless the Lord oh my soul, and all that is within me bless His holy name. To God be the glory!**

**If you would like to contact my ministry you can do so through my website [www.tasteofhealth.net](http://www.tasteofhealth.net) or by email at [tasteofhealth at hotmail dot com](mailto:tasteofhealth@hotmail.com).**

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# Barbara Kerr: "I Will Ask You One More Time"

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In the following email Barbara Kerr asks one more time for the masters of her programs, and the rights to use them. Danny's reply will be posted later, and Barbara's reply to his reply will be posted after that.

Barbara also takes some time to plead with Danny's soul.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Barbara Kerr  
**To:** [Danny Shelton]  
**Subject:** I will ask you one more time  
**Date:** 11/30/2006 3:26:29 PM

Hi Danny,

I hope by now that you can see clearly that your participation in promoting the health message via my Taste Of Health ministry, is not based on whether or not you *called* me to the ministry, but on whom God sees fit to call into ministry.

**I hope that your eyes have been opened to the power of a praying person!** I did not go to Mr. Joy for vindication, but rather I went to my knees daily asking God to reveal every secret thing you have been up to, and that God would set the oppressed free. I continue to ask that God will scatter you and your family like chaff in the wind and that you will step into your own traps. You may feel like this is a harsh thing to pray, but it's very biblical. Just read Psalms.

I implore you to do the right thing and humbly confess your sins publicly and beg for forgiveness from the people you have wronged. Your actions done in humility would go far towards healing many wounds that are in the world today.

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Up until Lucifer was kicked out of heaven, the devil could have swallowed his pride and repented. Things could have been much different, but pride would not allow him to turn back, . . . he had taken his plan too far.

Danny, do not walk down Lucifer's path allowing pride of position to keep you from making things right.

One way or another this "thing" will play itself out.

I am not writing to you today to antagonize you. I have a purpose for my letter.

I am writing once again to ask you to donate the master copies of all of my cooking videos to my ministry. I now have my non-profit 501(c)(3) status and would be happy to give you a receipt for your donation. I would also like, in writing, a statement that gives me the rights to use the programs as I see fit. I appreciate so much your generosity towards my ministry since you are no longer airing the programs or selling them.

God is not finished using these works, even if you are. You can refuse my request, but remember, you aren't refusing me, you're refusing to further God's work with the health message.

Warmly,

**Barbara Kerr**  
President, Taste Of Health

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## **The Problem**

For the last several years the international television ministry known as Three Angels' Broadcasting Network (3ABN) has found itself beset by a growing number of moral, ethical, and financial allegations. Despite the serious nature of these allegations, repeated calls for investigation, reform, and accountability have gone unheeded by its officers and directors. Yet the ignoring of these allegations could potentially:

- Lessen donor confidence in 3ABN, and thus threaten 3ABN's financial support and its very existence.
- Create significant liability if the decisions of 3ABN's directors and officers result in litigation.
- Cause embarrassment to the Seventh-day Adventist Church if these allegations become more widely known.

It should be quickly pointed out that 3ABN is not technically a part of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination, and never has been. The potential for embarrassment arises from 3ABN's claims that it is advancing the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, even though, if the allegations be true, it is doing anything but that.

## **Why This Website**

It is hoped that this website will accomplish the following objectives:

- Demonstrate that Seventh-day Adventists as a whole do not tolerate the types of things 3ABN's officers and directors are accused of doing.
- Call upon the officers and directors of 3ABN to place the ones accused on administrative leave until such a time as an investigation has been completed.
- Provide a place where Seventh-day Adventists and others can voice their concerns and call for spiritual revival and reformation at 3ABN.

In short, this website is intended to be a part of a larger effort to save 3ABN to the cause, and vindicate the character of God, whose name has been brought into reproach through the allegations leveled at 3ABN.

## A Little History of the Current Crisis

By early March 2004, 3ABN co-founder Linda Shelton was being accused by her husband and 3ABN co-founder Danny Shelton of having an inappropriate, long-distance relationship with a doctor in Norway. This resulted in her being placed on administrative leave and eventually being terminated in disgrace and divorced. The reason was simple: she was accused of being unfaithful to her husband, and of having committed adultery.

Linda's position as production manager was taken over by Danny's older brother Tommy, even though he had repeatedly been accused of sexual misconduct with men and boys over a period of many years. On November 27, 2006, the 3ABN board chairman, Dr. Walt Thompson, essentially admitted in writing that Danny had been involved in a cover up of these allegations around May of 2003. On December 3, 2006, the Church of God pastor of the Dunn Loring, Virginia, congregation where Tommy pastored from 1995 until about late 2000, announced that there were three new allegations of sexual misconduct there, one involving an individual who was a minor at the time.

Danny Shelton's response to these new allegations is quite different than how he dealt with Linda. Tommy was not placed on administrative leave, and on December 31, 2006, Danny gave Tommy a globally-televised tribute, praising him for His Christian experience and how much better a job he had done than his predecessor. Though claiming that Tommy was going off into retirement three months early because of poor health, Danny promised repeatedly that Tommy would be back, as long as his health continued.

Even if Linda was guilty as charged, the difference in treatment raises many questions. And to complicate things further, while no evidence in support of Linda's guilt has been forthcoming, credible evidence has surfaced in support of the allegations against Tommy, including a letter of "confession" written by Tommy himself.

These actions on Danny Shelton's part brought about the launch of this website.

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### **Tommy's Ordination Suspended**

Following the allegations of Brad Dunning and three other boys, Tommy's ordination with the Church of God (Anderson) was suspended in 1985, and Tommy was notified of this fact via the following letter.

This letter claims that Tommy "admitted" to certain "improper counselling procedure. When asked what that might have been, one alleged victim recalled that when the charge was made that Tommy had propositioned a boy, the explanation was given that he was trying to expose that boy as being someone who was trying to lead other boys at the school into homosexual activity.

When the boy in question, Brad Dunning, now a United Pentecostal preacher, was asked on January 3, 2007, about this explanation, he said that that was the first time he had ever heard of such a thing.

### **The 1985 Illinois Ministerial Credential Commitment Letter**

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GEORGE L. NEWTON  
Executive Secretary/Treasurer

Phone: (XXX) XXX-XXXX

P.O. BOX J  
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October 25, 1985

Reverend Tommy Shelton  
Route # 1 Box 189-B  
West Frankfort, Illinois 62896

Dear Tommy :

On October 25, 1985, the Illinois Ministerial Credentials

Committee of the General Assembly of the Church of God in Illinois met in regular session at the Church of God State Office building at 4225 South Camp Warren Lane, Decatur, Illinois at Camp Warren. In concern for your best interest and the Church of God, the following action was taken:

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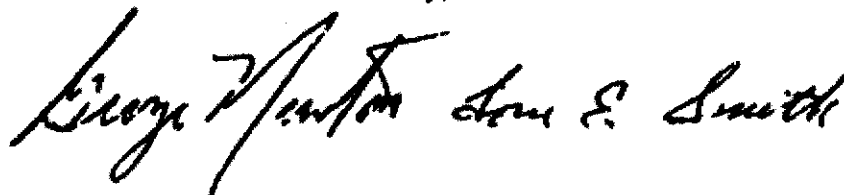
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4. C ontroversy surrounding your ministry and personal lifestyle.

Tommy, you are advised to surrender your Ordination Certificate to this office in the enclosed self addressed envelope and to cease all activities related to ministries of the Church of God until you are further advised by this committee.

Be assured this was not an easy decision for this committee to make. We will be praying for you and your family that God's complete purpose will be accomplished in your life.

If we can be of help in any way, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,



George L. Newton

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Executive Secretary

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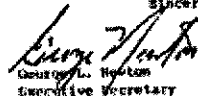
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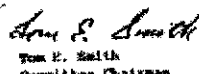
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## **Tommy Shelton Alleged Victim: Brad Dunning**

Brad, now a United Pentecostal preacher, remembers being around 14 years of age when the following incident took place around 1982 or 1983 at the Ezra Church of God school in West Frankfort, Illinois.

A few words of what Pastor Dunning says Tommy told him have been asterisked out, since it is so disgusting. However, Duane and Roger Clem, and one other alleged victim have all testified that they were told the same thing by Tommy.

Because of all the things that Pastor Dunning knows have gone on at 3ABN, he and his family sometimes call it Three Devils' Broadcasting instead. It is our prayer that matters at 3ABN may soon be completely rectified.

### **Pastor Brad Dunning's written statement**

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Brad Dunning

**Subject:** RE: Here's my email, Pastor Dunning.

**Date:** Thu, 4 Jan 2007 16:09:11 -0600

Dear Bob,

Here is my follow up email from our telephone conversation yesterday January 3rd, 2007.

The purpose of this communication is to give you a personal account of how I was assaulted by Tommy Shelton, then Pastor of the Ezra Church of God.

I believe it was in the 1982-83 school year. I was a student in the Ezra Church of God Christian School. I was an honor student and a member of the basketball team.

On the day of my encounter with Tommy Shelton, here is what took place.

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I was in the gym playing basketball one afternoon by myself. I had extra free time as I was an "E" privilege student.

Ricky Shelton came to the gym and told me that his dad wanted to see me in his office. So I left the gym and went to the Pastor's office. Tommy invited me in and closed the door. He sat behind his desk, I sat on the couch.

He began to tell me that he was really embarrassed to talk about this, but he needed my help. He said that he had a problem with his t\*\*\*\*\*s. It was a medical condition that was causing them to bleed. I asked him if he had been to the doctor. He replied that he was too embarrassed to be seen by the nurses and that he would not go.

He said that he had prayed about it, and God showed him how that he could be healed. He told me that God showed him that if he could apply the s\*\*\*m of another man, that the proteins would heal his t\*\*\*\*\*s. He then asked me if I would be willing to help him by applying my s\*\*\*m to his t\*\*\*\*\*s.

Being in shock, I told him that I had to think about it and left his office. I went home that afternoon and told my mother all that had gone on.

I did not return to school. My mother, my grandfather and I, went back to the school and confronted Tommy. He denied everything and told my Grandfather that no one would believe us and he would win.

We then went to the West Frankfort Police Department and filed a formal complaint. To my knowledge, no charges were brought against Tommy. Our family suspected that Tommy was being protected by State Police officers who were members of his congregation.

My mother and I moved to Houston, TX shortly after that.

A few years later, we were told that Tommy had been caught with other boys. Some who were personal friends of mine while I was at Ezra.

One of the boys later apologized to me for not speaking up when I did.

My mother received an official written apology from the Church of God. I had not had any communication with Tommy Shelton since that event took place.

If I can be of any further assistance, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Because of Him,

Brad Dunning  
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## Tommy Shelton Alleged Victim: Roger Clem

Roger Clem's mother was one of Tommy Shelton's staunch supporters when his ordination with the Church of God (Anderson) was revoked in 1985 for allegedly molesting teenage boys. Simply put, she believed Tommy's word instead of that of the alleged victims.

Three years later around 1988, Roger Clem claims that he was victimized by Tommy Shelton, but because of his mother's strong support of Tommy, he just couldn't tell her what had happened. During her battle with cancer, he thought such a revelation would put her in her grave for sure. Not until after her death in late 2001 did he come forward in early 2003.

What follows is a letter Roger sent Tommy about a year or so after he had come forward. In this letter he vents his feelings, and he implicates Danny Shelton and 3ABN attorney Mike Riva in a cover up.

One mother's reaction after reading this letter was to weep and weep, and to feel like she just had to go to her son's school and get him out and hold him close.

We have taken the liberty to break Roger's letter up into paragraphs in order to improve readability.

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### Roger Clem's Letter to Tommy Shelton

Mr. Shelton,

I am writing this letter in regards to last year's phone conversation. I told you then I was confronting you about what you did to me so I could deal with my feelings about it. I did not then, nor will I now, make any apologies [to] anyone who might be upset with me.

My attitude has changed towards this situation. I thought I could just handle this and go on with my life, but now I realize I cannot. You ruined the better part of 15 years of

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It kind of makes me wonder about the other guys that you abused. All of the ones that I know about have had failed marriages. Doesn't it make YOU wonder what they are going through, or do you even care?

You were supposed to be someone people could put their trust in and look up to, and here you were doing some of the most disgusting and immoral things you could do. While you were preaching to everyone how they should honor their marriage vows, you were cheating on your own wife, and with who, teenage boys. We had our whole lives ahead of us and you put us through hell on earth. I don't know how you could look yourself in the mirror, let alone get up and preach to people about how they ought to live.

When someone would confront you about what you did, you would try to take the attention off of what you did by having some sort of health problem (loss of memory, heart problems, nervous breakdown). It seemed odd to me that you recovered quick when you realized that you were in the clear.

You really disgust me. It makes me sick to realize how many lives you damaged and the only time that you feel the need to apologize is when it all comes back up again. Then you put on this POOR PITIFUL ME act (how you wish it didn't happen, the reason you do this is because you were abused as a child, you would take it all back if you could, and the all-time favorite, please don't put my family through this again). What about what you put all of us through?

Then what makes me mad is when your brother calls to try to scare people into not saying anything or when the church receives a letter from Mike Riva telling us to stop

saying anything. I heard (I don't know for sure) that the reason for the letter was to protect your livelihood. What about my livelihood? I feel like I don't have the confidence to achieve the things that I want to in life.

I know this letter seems hateful, I Don't Care. I'm tired of not saying anything just so I won't upset people.

Guess what, it gets better. I have been checking the laws on reporting sexual abuse. There was a new law passed that extends the age that you can report abuse to age 38, I'm 32. So here is what I'm going to do. I'm going to let you decide what you should do to make amends for what you did.

I will tell you up front, if I get a letter or phone call from your brother or an attorney that in any way appears threatening, I will immediately go to the sheriff's office and file charges against you. This has gone on long enough with nothing being done. This is Not a threat.

It all rests on you Tommy, let your conscience be your guide. I will not wait long before I will decide what action is best to resolve this.

Roger W. Clem

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**From:** Duane Clem  
**Subject:** Re: Glenn Dryden, Tommy Shelton, etc.  
**Date:** Tue, 02 Jan 2007 02:06:53 +0000

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I found them quite by accident. Truthfully, I did a Google search on "Tommy Shelton" to see if I could find any information on what he was currently doing, since I have not talked to him in over a year. That led me to BlackSDA and from there I started digging around and eventually came across both my brother's and Glenn Dryden's names.

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Seeing his brother, Roger Clem, referred to by name and the following interchange was just too much for Duane. He realized that he was going to have to face things he had hoped he could forever forget. He was in shock.

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----- Original Message -----

**Subject:** Final questions for now on Tommy Shelton  
allegations.  
**Date:** Wed, 06 Dec 2006 11:48:57 -0600  
**To:** Danny Shelton  
**CC:** Walt Thompson, Elder Ken Denslow

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[Roger] Clem has two brothers. In one of the two calls Tommy made to Clem in 2003 and 2004, Clem asked Tommy,

"Did the same thing happen to my brother that happened to me?"

And, according to Clem, Tommy replied,

"Which one?"

And the following comments about his mother did not lessen his distress:

Mr. Clem's mother was a staunch defender of Tommy, and it was only after she died in late 2001 that he felt he could come forward.

Tommy's ordination was revoked about 1985, but his defenders would not relent, and that portion of the congregation that sided with him left their denomination, the Church of God, Anderson, in consequence. Tommy remained their pastor until maybe 1990 or 1991, with a one-year absence to Kentucky, according to the recollections of several individuals.

Since Mr. Clem says that he was abused at the age of 16, he is placing the abuse around 1988, which would be after Tommy's ordination was revoked for similar allegations involving perhaps three alleged victims. In other words, according to Mr. Clem's account and chronology, it was because so many believed Tommy rather than the alleged victims and those who had caught him doing his misdeeds that Mr. Clem himself became an alleged victim.

If he had only come forward long ago, would other victims have been spared the pain he endured?

An easy question to ask, and a hard one to answer, for only one who has been a victim of clergy abuse, only one who has been manipulated into silence, only one who has experienced the shame that these young men felt, only that one can truly understand what it means to come forward either then or now.

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The importance of the following communications is very simple:

- The only defense 3ABN president Danny Shelton gave his board chairman Dr. Walt Thompson in 2003 to counter the Tommy Shelton child molestation allegations was that Pastor Glenn Dryden had a feud with Tommy.
- Duane Clem agrees that there was a feud and that Dryden was jealous of Tommy, a position he still holds to and that he makes plain below.
- Yet at the same time, Duane maintains that the Tommy Shelton molestation and sexual misconduct allegations are indeed true.

Thus, the only defense given by Danny Shelton vaporizes. And as the evidence continues to roll in, it appears that Danny from the very beginning knew that this feud/jealousy alibi was a lie.

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#### Personal Message

**3abn, Dryden, etc.,** Dec 29 2006, 10:54 PM

I am Roger Clem's oldest brother and a former member of the Ezra Church of God congregation, under both Tommy Shelton's and Glenn Dryden's tenures as pastor. Let me begin by saying that I am extremely angry about the amount of information that you are plastering all over the internet, especially about something that is NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS.

Your "informant", Glenn Dryden, is not a credible source of

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information. He also made some hideous accusations against me a few years back. They were for the same reason as the ones he is leveling against Tommy Shelton: JEALOUSY. Glenn Dryden is a spiteful, vindictive backstabber when someone crosses him. He has done this with numerous people over the past several years, and took the Ezra Church of God down nearly to the point of closure. I had to threaten him with legal action myself to get him to shut his mouth.

You reference that Roger has two brothers. I am one of them. This makes it MY business. You also reference my late mother as being a strong supporter of Tommy Shelton. You have no right to speak of me or my family. As far as I know, I've never met you. Who do you think you are?

You are advised to cease this manner of posting at once. In addition, this is a PRIVATE message to you. It had certainly better stay that way.

If you wish to discuss this further (in a civil manner), you may contact me privately. Otherwise, don't mention my name.

### **His Email to Pastor Glenn Dryden (Used with Permission)**

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Duane Clem

**To:** Glenn Dryden

**Date:** Sat, 30 Dec 2006 06:44:54 +0000

Let this serve as a warning. If you mention my name in any of the letters and emails you're sending to anyone in your latest attack on Tommy Shelton, you WILL regret it.

Duane Clem

### **Duane Continues to Maintain That What Walt Was Told About Dryden's Jealousy Is True**

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Duane Clem

**Subject:** Re: Glenn Dryden, Tommy Shelton, etc.

**Date:** Sun, 31 Dec 2006 07:08:13 +0000

...

To date, I have never spoken with Dr. Walt Thompson regarding this issue, nor at any other time as best I can recall. I will say that I agree with what the unnamed individual from the Church of God reportedly told Dr. Thompson, but it was NOT me, and I can honestly say I have no idea who it was. That's one issue you can finally put to rest.

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Recovering from the initial shock of it all, Duane Clem types out the following apology.

Notice particularly how Duane continues to maintain that Pastor Glenn Dryden was jealous of Tommy. Yet he acknowledges that Dryden's jealousy could have nothing to do with the molestation allegations that led to the 1985 suspension of Tommy's ministerial ordination.

And more was to come.

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----- Original Message -----

**From:** Duane Clem

**Subject:** Re: Glenn Dryden, Tommy Shelton, etc.

**Date:** Tue, 02 Jan 2007 02:06:53 +0000

Mr. Pickle and Mr. Joy:

I sincerely want to thank both of you for your cordial responses. This has been a big shock to me since discovering it on the message boards last week. I have probably reacted in a non-Christian manner toward both of you, and for that I do apologize. I also understand that you were both operating under the assumption that I was a "3ABN operative" for lack of a better term. I can understand as well why you would think that. I was fired from 3ABN myself back in the late 80's for a "bad attitude", so I have my own feelings about 3ABN, but that's a different issue altogether.

I am going to respond to your questions as best I can. There are some things I simply cannot comment on for various

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reasons, and I think you can understand why. I will quote the portions of your emails I am referencing, and my responses will follow.

"How was Dryden jealous of Tommy to the point of instigating child molestation allegations against him as late as 1985, when he had just recently met him and lived 800 miles away until 1993?"

You are correct in thinking that Glenn Dryden had nothing to do with the 1985 allegations. That was a totally separate set of circumstances, and was also when the Ezra Church of God (which I attended at the time) severed ties with the Church of God, Anderson. We became an independent Church of God and shortly thereafter Tommy received ordination from another Church of God organization, and according to their website is still listed as a minister with them. (<http://www.churchofgodcv.org/addresses.aspx/>) Glenn Dryden never had the success at Ezra that Tommy saw as pastor, and I believe that is where the jealousy has come from. Tommy also began attending Ezra for a while when Dryden was pastor, and Dryden did not like it. He was very instrumental in Tommy taking the pastorate at Community Church of God in Dunn Loring, VA and even made the statement to me personally shortly after it was announced, "Well, it looks like the Sheltons will be out of here soon."

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"Can you explicitly state that you do not know of a single instance where Tommy engaged in inappropriate behavior of a sexual nature with a minor?"

Obviously, with my brother sending the letter to Tommy and the letter's subsequent circulation on the boards, I cannot comment at all on this question. I'm sure you can understand that no matter what I would say, it could cause me major trouble on either side of the issue.

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Thank you

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----- Original Message -----

**From:** Duane Clem  
**Subject:** My statement  
**Date:** Sat, 20 Jan 2007 04:37:27 +0000

Gentlemen,

Here is the long awaited statement. You have my OK to use it in whatever way you feel necessary, and you may include my name. This has been extremely hard to do, but I think it had to be done.

--- statement follows ---

It has taken me a long time to get to the point where I felt I could write this. In light of recent events and allegations brought forth by other parties, I feel it has become necessary to compose this statement.

Let me begin by saying that I am not writing out of a spirit of vengeance or animosity. I had never planned on sharing what happened with anyone else. I was prepared to take this to my grave. I had forgotten, or at least pushed back, the feelings of shame and resentment I had about this situation, but in recent days a lot of that has been brought back. I do not, however, blame anyone who has been DIRECTLY

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affected by this for coming forward.

Tommy Shelton was my pastor for many years at the Ezra Church of God in West Frankfort, IL. I began attending with my mother, sister and two brothers around 1974 or so, and my father became a Christian and began coming with us shortly after I graduated from high school in 1984. Tommy and I were never really close until I began attending the Christian school our church operated. Over the next few years, we would spend a lot of time talking, as I was dealing with depression issues and he was counseling me.

When the General Assembly of the Church of God in Illinois decided to suspend Tommy's ministerial credentials in 1985, I was one of several who wrote a letter in his defense. I was also questioned by a detective at the West Frankfort Police Department. I had been on a few overnight trips with him, and gave testimony that nothing had happened that would substantiate the allegations being made against him. At the time, this was true. It was, unfortunately, about to change.

Sometime in late 1985 or early 1986, Tommy came to me and said he had an unusual medical problem and asked for my help. I was shocked. I had previously been told by two other young men that he had said the same thing to them, but I could not believe that they were telling me the truth, even though they told me identical stories at two different times. Now I was hearing these words from my pastor. I felt trapped. I wanted to say something right then, but I didn't. I had vigorously defended him against allegations in the past, and had even lost friends because of it. I had written a letter saying nothing had happened to me. I had told the police nothing happened. Now, here I was, 19 years old, with NO ONE I felt I could talk to about it.

Over the next few months, Tommy and I would meet at his house, the church, the original 3ABN building, and even one night on a back country road, anywhere he thought no one would see us. There was a lot of inappropriate touching, but nothing further. He wanted much more out of it, but I couldn't let it happen because in my heart I knew it wasn't right. I was wrestling with thoughts like "What if someone finds out? What will happen to the church ... his family ... my family? Who would believe me anyway?"

Whenever he would be touching me, I would get muscle spasms in my back. I guess it was because I was so tense. More than once he sensed that I was in pain, and a couple of times he even accused me of "faking it" because I didn't care or didn't want to help him. I really started questioning if I was in the wrong. It was constant mental and emotional turmoil.

On one occasion, I had been hired by a television and appliance rent-to-own company as an assistant manager, and was to travel to the main office about an hour away for two days of training. The company said they would get me a motel room so I wouldn't have to drive back and forth. When Tommy found this out, he decided that it would be a good opportunity for him to come down to my room and no one would ever know the difference. I paid very little attention to my training all day long because I was dreading what was going to happen that night. Finally, as the supervisor was going to reserve the room, I told him that "something had come up" and I was going to have to drive back home, so I wouldn't need the room after all. I lied. I don't remember what excuse I gave Tommy for not staying the night down there, but I know I lied to him also. I really didn't want to drive back and forth, but I hated the thought of another "meeting" worse. I loved my pastor and didn't want to hurt him, but I didn't know how much longer I could keep this up. I was now lying to try to avoid it.

Finally, he said he realized that I was uncomfortable and decided we shouldn't be doing this. It was like a thousand pound weight was gone. I felt free. The problem is that I felt such a release that I didn't consider the fact that this had already happened before, or so I had been told. I never told anyone. It is because of my silence, I feel, that others have been harmed. That is one of my big regrets and I will carry that guilt for the rest of my days. There is nothing I can ever do to change that. I only hope that in some way, speaking out now will help put an end to it once and for all.

I am happy to say that God has been with me through it all. I am still attending church faithfully, and have been working with teens at church for the past 10-12 years. I was ordained as a General Baptist minister in September of 2005, and have served as a youth pastor and Sunday School teacher at churches I have attended previously. I am pleased to be able to say that I do NOT have any homosexual

desires or tendencies as a result of my experience. If anything, it has made me abhor and detest it even more than I ever did before. In addition, it is very possible that I will be dealing with a young person in the future facing similar issues, and God may have allowed me to go through this so I would know how to help them. All things DO work together for good to those who love God!

In conclusion, I want to say that I do NOT hate Tommy Shelton, nor do I want to see him or his family destroyed. I grew up with the Shelton kids. They're almost like family to me. I hope that my coming forward doesn't end our friendships, although I'm sure it will never be the same from this point forward.

I ask all who read this to please pray for all those who have been directly involved, our families, our churches and yes, for Tommy Shelton also. It is my opinion that he needs to be out of the ministry right now, but he also needs the Lord's leadership as he deals with past issues. Our God is a God of judgment, but He is also a God of forgiveness and restoration. I want that restoration for Tommy and everyone else who has been affected by this. Snide remarks and hateful comments won't solve anything or bring healing to anyone. Only God's touch can do that.

Thank you for your prayers and thoughts as we all try to put this behind us. God bless.

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Scott Clem is the brother of Roger Clem and Pastor Duane Clem. He expresses his support for 3ABN below, and his concern for 3ABN if Danny and Tommy Shelton are not removed.

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**From:** Scott Clem  
**Subject:** In Response To Your Message....  
**Date:** Thu, 04 Jan 2007 12:15:17 -0600

Hi, Bob!

I am contacting you in response to your telephone message of Wed., Jan. 3. My apologies for being so long in getting back with you.

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First of all, I want to make you aware that I know a little about who you are, having read your posts at Maritime SDA Online. I want you to know that I fully support your efforts to clean up the mess at 3ABN, and that my prayer is for successful results for the good of 3ABN and it's viewers, and most importantly, for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I wish to make it clear that, though I am Southern Baptist, I hold nothing against the Seventh Day Adventist Church, any of it's members, or 3ABN personally. My problem, as I am sure is the same with you, is the un-Christian conduct so rampant at 3ABN. Such conduct serves no purpose but to

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undermine the original intended objective of 3ABN and to embarrass the SDA Church. Those responsible for this misconduct must be exposed and dealt with, and I applaud your efforts to do just that.

As you now know, both of my brothers are victims of past molestation by 3ABN vice president Tommy Shelton, who served as our pastor at Ezra Church of God at the time that the molestations took place. There is also evidence that my brothers are not the only victims. While I have never been a victim of any type of sexual abuse, I am greatly enraged by such actions, particularly as such a despicable act has been perpetrated on my brothers by someone in whom our entire family had placed so much trust and confidence for so many years. Few things in life have cut me so deeply as this situation, and the human side of me wants to see Tommy Shelton fall to the most harsh and swift justice known to man in response to his devilish actions. It is my feeling that the Lord, though he still loves Tommy, also desires that he pay for his actions. Tommy's conduct is clearly not of God.

I am equally pained by the fact that our late mother, who died of cancer on Dec. 1, 2001, left this world never having known that two of her children were victimized by Tommy in this way. She remained steadfast in her support of Tommy due to this lack of knowledge. At the same time, I consider everyone involved in this ordeal, with the obvious exception of Tommy, to be completely blameless. Mom never knew the truth, and I can guarantee you that if she had, she would have turned on Tommy in the blink of an eye. As well, while I cannot say that I truly understand what my brothers went through, I can somehow understand why they waited so long to come forward. Feelings of guilt and embarrassment are commonplace with victims of sexual abuse for many years after the abuse has taken place. I also know that my brothers were fearful of hurting Mom or other family members by coming forward with this information, and/or of what might happen in the aftermath. Our family is hurt and angered by this, but this pain and anger is not directed at, nor is it the fault of, my brothers. I am just glad that they have both realized the importance of coming forward, as it will be a major step on their road to recovery and toward bringing Tommy to justice for what he has done. Simply put, it is my observation that, of all the numerous people involved in this terrible situation, the blame for it's entirety rests solely on one person, and that

would be one Tommy Shelton. May God, in this situation, forego His endless mercy and leave Tommy to face the consequences that he really deserves!

As for the other information that I may provide for your continuing investigation, .... [What follows is a legal matter that needs verifying.]

Again, I state that I have nothing against 3ABN personally, but I support and applaud your efforts to get a stranglehold on the situation as it stands now. I wish to see 3ABN become a great powersource for the furtherance of God's Kingdom, but I can no longer believe that this will happen under the leadership of Danny and Tommy Shelton. It appears to me that, in order for 3ABN to move forward as a ministry, Danny and Tommy must be ousted. While we should continue to pray for them, it is clear that the situations in which they have placed 3ABN will necessitate their removal. Otherwise, 3ABN will surely fall, and I really do not believe that it has to come to that.

On an added note, some of these situations, if placed for investigation by the federal government, could result in the revocation of 3ABN's licenses. Perhaps the best course of action would be to recommend to Dr. Walt Thompson that steps be taken in the very near future to remove Danny and Tommy so that 3ABN will have a fighting chance to save it's authority to broadcast. At this point, it could be in serious jeopardy.

To tell you the honest truth, I would very much welcome an opportunity to work with 3ABN in whichever ways ..., but I will not even make an attempt at such an arrangement as long as 3ABN is under the facist thumb of Danny Shelton and his child molester brother Tommy. God does not honor such things, and I refuse to do so as well. As a past volunteer at 3ABN, I would love to re-establish a friendship with the network, and my hope is that, in the foreseeable future, I will be able to do so. As things stand right now, this just cannot happen.

Again, my best to you and those working with you to bring back some order to 3ABN. It is my hope and prayer that your investigations will bring Danny and Tommy and all other guilty parties to justice and restore 3ABN to her former self for the glory of God. If you need anything else

from me, please do not hesitate to contact me.

In Christ,

Scott Clem

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As alleged victims of Tommy Shelton talk to their old friends, yet more are coming forward. Just yesterday a new one came forward, one who remembers well an incident that allegedly occurred when he was eight years old.

He called his mother first and told her his story before he called us. Can you imagine what it must be like to be a mother and get a phone call like that?

Read her statement below and feel her pain as she unburdens her soul.

It should be noted that she confirms that Tommy did excuse his propositioning of around 14-year-old Brad Dunning by saying that he was trying to expose Brad's own homosexual activity.

- This was a story previously told to us by Duane Clem, which he said that he was told back in the early '80's when Brad and his family complained about what Tommy had done.
- Yet when we asked Duane whether he had heard anything about such problems with Brad prior to Tommy getting into trouble, he said that he had not.
- When we asked Pastor Brad Dunning about this story, he told us that that was the first time he had ever heard of such a thing.

Thus, unfortunately, we have here evidence that Tommy Shelton was not beyond slandering someone's reputation in order to escape getting into trouble over serious allegations. We hope that this apparent tendency does not run in the family.

### Her Letter Arrives

----- Original Message -----  
**Subject:** Re: Discussion Yesterday  
**Date:** Thu, 25 Jan 2007 19:42:55 -0800 (PST)

Bob,

As promised yesterday, I am sending you a letter from a broken-hearted mother. To keep \*\*\*\*\*'s confidentiality at

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this time, I would rather you didn't use my name. ... I check the website everyday and am impressed with all the new information posted.

Thanks,

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## Letter of a Mother of an Alleged Victim of Tommy Shelton

Dear \*\*\*\*\*,

I cannot begin to tell you the grief and heartache I feel right now. If I start at the beginning, I can tell you my husband and I were staunch supporters of Tommy Shelton for all the years he ministered at Ezra Church of God. My family attended there when it was a small, one room building with an outhouse. Tommy performed our wedding ceremony in that small church. We continued as part of his following into the new building across the street. That building, by the way, was built by his brothers (Shelton Construction) and is one foot shorter on one side than the other. Danny, evidently, had not found his true calling at that time.

I worked closely with Tommy for all those years, and each time allegations would arise, he would call me into his office and recite the cover-up story he had carefully planned. He personally told me about Brad Dunning and the mistake he (Tommy) admitted making by trying to meet with him alone to find out if he had indeed made advances to the other boys in school. He again called me into his office when he was caught with another student from school in a bald-faced lie. He was very convincing to be sure. As I said, I stood against his accusers because I thought there was no way any of this could be true. The students had grudges against him and other people misunderstood the situation, excuses he spoon-fed his followers and we regurgitated at appropriate times.

As a mother, I will never forgive myself for my own absorption and mindless following of Tommy's plight that I

missed clues within my own family. For that reason, it took 25 years for my own son to admit that he, also, had been abused by Tommy. The scabs that had covered his own pain for so many years were ripped away this week when new allegations arose and more of his friends broke their long, overdue silence. A dam broke when he was forced to step back to that dark place he had sealed up so long ago. His only excuse was that he knew I hadn't believed all the other boys, and he didn't think I would believe him either. Because of this simple statement, I will live with my own guilt and regret for the rest of my life.

Also, in hindsight, I blame Carol as much as Tommy. How could you, as a mother, turn a blind eye to what you knew he was doing? You were condoning it by keeping your silence. How could you rob us mothers of the opportunity to help our sons grieve and help them begin their healing? You turned your cold heart to us and allowed Tommy to continue with his sickness clear across the United States. You did him no favors by "forgiving" him, when what he needed was help to get well. Instead, he kept infecting others and you stood at his side and helped him. As far as I know, you stand there today with the same blood on your hands.

Professionally, I have a Master's degree in Social Work. When I look back at the church in those years under Tommy's leadership, I see that the black seed of his sin was at the very core. I see the many families he split in two because of his lies and cover-ups. Some of these never recovered. When I look at the lives of the boys he abused and see where each of them is today, I know that many have internalized the abuse and are still living with the guilt he placed on their heads. The guilt that forced them to face their feelings alone as they kept their silence against the man placed before them in a position of power and authority by their own parents. The boys who have never worked through the process of grieving over what they lost. There should be a special punishment for a person who abuses the trust of children and shatters their dreams; a special punishment for the man who ripped the joys and pleasures of childhood from young boys and changed their self-perceptions forever.

Moreover, can anyone imagine the guilt and regret of the mothers who failed to be there when their children needed

them the most? Mothers who will always feel they failed at the job God blessed them with by not doing enough to protect their children against this evil.

Anyone still protecting him, Carol, Danny, 3ABN, or the attorney who keeps spouting about statute of limitations, your hands will also be held accountable for the evil you work to cover up. There is no "statute of limitations" on the pain and suffering these boys feel—it doesn't go away after a set number of years—it's there for the rest of their lives. Come forward now and get him the help he needs. He admits to having a "sickness" and you have failed him as we have failed our children. Help the healing begin for everyone involved before any more time goes by.

From a mother's heart.

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## **Broken-Hearted Mother #2**

### **Letter of Charlotte Hopper, Mother of Greg Houseworth**

Greg Houseworth is one of the alleged victims of Tommy Shelton. His mother, Charlotte Hopper, unburdens her heart below.

February 3, 2007

Dear Sir:

I am writing this letter to tell you that I am the mother of one of Tommy Shelton's victims.

First of all, I want to commend the boys, now young men, that have come forward. I know that it was not easy, and for the ones that haven't yet spoken out publicly, God bless each one of you! Whichever group you belong to, you have nothing to be ashamed of. What was done to you lies on the shoulders of Tommy Shelton!

I, like many others in the beginning of this mess, believed Tommy Shelton. He had a way of manipulating people, both young and old, and still to this day, seems to have that power over some people.

When one of the boys came forward, I remember asking my son if it had happened to him. At that time he told me "no," but he said, "Mom, \*\*\*\*\* is not lying about it!" As time went on, my son finally came to me and told me that it had happened to him, and with some details of what was done. As a mother, I was angry and, even more, I was sick to my stomach! To think that someone you trusted could do something like this!

I then started to look back and recall things that had

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happened. I remember when things began to heat up for Tommy Shelton, he came by our home and asked my son to come outside and talk. Later, I learned that he had told my son that if he told anyone, Carol Shelton would kill herself. Not only did he use his wife, but also his daughter as a pawn. This was not his only threat against my son. I won't write what the other threats were that were made at this time, but they would make you sick!

As for Carol Shelton, all along she has covered up for Tommy. One time at church, she asked me to go down to the teenage girls' classroom. There she asked me if Tommy had done anything to my son. I, not wanting to hurt her and her children, told her "no." At a later date she asked my son to meet her at McDonalds restaurant in West Frankfort. She asked him the same question. He, not wanting to hurt her, answered her in the same way.

It's funny how she never worried about all the boys in their hurts and fears! I wonder when Carol Shelton stands before the Lord, [page 2] what will her answer be then!

As far as Danny Shelton is concerned, he has always covered this up. He did not want this all to come forward as it would be an embarrassment to him and his ministry. He had a growing ministry in 3ABN and did not want to jeopardize it, no matter what the cost. He should have known that what Tommy was doing would affect him and his ministry. I would like to know what he will say when he stands before the Lord!

Now, let us get back to Tommy Shelton. I am sure you have heard, if it walks like a duck, looks like a duck and quacks like a duck, it's a duck! At one time, I was told that Tommy Shelton was a homosexual. Let's get real, he is not a homosexual! I believe that a homosexual would not think of molesting a child! How many times on the news media, do you see where a child has been molested by a homosexual? So back to my "duck story," let's call Tommy Shelton what he is, a child molester, sex offender, pedophile, etc.!

He always said he had a vision for a Christian school. That's why he encouraged the folks at Ezra Church of

God to start one. Looking back, I wonder if he was not planning this so he would have access to a lot of young boys!

I am the mother who went to Pastor Dryden when I learned Tommy Shelton was going to Dunn Loring. Pastor Dryden listened to what I had to say, but at that time he had no idea that my son was one of Tommy's victims. In fact, up to that time, he believed the story Tommy Shelton had given. This shows the deception that Tommy Shelton held over lay persons and other pastors! I explained to him my concerns for the young men at Dunn Loring. I did not want the same abuse my son experienced to happen to them. Pastor Dryden did what any pastor should do, and that is to advise the church at Dunn Loring about the allegations. The church had this information, and yet they fell victim to Tommy Shelton's deception. I feel that the folks at Ezra Church of God and Pastor Dryden did all they could at that time in warning them about this matter. They chose to believe Tommy Shelton and allowed him to destroy some more young men there!

I have lived with this for 23 years, and, it has eaten away at me daily for all these years! I hurt for all those other young men, but no one knows the hurt I have for my own! This should not happen to any child! We that have never had this happen to us cannot comprehend the pain and anguish that those young men have [page 3] suffered.

I want to know where the justice is! I know that God can forgive, but Tommy needs to pay for what he has done. He needs to be put where he cannot harm another child! I don't want to see him have another fake breakdown or health problem. Justice needs to come forth. He has devastated two churches and hurt countless young men and their families. These are the few we know about. There may be, and probably are, others. He may fool some people, but he cannot fool God!

To broken-hearted mom number one and all the other mothers who know that their sons were molested, I understand your anguish and pain.

Charlotte Hopper

*Charlotte Hopper*

P.S. If Tommy Shelton would like to have his attorney send me a threat of legal action, all I can say is go for it! I would like nothing better than to be in the same courtroom with him! The truth then would be free!

FEBRUARY 3, 2007

DEAR SIR:

I AM WRITING THIS LETTER TO TELL YOU THAT I AM THE MOTHER OF ONE OF TOMMY SHELTON'S VICTIMS.

FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO COMMEND THE BOYS, NOW YOUNG MEN, THAT HAVE COME FORWARD. I KNOW THAT IT WAS NOT EASY, AND FOR THE ONES THAT HAVEN'T YET SPOKEN OUT PUBLICALLY, GOD BLESS EACH ONE OF YOU! WHICHEVER GROUP YOU BELONG TO, YOU HAVE NOTHING TO BE ASHAMED OF! WHAT WAS DONE TO YOU LIES ON THE SHOULDERS OF TOMMY SHELTON!

I LIKE MANY OTHERS IN THE BEGINNING OF THIS MESS, BELIEVED TOMMY SHELTON. HE HAD A WAY OF MANIPULATING PEOPLE, BOTH YOUNG AND OLD, AND STILL TO THIS DAY, SEEMS TO HAVE THAT POWER OVER SOME PEOPLE.

WHEN ONE OF THE BOYS CAME FORWARD, I REMEMBER ASKING MY SON IF IT HAD HAPPENED TO HIM. AT THAT TIME HE TOLD ME "NO". BUT HE SAID, "MOM, \*\*\*\*\* IS NOT LYING ABOUT IT!" AS TIME WENT ON, MY SON FINALLY CAME TO ME AND TOLD ME THAT IT HAD HAPPENED TO HIM, AND WITH SOME DETAILS OF WHAT WAS DONE. AS A MOTHER, I WAS ANGRY AND, EVEN MORE, I WAS SICK TO MY STOMACH! TO THINK THAT SOMEONE YOU TRUSTED COULD DO SOMETHING LIKE THIS!

I, THEN, STARTED TO LOOK BACK AND RECALL THINGS THAT HAD HAPPENED. I REMEMBER WHEN THINGS BEGAN TO HEAT UP FOR TOMMY SHELTON, HE CAME BY OUR HOME AND ASKED MY SON TO COME OUTSIDE AND TALK. LATER, I LEARNED THAT HE HAD TOLD MY SON IF HE TOLD ANYONE, CAROL SHELTON WOULD KILL HERSELF. NOT ONLY DID HE USE HIS WIFE, BUT, ALSO, HIS DAUGHTER AS A PAWN. THIS WAS NOT HIS ONLY THREAT AGAINST MY SON. I WON'T WRITE WHAT THE OTHER THREATS WERE THAT WAS MADE AT THIS TIME, BUT THEY WOULD MAKE YOU SICK!

AS FOR CAROL SHELTON, ALL ALONG SHE HAS COVERED UP FOR TOMMY. ONE TIME AT CHURCH, SHE ASKED ME TO GO DOWN TO THE TEENAGE GIRL'S CLASSROOM. THERE SHE ASKED ME IF TOMMY HAD DONE ANYTHING TO MY SON. I, NOT WANTING TO HURT HER AND HER CHILDREN, TOLD HER "NO". AT A LATER DATE SHE ASKED MY SON TO MEET HER AT MCDONALD'S RESTAURANT IN WEST FRANKFORT. SHE ASKED HIM THE SAME QUESTION, HE, NOT WANTING TO HURT HER, ANSWERED HER IN THE SAME WAY.

IT'S FUNNY HOW SHE NEVER WORRIED ABOUT ALL THE BOYS IN THEIR HURTS AND FEARS! I WONDER WHEN CAROL SHELTON STANDS BEFORE THE LORD,



WHAT WILL HER ANSWER BE THEN!

AS FAR AS DANNY SHELTON IS CONCERNED, HE HAS ALWAYS COVERED THIS UP. HE DID NOT WANT THIS ALL TO COME FORWARD AS IT WOULD BE AN EMBARRASSMENT TO HIM AND HIS MINISTRY. HE HAD A GROWING MINISTRY IN 3ABN AND DID NOT WANT TO JEOPARDIZE IT, NO MATTER WHAT THE COST. HE SHOULD HAVE KNOWN THAT WHAT TOMMY WAS DOING WOULD AFFECT HIM AND HIS MINISTRY. I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT HE WILL SAY WHEN HE STANDS BEFORE THE LORD!

NOW, LET US GET BACK TO TOMMY SHELTON. I AM SURE YOU HAVE HEARD, IF IT WALKS LIKE A DUCK, LOOKS LIKE A DUCK AND QUACKS LIKE A DUCK, IT'S A DUCK! AT ONE TIME, I WAS TOLD THAT TOMMY SHELTON WAS A HOMOSEXUAL. LET'S GET REAL, HE IS NOT A HOMOSEXUAL! I BELIEVE THAT A HOMOSEXUAL WOULD NOT THINK OF MOLESTING A CHILD! HOW MANY TIMES ON THE NEWS MEDIA, DO YOU SEE WHERE A CHILD HAS BEEN MOLESTED BY A HOMOSEXUAL? SO BACK TO MY "DUCK STORY": LET'S CALL TOMMY SHELTON WHAT HE IS, A CHILD MOLESTER, SEX OFFENDER, PEDOPHILE, ETC.!

HE ALWAYS SAID HE HAD A VISION FOR A CHRISTIAN SCHOOL. THAT'S WHY HE ENCOURAGED THE FOLKS AT EZRA CHURCH OF GOD TO START ONE. LOOKING BACK, I WONDER IF HE WAS NOT PLANNING THIS SO HE WOULD HAVE ACCESS TO A LOT OF YOUNG BOYS!

I AM THE MOTHER WHO WENT TO PASTOR DRYDEN WHEN I LEARNED TOMMY SHELTON WAS GOING TO DUNN LORING. PASTOR DRYDEN LISTENED TO WHAT I HAD TO SAY, BUT, AT THIS TIME, I HAD NO IDEA THAT MY SON WAS ONE OF TOMMY'S VICTIMS. IN FACT, UP TO THIS TIME, HE BELIEVED THE STORY TOMMY SHELTON HAD GIVEN. THIS SHOWS THE DECEPTION THAT TOMMY SHELTON HELD OVER LAY PERSONS AND OTHER PASTORS! I EXPLAINED TO HIM MY CONCERNS FOR THE YOUNG MEN AT DUNN LORING. I DID NOT WANT THE SAME ABUSE MY SON EXPERIENCED TO HAPPEN TO THEM. PASTOR DRYDEN DID WHAT ANY PASTOR SHOULD DO, AND THAT IS TO ADVISE THE CHURCH AT DUNN LORING ABOUT THE ALLEGATIONS. THE CHURCH HAD THIS INFORMATION, AND, YET THEY FELL VICTIM TO TOMMY SHELTON'S DECEPTION. I FEEL THAT THE FOLKS AT EZRA CHURCH OF GOD AND PASTOR DRYDEN DID ALL THEY COULD AT THAT TIME IN WARNING THEM ABOUT THIS MATTER. THEY CHOSE TO BELIEVE TOMMY SHELTON AND ALLOWED HIM TO DESTROY SOME MORE YOUNG MEN THERE!

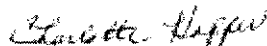
I HAVE LIVED WITH THIS FOR 23 YEARS, AND, IT HAS EATEN AWAY AT ME DAILY FOR ALL THESE YEARS! I HURT FOR ALL THOSE OTHER YOUNG MEN; BUT, NO ONE KNOWS THE HURT I HAVE FOR MY OWN! THIS SHOULD NOT HAPPEN TO ANY CHILD! WE THAT HAVE NEVER HAD THIS HAPPEN TO US, CANNOT COMPREHEND THE PAIN AND ANGUISH THAT THOSE YOUNG MEN HAVE

SUFFERED!

I WANT TO KNOW WHERE THE JUSTICE IS! I KNOW THAT GOD CAN FORGIVE, BUT TOMMY NEEDS TO PAY FOR WHAT HE HAS DONE. HE NEEDS TO BE PUT WHERE HE CANNOT HARM ANOTHER CHILD! I DON'T WANT TO SEE HIM HAVE ANOTHER FAKE BREAKDOWN OR HEALTH PROBLEM. JUSTICE NEEDS TO COME FORTH. HE HAS DEVASTATED TWO CHURCHES AND HURT COUNTLESS YOUNG MEN AND THEIR FAMILIES. THESE ARE THE FEW WE KNOW ABOUT. THERE MAY BE, AND PROBABLY ARE, OTHERS. HE MAY FOOL SOME PEOPLE, BUT HE CANNOT FOOL GOD!

TO BROKEN-HEARTED MOM NUMBER ONE AND ALL THE OTHER MOTHERS WHO KNOW THAT THEIR SONS WERE MOLESTED, I UNDERSTAND YOUR ANGUISH AND PAIN.

CHARLOTTE HOPPER



P.S. IF TOMMY SHELTON WOULD LIKE TO HAVE HIS ATTORNEY SEND ME A THREAT OF LEGAL ACTION, ALL I CAN SAY IS GO FOR IT! I WOULD LIKE NOTHING BETTER THAN TO BE IN THE SAME COURTROOM WITH HIM! THE TRUTH THEN WOULD BE FREE!

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## Scott Clem: "In Response to Your Message"

### Brother of Alleged Victims of Tommy Shelton

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Scott Clem is the brother of Roger Clem and Pastor Duane Clem. He expresses his support for 3ABN below, and his concern for 3ABN if Danny and Tommy Shelton are not removed.

### Scott Clem's Email

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Scott Clem  
**Subject:** In Response To Your Message....  
**Date:** Thu, 04 Jan 2007 12:15:17 -0600

Hi, Bob!

I am contacting you in response to your telephone message of Wed., Jan. 3. My apologies for being so long in getting back with you.

...

First of all, I want to make you aware that I know a little about who you are, having read your posts at Maritime SDA Online. I want you to know that I fully support your efforts to clean up the mess at 3ABN, and that my prayer is for successful results for the good of 3ABN and it's viewers, and most importantly, for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I wish to make it clear that, though I am Southern Baptist, I hold nothing against the Seventh Day Adventist Church, any of it's members, or 3ABN personally. My problem, as I am sure is the same with you, is the un-Christian conduct so rampant at 3ABN. Such conduct serves no purpose but to

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undermine the original intended objective of 3ABN and to embarrass the SDA Church. Those responsible for this misconduct must be exposed and dealt with, and I applaud your efforts to do just that.

As you now know, both of my brothers are victims of past molestation by 3ABN vice president Tommy Shelton, who served as our pastor at Ezra Church of God at the time that the molestations took place. There is also evidence that my brothers are not the only victims. While I have never been a victim of any type of sexual abuse, I am greatly enraged by such actions, particularly as such a despicable act has been perpetrated on my brothers by someone in whom our entire family had placed so much trust and confidence for so many years. Few things in life have cut me so deeply as this situation, and the human side of me wants to see Tommy Shelton fall to the most harsh and swift justice known to man in response to his devilish actions. It is my feeling that the Lord, though he still loves Tommy, also desires that he pay for his actions. Tommy's conduct is clearly not of God.

I am equally pained by the fact that our late mother, who died of cancer on Dec. 1, 2001, left this world never having known that two of her children were victimized by Tommy in this way. She remained steadfast in her support of Tommy due to this lack of knowledge. At the same time, I consider everyone involved in this ordeal, with the obvious exception of Tommy, to be completely blameless. Mom never knew the truth, and I can guarantee you that if she had, she would have turned on Tommy in the blink of an eye. As well, while I cannot say that I truly understand what my brothers went through, I can somehow understand why they waited so long to come forward. Feelings of guilt and embarrassment are commonplace with victims of sexual abuse for many years after the abuse has taken place. I also know that my brothers were fearful of hurting Mom or other family members by coming forward with this information, and/or of what might happen in the aftermath. Our family is hurt and angered by this, but this pain and anger is not directed at, nor is it the fault of, my brothers. I am just glad that they have both realized the importance of coming forward, as it will be a major step on their road to recovery and toward bringing Tommy to justice for what he has done. Simply put, it is my observation that, of all the numerous people involved in this terrible situation, the blame for it's entirety rests solely on one person, and that

would be one Tommy Shelton. May God, in this situation, forego His endless mercy and leave Tommy to face the consequences that he really deserves!

As for the other information that I may provide for your continuing investigation, .... [What follows is a legal matter that needs verifying.]

Again, I state that I have nothing against 3ABN personally, but I support and applaud your efforts to get a stranglehold on the situation as it stands now. I wish to see 3ABN become a great powersource for the furtherance of God's Kingdom, but I can no longer believe that this will happen under the leadership of Danny and Tommy Shelton. It appears to me that, in order for 3ABN to move forward as a ministry, Danny and Tommy must be ousted. While we should continue to pray for them, it is clear that the situations in which they have placed 3ABN will necessitate their removal. Otherwise, 3ABN will surely fall, and I really do not believe that it has to come to that.

On an added note, some of these situations, if placed for investigation by the federal government, could result in the revocation of 3ABN's licenses. Perhaps the best course of action would be to recommend to Dr. Walt Thompson that steps be taken in the very near future to remove Danny and Tommy so that 3ABN will have a fighting chance to save it's authority to broadcast. At this point, it could be in serious jeopardy.

To tell you the honest truth, I would very much welcome an opportunity to work with 3ABN in whichever ways ..., but I will not even make an attempt at such an arrangement as long as 3ABN is under the facist thumb of Danny Shelton and his child molester brother Tommy. God does not honor such things, and I refuse to do so as well. As a past volunteer at 3ABN, I would love to re-establish a friendship with the network, and my hope is that, in the foreseeable future, I will be able to do so. As things stand right now, this just cannot happen.

Again, my best to you and those working with you to bring back some order to 3ABN. It is my hope and prayer that your investigations will bring Danny and Tommy and all other guilty parties to justice and restore 3ABN to her former self for the glory of God. If you need anything else

from me, please do not hesitate to contact me.

In Christ,

Scott Clem

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Scott Clem, brother of Roger Clem and Pastor Duane Clem, worries about what will happen to 3ABN when the public finds out that Danny Shelton covered up the child molestation allegations against his brother, and what will happen if the 3ABN board does not remove Danny and Tommy.

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**From:** Scott Clem  
**Subject:** Re: My Original Message  
**Date:** Sun, 07 Jan 2007 08:16:23 -0600

Hi, Brother Bob!

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You know, I just wonder exactly what it is going to take for the 3ABN board to wake up. It appears to me that the only way that they can save the ministry now is to send both Danny and Tommy packing. By the time that the general public finds out the truth (which they eventually will), they will have turned on 3ABN as a whole because of the cover-up, and it will all be over. Sad!

What is the board saying about Tommy? Are they still defending him, too, even in light of the recent exodus of victims from the darkness of this whole ordeal? As I understand it, there is still at least one victim in Virginia for whom the statute of limitations has not yet expired, and the heat is on to come forward. If that is the case, 3ABN can either hang Tommy out to dry and have a chance to save the network, or sweep everything under the rug and lose it all when the truth does come out. How I wish that they would

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reconsider their position! There is no need for 3ABN to go down when it has a chance to make a fresh start.

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# Scott Clem: "Re: My Original Message" II

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Scott Clem, brother of Roger Clem and Pastor Duane Clem, affirms the report of Roger Clem and others that Tommy suddenly has health problems whenever he gets accused of propositioning young men or molesting boys.

His reference to a "bald-faced lie" refers to the fact that Tommy's health problems were declared on global TV on December 31, 2006, to be due to something clearly false.

### Scott Clem's Letter

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Scott Clem  
**Subject:** Re: My Original Message  
**Date:** Sun, 07 Jan 2007 20:31:16 -0600

Hi, Brother Bob!

I've heard this all many times before. Tommy has "stress", "heart problems" or a "nervous breakdown" every time the heat is on. When his victims back off, he mysteriously gets better. I believe your suspicion of a "bald-faced lie" is right on the mark.

I hope his victims don't buy it this time. It's far past time for Tommy to face the music.

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## **Scott Clem: "RE: [Fwd: Verification of Letter]"**

### **Brother of Alleged Victims of Tommy Shelton**

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Scott Clem, brother of Roger Clem and Pastor Duane Clem, reacts to 3ABN attorney Mike Riva's January 2007 threatening letter to the Dunn Loring Church of God congregation. In his opinion, Danny Shelton's use of such tactics to cover up allegations of child molestation is unnecessarily "destroying" 3ABN.

### **Scott Clem's Email**

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Scott Clem  
**Subject:** RE: [Fwd: Verification of Letter] ...  
**Date:** Mon, 08 Jan 2007 12:19:33 -0600

Hi, Brother Bob!

WOW!!!! I wonder if they are actually naive enough to let this thing go to court while so many victims are coming forward. That's like putting a loaded pistol in your mouth and threatening to pull the trigger.

All they need to do is to come clean, and the nastiness can be avoided. I don't understand why they cannot see that. They are accusing others of trying to destroy 3ABN, but no one is doing that as quickly as they are. Definitely a situation in need of much prayer, along with a healthy dose of common sense.

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## **Judy Woods: "I was There"**

[Judy Woods was one of Tommy's staunch supporters, and thus she sided against the alleged victims. It was a very divisive issue at the Ezra Church of God, and some of those who were involved back then have not known about her change of position, and may appreciate reading her letter below.]

### **Judy Woods tells us what it was like for her**

January 18, 2007

Dear sir:

The subject I am about to approach absolutely boggles my mind! I cannot comprehend, even to this day, how one person, Tommy Shelton, with his deviate behavior, and all the while declaring that it was not true, could almost destroy our little church. We are, now, a handful of people at Ezra Church of God, that have sat here for decades with a black cloud over our head that seems as if it can never be removed. This type of situation only happens somewhere else, not here!

Why did we, as a congregation, allow it to come to this? Why did I not see what was happening, after all I was Sunday School superintendent? I was in a position where I could observe many of his interactions with the young people. Also, why did the young victims not report the fact that they were being molested to their parents or some authority figure? I know that one young person did go to city hall and made a statement to the police, but nothing happened! Did someone intervene on Tommy's behalf? I don't have the answers to these questions!

As I look back, I quickly realize that hindsight is 20/20. It was a time of chaos that overwhelmed me. I had Sunday School teachers quitting because of the accusations that were running rampant. Many had believed such accusations and left the church. Our church was literally falling apart! At this time, I decided to stand with the pastor. Did I ever question his innocence at this time. Yes, only to switch back to no almost immediately. The fact is that at this point I simply chose not to believe the accusations for, you see, I didn't want to believe them. After all, he was preaching holiness and musically talented. How could there be a dark side?

But, what is probably the key factor is Tommy has a way with words that can convince you that black is white. Any situation that arose that didn't seem

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kosher, I went directly to Tommy and questioned him on such. He always had an answer that made me say to myself, why did I ever ask!

But, I still had many questions along the way. One young man stood out in particular. He and Tommy were caught alone in a certain residence. Tommy lied and said that it was his son there. Not so! This same teenager would go along on family vacations with the Sheltons. Tommy would also tutor this boy in his office in the evenings.

In the past, other teenagers were used to drive him different places; for example, he would go to a recording studio quite regularly in Flora, IL, and, most always with a young driver.

These are just a few examples of what went on at Ezra.

In situations where Tommy needed to stand and fight for himself, he was always incapacitated, mostly nerve issues-- nervous breakdown, removing himself to California to escape the "heat," even admitting himself to a mental hospital in Centralia. Others in the congregation would try to fight his battles!

During his entire pastorate at Ezra, I stood by him and tried to help him even though I had questions. I suppose I was naive and blinded to a certain extent as to what was really going on.

What about today? Scripture says, "Be sure your sin will find you out." This is exactly what happened when the pieces of the puzzle fit perfectly into place leaving no doubt in my mind that Tommy is guilty of molesting teenagers.

The young man that has already been mentioned came to my house and told me exactly what Tommy did to him. This was during all the chaos at the church. No, at this point, I did not believe him. I confronted Tommy as to what he said. Tommy blamed the boy's parents for forcing him to tell this. Tommy told me that when the boy turns 21 years old, he would come back and tell me the "truth." I haven't seen the boy since!

Some years have now passed, and I spoke to a mother of another of Tommy's victims. She was talking about her son and Tommy. I ask her if her son had ever said what Tommy did to him. She proceeded to tell me what he said--- which turned out to be exactly what the young man said that had come to my house some years before. This was the piece of the puzzle that completed the picture of guilt. These two boys were not in any way connected--not by age, locale or friendship!

My feelings, today, are of betrayal, being lied to over and over, and just, in general, being "used." But how I "feel" does not compare to the torment, agony, and embarrassment that the victims must endure for a lifetime! Only God knows how many victims there are!

By the way, this is not the end of the saga. Since the ruination of Ezra, which included many victims, Tommy has continued to pursue young men to victimize, one of which is Roger, a relative. He then moved on to the Community Church of God in Dunn Loring, VA, leaving more victims there! Only God knows just how many victims there are! This type of behavior must be stopped!

A big "thank you" to the SDA and the CCG for your pursuit of the truth. Please be persistent in your efforts. Tommy must be held accountable for his actions!

The thought that the situation at Ezra had been dealt with 30 years ago, is simply not true! We will know Tommy has repented of his sin when he bows on his knees before each of his victims and begs their forgiveness. Then he must stand before the congregations at Ezra and Dunn Loring and apologize for the agonizing devastation he has caused each church!

I close with some advice directed at Tommy----why don't you stand up and be a man for once in your life! Admit to what you've done and are doing! Stop the cop-out of a nervous breakdown, etc., when you're cornered! Stop hiding behind your fancy lawyer, which I am certain has never been told the real truth. If he had been, he would never have written the (2) threatening letters in an effort to protect a child molester. Stop hiding behind your wife and Danny, who have become your enablers, or, in other words, accessories! Your wife should never have allowed such behavior! Danny should never have put you on staff at 3ABN, nor should he have allowed you on camera, except it does show the world what a child molester looks like! Real godly sorrow and heartfelt repentance are in order, without which hell awaits! Then, after you've done all this, extreme long-term counseling would be the next step!

Perhaps, if all this were accomplished, maybe the black cloud over Ezra would slowly begin to dissipate!

Thank you,  
*Judith C. Woods*

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JANUARY 18, 2007

DEAR SIR:

THE SUBJECT I AM ABOUT TO APPROACH ABSOLUTELY BOGGLES MY MIND. I CANNOT COMPREHEND, EVEN TO THIS DAY, HOW ONE PERSON, TOMMY SHELTON, WITH HIS DEVILIC BEHAVIOR, AND ALL THE WHILE DECLARING THAT IT WAS NOT TRUE, COULD ALMOST DESTROY OUR LITTLE CHURCH. WE ARE, NOW, A HANDFUL OF PEOPLE AT EZRA CHURCH OF GOD, THAT HAVE SAT HERE FOR DECADES WITH A BLACK CLOUD OVER OUR HEAD THAT SEEMS AS IF IT CAN NEVER BE REMOVED. THIS TYPE OF SITUATION ONLY HAPPENS SOMEWHERE ELSE, NOT HERE!

WHY DID WE, AS A CONGREGATION, ALLOW IT TO COME TO THIS? WHY DID I NOT SEE WHAT WAS HAPPENING, AFTER ALL I WAS SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT? I WAS IN A POSITION WHERE I COULD OBSERVE MANY OF HIS INTERACTIONS WITH THE YOUNG PEOPLE. ALSO, WHY DID THE YOUNG VICTIMS NOT REPORT THE FACT THAT THEY WERE BEING MOLESTED TO THEIR PARENTS OR SOME AUTHORITY FIGURE? I KNOW THAT ONE YOUNG PERSON DID GO TO CITY HALL AND MADE A STATEMENT TO THE POLICE, BUT NOTHING HAPPENED! DID SOMEONE INTERVENE ON TOMMY'S BEHALF? I DON'T HAVE THE ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS!

AS I LOOK BACK, I QUICKLY REALIZE THAT HINDSIGHT IS 20/20. IT WAS A TIME OF CHAOS THAT OVERWHELMED ME. I HAD SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS QUITTING BECAUSE OF THE ACCUSATIONS THAT WERE RUNNING RAMPANT. MANY HAD BELIEVED SUCH ACCUSATIONS AND LEFT THE CHURCH. OUR CHURCH WAS LITERALLY FALLING APART! AT THIS TIME, I DECIDED TO STAND WITH THE PASTOR, DID I EVER QUESTION HIS INNOCENCE AT THIS TIME, YES, ONLY TO SWITCH BACK TO NO ALMOST IMMEDIATELY. THE FACT IS THAT AT THIS POINT I SIMPLY CHOSE NOT TO BELIEVE THE ACCUSATIONS FOR, YOU SEE, I DIDN'T WANT TO BELIEVE THEM. AFTER ALL, HE WAS PREACHING HOLINESS AND MUSICALLY TALENTED. HOW COULD THERE BE A DARK SIDE?

BUT, WHAT IS PROBABLY THE KEY FACTOR IS TOMMY HAS A WAY WITH WORDS THAT CAN CONVINCE YOU THAT BLACK IS WHITE. ANY SITUATION THAT AROSE THAT DIDN'T SEEM KOSHER, I WENT DIRECTLY TO TOMMY AND QUESTIONED HIM ON SUCH. HE ALWAYS HAD AN ANSWER THAT MADE ME SAY TO MYSELF, WHY DID I EVER ASK?

BUT, I STILL HAD MANY QUESTIONS ALONG THE WAY. ONE YOUNG MAN STOOD OUT IN PARTICULAR. HE AND TOMMY WERE CAUGHT ALONE IN A CERTAIN RESIDENCE. TOMMY LIED AND SAID THAT IT WAS HIS SON THERE, NOT SO? THIS



SAME TEENAGER WOULD GO ALONG ON FAMILY VACATIONS WITH THE SHELTONS. TOMMY WOULD ALSO TUTOR THIS BOY IN HIS OFFICE IN THE EVENINGS.

IN THE PAST, OTHER TEENAGERS WERE USED TO DRIVE HIM DIFFERENT PLACES. FOR EXAMPLE HE WOULD GO TO A RECORDING STUDIO QUITE REGULARLY IN FLORIDA, IL, AND, MOST ALWAYS WITH A YOUNG DRIVER.

THESE ARE JUST A FEW EXAMPLES OF WHAT WENT ON AT EZRA.

IN SITUATIONS WHERE TOMMY NEEDED TO STAND AND FIGHT FOR HIMSELF, HE WAS ALWAYS INCAPACITATED, MOSTLY NERVE ISSUES-- NERVOUS BREAKDOWN, REMOVING HIMSELF TO CALIFORNIA TO ESCAPE THE "HEAT", EVEN ADMITTING HIMSELF TO A MENTAL HOSPITAL IN CENTRALIA. OTHERS IN THE CONGREGATION WOULD TRY TO FIGHT HIS BATTLES!

DURING HIS ENTIRE PASTORATE AT EZRA, I STOOD BY HIM AND TRIED TO HELP HIM EVEN THOUGH I HAD QUESTIONS. I SUPPOSE I WAS NAIVE AND BLINDED TO A CERTAIN EXTENT AS TO WHAT WAS REALLY GOING ON.

WHAT ABOUT TODAY? SCRIPTURE SAYS, "BE SURE YOUR SIN WILL FIND YOU OUT". THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED WHEN THE PIECES OF THE PUZZLE FIT PERFECTLY INTO PLACE LEAVING NO DOUBT IN MY MIND THAT TOMMY IS GUILTY OF MOLESTING TEENAGERS.

THE YOUNG MAN THAT HAS ALREADY BEEN MENTIONED, CAME TO MY HOUSE AND TOLD ME EXACTLY WHAT TOMMY DID TO HIM. THIS WAS DURING ALL THE CHAOS AT THE CHURCH. NO, AT THIS POINT, I DID NOT BELIEVE HIM. I CONFRONTED TOMMY AS TO WHAT HE SAID. TOMMY BLAMED THE BOY'S PARENTS FOR FORCING HIM TO TELL THIS. TOMMY TOLD ME THAT WHEN THE BOY TURNS 21 YEARS OLD, HE WOULD COME BACK AND TELL ME THE "TRUTH". I HAVEN'T SEEN THE BOY SINCE!

SOME YEARS HAVE NOW PASSED, AND I SPOKE TO A MOTHER OF ANOTHER OF TOMMY'S VICTIMS. SHE WAS TALKING ABOUT HER SON AND TOMMY. I ASK HER IF HER SON HAD EVER SAID WHAT TOMMY DID TO HIM. SHE PROCEEDED TO TELL ME WHAT HE SAID-- WHICH TURNED OUT TO BE EXACTLY WHAT THE YOUNG MAN SAID THAT HAD COME TO MY HOUSE SOME YEARS BEFORE. THIS WAS THE PIECE OF THE PUZZLE THAT COMPLETED THE PICTURE OF GUILT. THESE TWO BOYS WERE NOT IN ANY WAY CONNECTED--NOT BY AGE, LOCAL OR FRIENDSHIP!

MY FEELINGS, TODAY, ARE OF BETRAYAL, BEING LIED TO OVER AND OVER, AND, JUST IN GENERAL, BEING "USED". BUT HOW I "FEEL" DOES NOT COMPARE TO THE TORMENT, AGONY, AND EMBARRASSMENT THAT THE VICTIMS MUST

ENDURE FOR A LIFETIME! ONLY GOD KNOWS HOW MANY VICTIMS THERE ARE!

BY THE WAY, THIS IS NOT THE END OF THE SAGA. SINCE THE RUINATION OF EZRA, WHICH INCLUDED MANY VICTIMS, TOMMY HAS CONTINUED TO PURSUE YOUNG MEN TO VICTIMIZE, ONE OF WHICH IS ROGER, A RELATIVE. HE THEN MOVED ON TO THE COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD IN DUNN LORING, VA, LEAVING MORE VICTIMS THERE! ONLY GOD KNOWS JUST HOW MANY VICTIMS THERE ARE! THIS TYPE OF BEHAVIOR MUST BE STOPPED!

A BIG "THANK-YOU" TO THE SDA AND THE CCG FOR YOUR PURSUIT OF THE TRUTH. PLEASE BE PERSISTENT IN YOUR EFFORTS. TOMMY MUST BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR HIS ACTIONS!

THE THOUGHT THAT THE SITUATION AT EZRA HAD BEEN DEALT WITH 30 YEARS AGO, IS SIMPLY NOT TRUE! WE WILL KNOW TOMMY HAS REPENTED OF HIS SIN WHEN HE BOWS ON HIS KNEES BEFORE EACH OF HIS VICTIMS AND BEGS THEIR FORGIVENESS. THEN HE MUST STAND BEFORE THE CONGREGATIONS AT EZRA AND DUNN LORING AND APOLOGIZE FOR THE AGONIZING DEVASTATION HE HAS CAUSED EACH CHURCH!

I CLOSE WITH SOME ADVICE DIRECTED AT TOMMY---WHY DON'T YOU STAND UP AND BE A MAN FOR ONCE IN YOUR LIFE! ADMIT TO WHAT YOU'VE DONE AND ARE DOING! STOP THE COP-OUT OF A NERVOUS BREAKDOWN, ETC., WHEN YOU'RE CORNERED! STOP HIDING BEHIND YOUR FANCY LAWYER, WHICH I AM CERTAIN HAS NEVER BEEN TOLD THE REAL TRUTH. IF HE HAD BEEN, HE WOULD NEVER HAVE WRITTEN THE (2) THREATENING LETTERS IN AN EFFORT TO PROTECT A CHILD MOLESTER. STOP HIDING BEHIND YOUR WIFE AND DANNY, WHO HAVE BECOME YOUR ENABLERS, OR, IN OTHER WORDS, ACCESSORIES! YOUR WIFE SHOULD NEVER HAVE ALLOWED SUCH BEHAVIOR! DANNY SHOULD NEVER HAVE PUT YOU ON STAFF AT JABN, NOR SHOULD HE HAVE ALLOWED YOU ON CAMERA, EXCEPT IT DOES SHOW THE WORLD WHAT A CHILD MOLESTER LOOKS LIKE! REAL GODLY SORROW AND HEARTFELT REPENTANCE ARE IN ORDER, WITHOUT WHICH HELL AWAITS! THEN, AFTER YOU'VE DONE ALL THIS, EXTREME LONG-TERM COUNSELING WOULD BE THE NEXT STEP!

PERHAPS, IF ALL THIS WERE ACCOMPLISHED, MAYBE THE BLACK CLOUD OVER EZRA WOULD SLOWLY BEGIN TO DISAPPEAR!

*Thank you,  
Judy C. Woods*

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## Eyewitness Account: Sherry Avery

### Tommy Shelton Caught

It was late October, 1984, when Sherry says she caught Tommy Shelton red-handed. Here is her account of what happened that day, and of how it all got explained away and covered up.

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I'm so sorry for taking longer than I first told you. We were at the Hospital everyday with a sick friend and I just couldn't get this together. It takes me longer to do things in my old age....

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God bless your efforts in these matters with 3ABN and your Church. We will certainly keep you in our prayers.

Sincerely,

## Mom in Pain #1



Sherry Avery

PS: I do know who wrote that last letter....The Mother...

This will take awhile to explain but let me start by saying that in 1975 my husband and I were married at Ezra Church of God by Tommy Shelton. We were very close to Tommy and Carol (his wife) for a number of years. I had lived in Paducah with mutual friends before I was married; they were like family to all of us, We had a wonderful church family and God blessed my husband and me with two wonderful boys.

The problems started of course with the first accusations of misconduct with Brad Dunning. I knew Brad as a fine young man; he didn't go to our church but I knew his mother and grandfather. I didn't know quite how to handle what I had heard and I wasn't 100% sure of what went on. I couldn't feel free to disbelieve my pastor but I asked God to show me the truth before I could blame anyone. I just had to be sure I was right. What made it harder was that our mutual friends (from Paducah) had told us a couple of years before that they felt uneasy about Tommy bringing boys to their home and always wanting to counsel them in his room. This was tearing on me as I prayed that God would please make things clear to me so I could be 100% sure.

In late October 1984 I went to our mutual friends' weekend home (in West Frankfort) to look in her closet for the size of a blouse; her birthday was the next week and I wanted to buy her a gift. When I drove up to the house I saw Tommy's car in the driveway. I also saw two boys raking leaves in the backyard. I went to the door and rung the doorbell but no one came to open the door. I then went to the backyard and asked the boys (they were from our church) if they knew what Bro. Tommy was doing in the house. They said they hadn't seen him

and that his car was there when they arrived. I went around to the door again and opened it with my key. When I went inside I saw both bedroom doors shut (unusual for my friends to shut these doors). This made me very nervous; I thought to myself, "Would Tommy have another woman in this house?"... I turned and went to the front porch and when I turned around and came back inside there was Tommy in his stocking feet coming up the stairs from the basement. He said he was checking to see if there was water on the basement floor. I thought that was very strange for when I went to the bedroom the door was opened and someone was in the bathroom. I asked him who was in the bathroom and he said it was his son, Ricky. I went into the bedroom and the bed was a total mess; the bedcovers were all in disarray. I was really getting nervous now and I went over to the closet and looked inside for the size and then got out of there.

I drove out to the church and walked into the Christian school gym and there was Ricky playing basketball with other boys. I then went upstairs where I knew they were having a meeting with new prospects for the school; I saw the principal's wife and motioned for her to come out. I asked her where Tommy was and she said he was with a certain boy somewhere.

I went to my car and proceeded to drive back to the house and on the way I saw Tommy's car coming down the road. I was sure the boy had hid when they saw my car coming down the country road. When I got back to the house I went inside and found the bedroom doors opened and the bed all made up. I walked back to the front porch and Tommy drove up. My question to him was, "What is going on? You've been caught haven't you?" His reply was, "I knew you would think that something was going on. I [page 2] was just cutting his hair." I asked him why the bed was a mess and he just said, "I don't know." He said he didn't have a chance anymore; he had to hide everything he did because everyone would think the worst. He then told me he would leave the church. I told him to do what he thought he should do and I left.

That afternoon he sent Carol to talk to me. She told me I

was mistaken on what I saw and he was just trying to help this boy. She said I was just jealous of Tommy and his relationship with our mutual friends. I thought, why or how would he come up with that? She told me it would ruin the church and it would be my fault. We talked for hours that night just enough for me to question what I should do. I decided I would not tell anyone what went on that day but continue to watch and pray for God to tell me what to do. I thought it was enough to scare Tommy into changing his ways. I wanted him to get help.

Several months went by and I was praying constantly telling others I had a great burden and needed them to help me pray about it. One Sunday while at the same house with my friends, Ricky came in. He was really upset; his dad was going on another trip and was taking one of the young boys with him (the same boy that was at the house with him that day in October). Ricky cried and asked why his dad would take these other boys and not take him. Well, that did it for me. The next day I went to my friends (the mutual friends who owned the house) and told them the whole story. They both realized that Tommy had a problem and I will never forget the words said, "Even if he were my blood son he must be confronted; he must pay for his sins." That's all I needed, I had to go home and talk with one of the leaders in the church, the Sunday School Supt.

I told her (the Sunday School Supt.) what had happened and she told me she had been seeing things that didn't look right to her and she and her husband had questioned it. Her husband had seen cars at the church late at night when he had come home from work on midnight shift, cars that belonged to young boys. I told her I wanted to see the church get him help; he had a problem that was more than we could handle. She hugged me on her front porch and told me it would be taken care of.

Just two days later at Prayer Meeting she stood up and testified and ended with, "I love my pastor and I stand behind him 100%." I was shocked. Of course Tommy wasn't there because he was sick.

The next Sunday the Asst. Pastor and Principal of the

Christian School stood up and said Tommy was having a nervous breakdown and would be out for a few weeks. That night he stood up and said, "Everyone that is behind our pastor stand up". Well, everyone stood up but me. I think I was in total shock at what was happening. The people that knew my life and me began to wonder what was going on; they knew something wasn't right. They began to call me but I still didn't tell what was going on, they soon got wind that I was jealous and trying to destroy the church.

Soon I did have to explain in detail what was going on and what had happened. There were many supporters of Tommy that gave our family a hard time, even to the point of [page 3] writing nasty letters to my mother-in-law, who didn't have a thing to do with what happened; she had been gone from Ezra Church for a long time. I think maybe there should be some apologies made before there can be healing. Even the young men that came forward had terrible things said about them; some supporters made the comment that you couldn't believe these boys because they weren't Christians and going to church. I wonder how many young men that were molested by their pastors are in church today? It was hard enough for me to ever trust a pastor or the church people again. I lost all confidence in those people that knew what was going on and still backed Tommy, yet I didn't lose hope in the God I knew. These were the things that led to Tommy losing his credentials with the Church of God, Anderson, Indiana, the awful sins he committed against the children! Those that are still backing Tommy (I think we know who they are) need to realize that the judgment is coming and is swift. The devil wants to deceive us all; open your eyes people: it's time to make it right.

Sincerely,



Sherry Avery

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The problems started of course with the first accusations of misconduct with Brad Dunning. I knew Brad as a fine young man, he didn't go to our church but I knew his mother and grandfather. I didn't know quite how to handle what I had heard and I wasn't 100% sure of what went on. I couldn't feel free to disbelieve my pastor but I asked God to show me the way before I could blame anyone. I just had to be sure I was right. What made it harder was that our mutual friends (from Paducah) had told us a couple of years before that they felt uneasy about Tommy bringing boys to their home and always wanting to counsel them in his room. This was tearing on me as I prayed that God would please make things clear to me so I could be 100% sure.

In late October 1984 I went to our mutual friends' weekend home (in West Frankfort) to look in her closet for the size of a blouse, her birthday was the next week and I wanted to buy her a gift. When I drove up to the house I saw Tommy's car in the driveway. I also saw two boys raking leaves in the back yard. I went to the door and rang the doorbell but no one came to open the door. I then went to the back yard and asked the boys (they were from our church) if they knew what Bro. Tommy was doing in the house. They said they hadn't seen him and that his car was there when they arrived. I went around to the door again and opened it with my key. When I went inside I saw both bedroom doors shut (normal for my friends to shut these doors). This made me very nervous; I thought to myself "would Tommy have another woman in this house" .... I stepped and went to the front porch and when I turned around and came back inside there was Tommy in his sock feet coming up the stairs from the basement. He said he was checking to see if there was water in the basement floor. I thought that was very strange for when I went to the bedroom the door was opened and someone was in the bathroom. I asked him who was in the bathroom and he said it was his son Ricky. I went into the bedroom and the bed was a total mess, the bedcovers were in all in disarray. I was really getting nervous now and I went over to the closet and looked inside for the size and then got out of there.

I drove out to the church and walked into the Christian school gym and there was Ricky playing basketball with other boys. I then went upstairs where I knew they were having a meeting with new prospects for the school; I saw the principal's wife and motioned for her to come out. I asked her where Tommy was and she said he was with a certain boy somewhere.

I went to my car and proceeded to drive back to the house and on the way I saw Tommy's car coming down the road. I was sure the boy had hid when they saw my car coming down the country road. When I got back to the house I went inside and found the bedroom doors opened and the bed all made up. I walked back to the front porch and Tommy drove up. My question to him was what is going on? You've been caught haven't you? His reply was "I know you would think that something was going on." I

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was just crossing his hair. I asked him why the bed was a mess and he just said, "I don't know." He said he didn't have a chance anymore he had to hide everything he did because everyone would think the worst. He then told me he would leave the church. I told him to do what he thought he should do and I left.

That afternoon he went Carol to talk to me. She told me I was mistaken on what I saw and he was just trying to help this boy. She said I was just jealous of Tommy and his relationship with our mutual friends. I thought why or how would he come up with that? She told me it would ruin the church and it would be my fault. We talked for hours that night just enough for me to question what I should do. I decided I would not tell anyone what went on that day but continue to watch and pray for God to tell me what to do. I thought it was enough to scare Tommy into changing his ways. I wanted him to get help.

Several months went by and I was praying constantly telling others I had a great burden and needed them to help me pray about it. One Sunday, while at the same house with my friends, Ricky came in. He was really upset; his dad was going on another trip and was taking one of the young boys with him (the same boy that was at the house with him that day in October). Ricky cried and asked why his dad would take these other boys and not take him. Well, that did it for me. The next day I went to my friends (the mutual friends who owned the house) and told them the whole story. They both realized that Tommy had a problem and I will never forget the words said, "even if he were my blood son he must be confronted, he must pay for his sin." That's all I needed, I had to go home and talk with one of the leaders in the church, the Sunday School Supt.

I told her (the Sunday School Supt.) what had happened and she told me she had been seeing things that didn't look right to her and she and her husband had questioned it. Her husband had seen cars at the church late at night when he had come home from work on midnight shifts, cars that belonged to young boys. I told her I wanted to see the church get him help, he had a problem that was more than we could handle. She hugged me on her front porch and told me it would be taken care of.

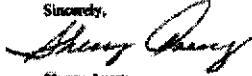
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The next Sunday the Asst. Pastor and Principal of the Christian School stood up and said Tommy was having a nervous breakdown and would be out for a few weeks. That night he stood up and said, "everyone that is behind our pastor stand up". Well, everyone stood up but me. I think I was in total shock at what was happening. The people that knew my life and one began to wonder what was going on, they knew something wasn't right. They began to call me but I still didn't tell what was going on, they soon got wind that I was jealous and trying to destroy the church.

Soon I did have to explain in detail what was going and what had happened. There were many supporters of Tommy's that gave our family a hard time, even to the point of

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writing nasty letters to my mother-in-law, who didn't have a thing to do with what happened, she had been gone from Ezra Church for a long time. I think maybe there should be some apologies made before there can be healing. Even the young men that came forward had terrible things said about them, some supporters made the comment that you couldn't believe these boys because they weren't Christians and going to church. I wonder how many young men that were molested by their Pastors are in church today? It was hard enough for me to ever trust a pastor or the church people again. I lost all confidence in those people that knew what was going on and still backed Tommy, yet I didn't lose hope in the God I knew. These were the things that led to Tommy losing his credentials with the Church of God, Anderson, Indiana, the awful sin he committed against the Children! Those that are still backing Tommy (I think we know who they are) need to realize that the judgment is coming and is swift. The Devil wants to deceive me all, open your eyes people it's time to make it right.

Sincerely,  
  
 Sherry Avery

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### **Pastor Glenn Dryden to 3ABN Board Chairm Dr. Walter Thompson, May 2003**

Pastor Glenn Dryden has the unique experience of having pastored two churches th  
Tommy Shelton pastored:

- The Ezra Church of God in West Frankfort, Illinois.
- The Community Church of God in Dunn Loring, Virginia.

Unfortunately, Pastor Dryden has received complaints from members of both  
congregations about sexual misconduct on the part of Tommy Shelton, misconduct  
involving both men and teenage boys.

Pastor Dryden arrived back in Dunn Loring after being in West Frankfort from 199  
2005. On December 3, 2006, Pastor Dryden released a statement indicating that the  
were three new allegations arising out of Tommy's tenure in Dunn Loring (1995-c.  
2000), one of which involved an individual who was a minor at the time.

The following letter was sent by Pastor Glenn Dryden to 3ABN board chairman Dr  
Walter Thompson in May 2003. The reply he received was a threatening letter from  
3ABN attorney Mike Riva. As of November 27, 2006, three and a half years later, l  
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### **The 2003 Dryden Letter**

----- Original Message -----

**Subject:** Re: 3ABN special request

**Date:** Mon, 14 Aug 2006 14:00:00 -0400

**From:** Glenn Dryden

Following is the text of my letter on Ezra Church of God letterhead  
to Dr. Thompson as well as "Action Items" suggested for Tommy  
Shelton by the congregation I formerly served. These were sent to  
Dr. Thompson by certified mail and I suppose it was his wife who  
signed for the letter on May 16, 2003.

Pastor Glenn Dryden

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May 14, 2003

Dr. Walter Thompson

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Dear Dr. Thompson:

Greetings in the holy name of our Lord Jesus!

It is my understanding that you serve as chairman of the board of directors of Three Angels Broadcasting Network. From 3ABN's web site it appears an invitation to minister has been extended to this congregation's former pastor, Tommy Ray Shelton.

Constrained by an ethical, if not legal, obligation, I am compelled to advise you that Tommy Ray Shelton is not in good standing with either of the two associations by which he was first presented with ministerial credentials. At least six boys in our community were sexually abused by Tommy Ray Shelton during the periods he served as pastor of this congregation.

Some of these young men and some parents are willing to corroborate the information I am giving you, if necessary. Please contact me for their phone numbers that I may alert them to a pending call. I also will put you in touch with the two associations referenced above.

Either I or members of this congregation's leadership will answer

any questions you may have regarding this correspondence.

In our Lord's service,



Pastor Glenn Dryden

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**Expediency recommended :**

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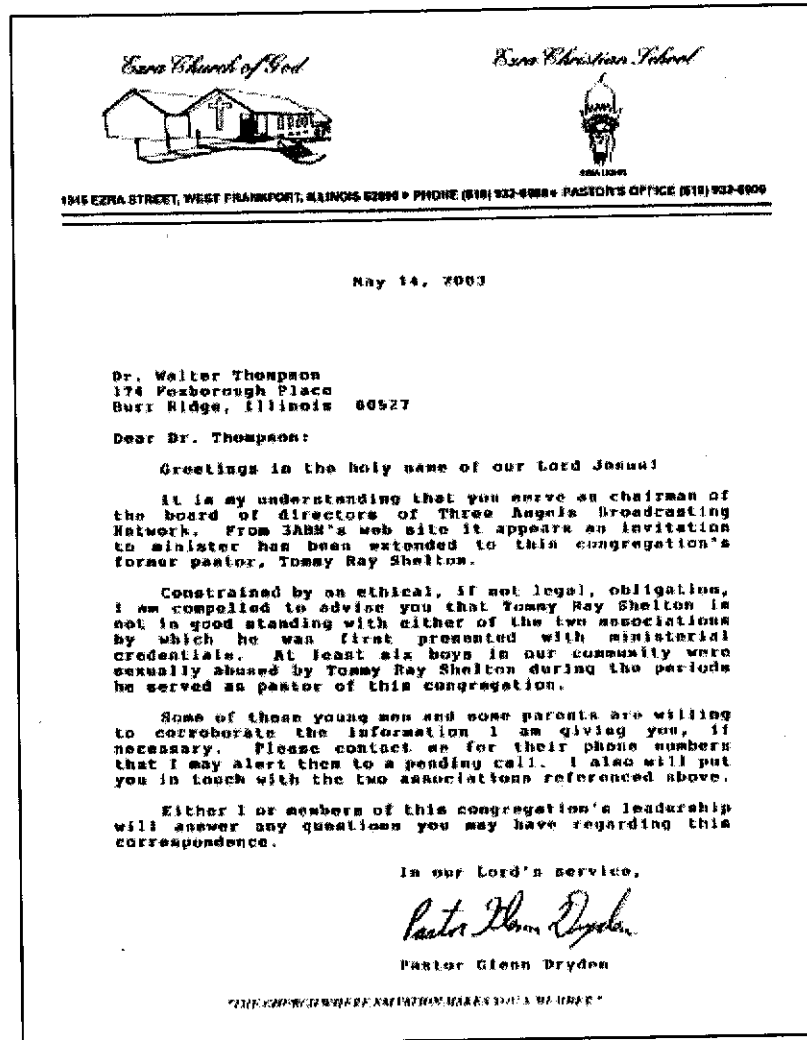
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A vital question is, Who paid Mike Riva for his services in writing this letter? Did Tommy pay for them out of his own pocket or did 3ABN pay for them in some way? Danny Shelton, 3ABN president and brother of Tommy Shelton, refuses to say.

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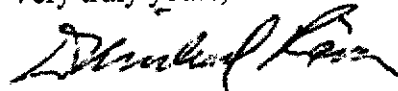
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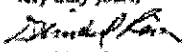
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### **Excerpts from Pastor Glenn Dryden's June 2003 Reply to Riva**

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### **Pastor Glenn Dryden's Reply**

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"Tommy should cooperate in the placement of his name and pertinent information on appropriate sex offenders lists, as the law may require in the state of his residence or in Illinois."

Failure to follow these simple, practical, and reasonable suggestions would suggest that there is still an unresolved problem.

Still, we do have in our possession the following "confession" by Tommy Shelton that must be considered. Is it a genuine confession? Or is it yet another attempt at manipulating a victim into silence by suggesting that the victim is a homosexual, thus keeping the victim from coming forward for fear that his own character might be brought into disrepute?

A victim of child molestation has provided us a critique of Tommy's "confession," which we provide on a separate page.

### **Tommy's Confession**

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Duane Clem  
**Subject:** FW: Re: Hello  
**Date:** Mon, 08 Jan 2007 17:24:24 +0000

It is with great heaviness of heart that I forward this email. Please be very conscientious about its use. I hope this can help bring a resolution to the horrible situation at hand.

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**From:** "Tommy Shelton"  
**To:** "Duane CLem"  
**Subject:** Re: Hello  
**Date:** Mon, 13 Jun 2005 20:53:09 -  
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Hi Duane,

I received your e-mail a couple of days ago. I guess you sent it longer ago than that, but I am not home several days a week. It sounds like you are doing what makes you the happiest - being involved in Gospel music.

Duane, I have spent the last several years trying to straighten my life out. As you well know, I had a big problem and should have gotten help years ago or got out of the ministry. To be honest, I really didn't know that I needed help then, but of course I know now. At the time, I knew that I loved God and wanted to help people, but my problem always got in the way.

You will remember that before I went to D.C. I apologized to you and told you that I wanted to make a new start and I have been trying to do that ever since. I've been honest with my wife, whom I almost destroyed with what I did.

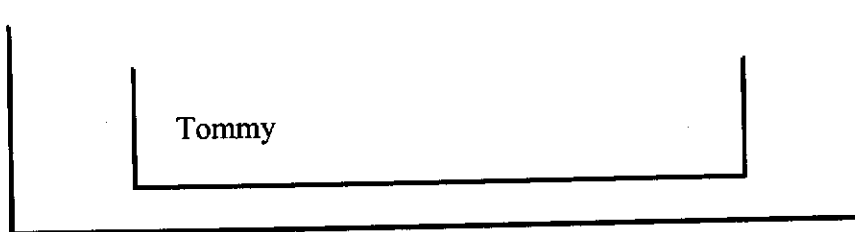
I have been honest with her that some inappropriate things happened between you and me - all my fault - and I also told her that you resisted every attempt that I ever made. You and I both know that is true. I know now that I took advantage of how much you cared for me, and I am shocked that you will even speak to me.

Because of what I have done to Carol, you and others, it is not good for me or you to try to rekindle a friendship. Please understand, the last thing I want to do is hurt you more. I've hurt you enough for a life time. I'm sure that you have felt that I have abandoned you, and you are right, that was part of my sickness - run when things got hot. For all of this, Duane, I am so sorry.

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**Tommy Shelton's "Confession" Critiqued**

When dealing with a pedophile, one has to be aware of the fact that such individuals can be highly manipulative. One is therefore torn between the possibility that the "confession" is genuine, and the possibility that it is another attempt at manipulation of a victim.

We therefore appreciate the following critique provided by an individual who was a victim of child molestation, and who therefore has some experience dealing with individuals who resort to manipulative behavior to keep their misdeeds from being brought to light.

Our suspicions about this "confession" were seconded by the one who provided us this critique. Tommy's apparent suggesting that he and his victim had had a long-term homosexual relationship would potentially keep this victim quiet, since he most certainly wouldn't want Tommy telling people something like that.

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<p>honest, I really didn't know that I needed help then, but of course I know now. At the time, I knew that I loved God and wanted to help people, but my problem always got in the way.</p>	<p>homosexual tendencies or his penchant to molest young boys.</p>
<p>You will remember that before I went to D.C. I apologized to you and told you that I wanted to make a new start and I have been trying to do that ever since. I've been honest with my wife, whom I almost destroyed with what I did.</p>	<p>Here he has either told him he honestly wants to try to battle his demons or #7 has gotten too old to fit the characteristics that turn him on or he is just tired of him or someone has found him out.</p>
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This is the part that concerns me the most. He is inferring that #7 shares the blame for the hurt caused to Carol Shelton. He also reinforces that by saying that Carol has forgiven them both. A victim responsible for the pain they have caused? He is continuing the grooming of this victim to try to keep him quiet! To keep him full of shame at his possible tendencies, or allowing himself to be exploited.

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Once again he is tugging at

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#7's heart strings, showing what a loving, caring person he really is even though he did some "inappropriate things" that caused pain.

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## **New Allegations in Virginia**

In late 2005, Pastor Glenn Dryden moved back to Dunn Loring, Virginia from West Frankfort, Illinois, to serve as the senior pastor of the Community Church of God there. Below is the statement he issued on December 3, 2006. For Tommy's reaction to this statement, please see "[New Year's Eve Tribute to Tommy Shelton.](#)"

### **Pastor Glenn Dryden's Statement**

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Glenn Dryden

**Subject:** FROM PASTOR DRYDEN

**Date:** Sun, 3 Dec 2006 21:03:14 -0500

#### **Statement of Pastor Glenn Dryden**

Three instances of misconduct on the part of Tommy Shelton while he served as pastor at the Community Church of God, Dunn Loring, Virginia, have been reported to me in the brief time I have served as pastor of this congregation.

The most egregious of these instances involved a male who was a minor at the time.



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In light of the allegations of child molestation in Virginia which were just made public on December 5, 2006, one has to wonder why any globally televised tribute was given to Tommy at all. Then when one examines what exactly was said, one asks, Why was this said? Why was that said?

Below we have tried to categorize the various statements that the different speakers made during the tribute. If you feel we have made a mistake somewhere, please let us know.

It appears that the entire program was orchestrated in order to counter the sexual misconduct allegations against Tommy Shelton, but the program did it in a way that avoided directly confronting those allegations, and it made no attempt whatsoever to refute them. This seems unfair to the alleged victims.

Further, the program's obvious references to Linda Shelton were totally uncalled for, even if she is guilty of adultery as Danny claims.

We therefore appear to have an example here of abuse of power by Danny Shelton. The fact that he has control of a microphone does not give him license to run his ex-wife into the dirt, or to steam roll over the alleged victims of his brother Tommy's sexual misconduct.

One has to wonder, who wrote the script? Did each speaker write their own remarks? Were the various speakers prompted by someone with ideas of what to include, such as Tommy being a good travelling companion or having quiet talks together or being so warm?

It would be different if Tommy had not been previously accused of taking advantage of travelling situations to molest boys.

### **Selected Quotes from the New Year's Eve Tribute**

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"You're production manager. You have been the last two and a half years or so ...." (Danny Shelton, 0:17)

"Because, uh, as a brother of course I love your very much, but also as production manager for the last two and a half years in particular ..." (Danny Shelton, 1:23)

"That when you took over production two and a half years ago ...." (Danny Shelton, 1:41)

"Well, two and a half years ago ... you've been there for the last two and a half years." (Danny Shelton, 6:22)

"... the crew these last two two and a half years ...." (Tommy Shelton, 12:56)

"... two and a half years ago ...." (Mollie Steenson, 21:25)

### **"We Had to Fire Linda 2½ Years Ago"**

"Well, two and a half years ago when things changed we had some very traumatic things and things happen at 3ABN and, uh, we asked you to step in, Mollie asked you to step into a position that, uh, just temporarily, and, uh, you've been there for the last two and a half years." (Danny Shelton, 6:22)

### **"Linda Did a Terrible Job"**

"Tommy, when I think of, uh, our experience together, one of the first things that comes to mind is an experience that happened when you first became the production director for 3ABN. Umm. Your predecessor had, uh, decided to pay, uh, production employees minimum wage for travel. And, uh, that person also, uh, structured the work week for the, umm, production truck to minimize the amount of travel that would be available for the employees.

"I forget just exactly when it was but I know that it was very early into your tenure as production director, maybe couple

of weeks or few weeks at the most, you came into my office and wanted to talk about the minimum wage situation. Uh. You recognized that this was unfair to your staff and and wanted to correct it, and within a few minutes we had made arrangements to pay production people their full wage as they traveled, and also we standardized the work week for 3ABN employees." (Larry Ewing, 13:42)

Since Danny's ex-wife Linda Shelton was not able to respond on the air to Larry Ewing's comments, we asked her if the above was true. She responded:

"Dan approved all production salaries, not me. ... I don't think any of that is true. Like I said, Dan approved all of the individual salaries. I kind of had a beef about that. Dan and Mollie decided who got a raise and who didn't. I wanted to give Sandra Juarez a raise and Dan wouldn't allow it."

### **"You've Done a Much Better Job Than Linda"**

"I mean, you've done an incredible job. I ... Mollie told me that uh the first year they keep track of all this stuff, you know. She's their general manager. That when you took over production two and a half years ago that we actually increased our production around 60% for programming new programs going on the air." (Danny Shelton, 1:36)

"Also our international headquarters growing and the production of course that it's it's a first-great first-class production ... one of the things they look for is good quality ... and so 3ABN is a part of those now because of you and the production crew." (Danny Shelton, 2:49)

"I want to say I want to thank you tonight, uh, this New Year's Eve I want to thank you for the years of a that you have been a great asset to 3ABN." (Danny Shelton, 6:57)

"You've done an excellent job for 3ABN." (Larry Ewing, 16:28)

"[Mollie] mentioned, "Tommy is the best," and I would have to agree with that." (Larry Ewing, 16:59)

"And I've heard that production increased under your

leadership. And that's, uh something good, uh. There's been nothing but good things said, uh, here about you because of the fine work you've done." (John Dinzey, 18:00)

"You see, Tommy, our production department has grown and flourished under your management. No one could have possibly done the job that you've done. Tommy you're the best. I just can't imagine 3ABN without you." (Mollie Steenson, 21:55)

### **"You Have to Retire 3 Months Early Because of Your Stress-Caused Health Problems"**

"You are retirement age, actually, coming in March. ... And so we decided to go ahead and and do it here tonight and, uh, so that you can, we're trying to get you out of that stress." (Danny Shelton, 7:56)

### **"No, Your Stress Isn't Because You're in Trouble Again for Propositioning Men and Abusing Boys"**

"... you've been there [in the production department] for the last two and a half years. It is very stressful." (Danny Shelton, 6:38)

"Any position ... can be very stressful. And I realize that that's been very hard on you." (Danny Shelton, 6:44)

"So you have a lot of responsibilities plus weekend traveling." (Danny Shelton, 7:23)

"... pray for you physically too. Because I realize we've put you under a lot of stress. And I know your cholesterol ... Right now I know that your blood pressure has been up again. And, eh, you're under a lot of stress." (Danny Shelton, 7:35)

"And so we decided to go ahead and and do it here tonight and, uh, so that you can, we're trying to get you out of that stress." (Danny Shelton, 8:06)

"Of course ... I think getting you out of a position of so much responsibility ...." (Danny Shelton, 8:23)

"But as far as you know what he's doing with that tremendous schedule working all week plus traveling weekends that's too much for anybody with a good heart let alone somebody that's struggling." (Danny Shelton, 8:55)

"Plus I live an hour and a half away. It's an awful lot of driving." (Tommy Shelton, 9:04)

"It wouldn't be so bad the driving but you got that ferry that you have to deal with." (Danny Shelton, 9:10)

"Probably my most stressful thing of all of it is that ferry. If I didn't have that ferry I could cope." (Tommy Shelton, 9:26)

Really? It's the ferry that is the worst thing of all? Far worse than the new allegations of child molestation in Virginia? But Tommy, one of your alleged victims in Illinois tells us that that particular ferry boat ride is extremely relaxing.

### **"You're Not Gone; You'll Be Back. Promise."**

"It doesn't mean that we don't want you to come back and volunteer for nothing sometimes, you know, or that we want you to travel with us and do some music here or come back and do some programs." (Danny Shelton, 8:13)

"My sister Tammy she walked in the the office a awhile ago and she goes Well I'm I'm I don't know how I can deal with this if Tommy's not here, she said, you know. And I said, Well no, he's going come and he's going to be helping us and he's still going to do some things." (Danny Shelton, 8:41)

"Like I said, It doesn't mean he's going to be gone from 3ABN. As long as his health holds up. And and we want you to just spend some time and get your health ...." (Danny Shelton, 9:42)

"... and we're telling our viewers, you're not just gone ...

we're going to let up on that for awhile, but as your health, you know, and as you get better and stronger, ... we want you to come back, and be with us as often as you can." (Danny Shelton, 12:20)

"And I'm looking forward to more time with you and I'm hoping very much that we'll be able to work at other, on other projects and things together." (Dee Hilderbrand, 19:10)

### **"We're Not Guilty of Embezzling Like People Say"**

"I remember also that you were strict with them at times, and you, you didn't let them take advantage of 3ABN or the Lord. You were very, you felt very accountable, umm, for the, uh, the management of the Lord's money and you wanted to, to always handle it well." (Larry Ewing, 15:39)

### **"Tommy Is Such a Great Christian, a Man of Integrity"**

"And I must say it was a pleasure to work with you I saw you as an honest person, a person of integrity that was trying to do the best to for the crew and for the guests that came in to do programming but also uh for the Lord. And I appreciate that about you." (John Dinzey, 17:20)

"It's been a pleasure, I must say, to see someone, uh, that would put their best effort forward for the Lord. ... And I appreciate you as a Christian brother ... And I know that you will do the best for the Lord." (John Dinzey, 17:53)

"My real emphasis is how you've helped me grow spiritually." (Dee Hilderbrand, 18:53)

As you know I've prayed a lot for you for your health and I'm very concerned about that. So what the burden on my heart is that you get well and healthy and stay well and healthy and that I have more years to grow and have you as a mentor and an example." (Dee Hilderbrand, 19:24)

"One, you brought a Christian grace and dignity to your work." (C. A. Murray, 20:09)

"You were a good person to work with and umm a fair person and a Christian person ... and you are a good traveling companion." (C. A. Murray, 20:17)

"You're a good man, a good Christian." (C. A. Murray, 21:00)

"But I to praise God that we've had this time to get to know each other. For brother, I've learned so much from you. Mine and Hal's prayer is that God will greatly bless you because we know at that this time of of your life He's going to just open up new avenues for you to serve Him." (Mollie Steenson, 22:11)

"The most important thing they've all said is that they appreciate your Christian experience and your Christian walk with the Lord." (Danny Shelton, 23:51)

### **"No Allegations Against Tommy Here"**

"There's been nothing but good things said, uh, here about you ...." (John Dinzey, 18:06)

"You are universally loved by us all, and certainly loved and appreciated by me. Sometimes we come together and have little quiet talks and discuss things." (C. A. Murray, 20:43)

"God is going to be with you and we are with you and we send you our love and our respect and God's love." (C. A. Murray, 21:09)

### **"No, Tommy Is Not After Men"**

"Another thing that, uh, I think about when I think about you is, uh, the way that you would always say, "Hi Larry," when we met in the hallway or in the foyeh, and you know,

your warmth always shone through to me." (Larry Ewing, 16:33)

"You are universally loved by us all, and certainly loved and appreciated by me. Sometimes we come together and have little quiet talks and discuss things. And, uh, you have the ability to even say no and a person comes out feeling good." (C. A. Murray, 20:43)

**"When Those Boys and Their Parents Say That Tommy Would Abuse Them on Trips, Don't Believe It"**

"... and you are a good traveling companion." (C. A. Murray, 20:26)

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## Mike Riva's Threat to the Dunn Loring Congregation

In an apparent effort to manipulate the Dunn Loring Church of God congregation into muzzling their pastor, 3ABN attorney Mike Riva sent the following letter. To all appearances, this is an attempt to prevent charges being filed over the most recent known allegation of child molestation against Tommy Shelton.

Is this an appropriate letter for an attorney representing a TV network to send, a network that claims to be preaching the undiluted three angels' messages, a network that claims to be forwarding the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church? Is it an appropriate use of donor funds to silence child molestation allegations in this way? Seventh-day Adventists everywhere think not.

An alleged victim of Tommy Shelton in Illinois, when hearing the part of Riva's letter that says that Tommy, Danny, and 3ABN's patience has run out, said, "Patience?! Their patience?! What about our patience?"

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We believe he has a point.

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Thus far these threats have only been threats. The difficult problem for Danny Shelton is that if he were to sue, the resulting litigation would result in an investigation of many aspects of 3ABN, including, according to some sources, 3ABN's books. And the books have traditionally been something Danny does not want people to see.

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### Attorney Mike Riva's January 2007 Threat

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January 5, 2007

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Board of Community Church of God  
2458 Gallows Road  
Dunn Loring, VA 22027

Dear \*\*\*\*\*:

Please be advised that I am one of the attorneys representing



Tommy Shelton and Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc. The purpose of this letter is to: 1) advise the board of actions of its pastor Glenn Dryden; 2) to place the board and each individual member on notice that the actions of your pastor will not be tolerated any further; and 3) to inform the board and its individual members that all will be named as defendants in a lawsuit should the actions of your pastor continue.

I am aware of the slander and libel that your pastor is engaged in and of his efforts to encourage others in attacking Tommy, Danny, and 3ABN. Such actions are far beneath the level of Christian behavior and are legally libelous. Your pastor has used the internet to spread scandalous allegations against my clients in an attempt to harm them personally and to affect the on-going ministry of 3ABN. My clients have exercised great restraint up to this moment as others so defamed would have already sought legal redress of the situation.

Their patience is gone. Though they do not relish the thought of filing a lawsuit against the church, your pastor and all the members of the Board of Directors individually, that will be the next step. They have had enough.

Let me be perfectly clear about this. You and the rest of the board are the leaders of your church and in my legal opinion have been placed in legal jeopardy by the actions of your pastor and your willful consent thereto. Many of his libelous writings have been posted on the internet for all the world to read. Therefore, consider this a demand that you discuss the situation with your pastor and direct him to immediately cease all actions directed toward my clients. Should that not happen, the only remaining recourse for my clients is to file a lawsuit. As you know, lawsuits are costly both financially and emotionally for those individuals involved. The status quo, namely continued efforts by your pastor to undermine and defame my clients with the board members having full knowledge of his actions, will not be tolerated. It is time for the board to realize the jeopardy that exists and to direct the pastor to cease; otherwise the church and individual board members will be ensnared by the tentacles of the lawsuit.

Very truly yours,

D. Michael Riva

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P.S. Should you need copies of the various e-mails, please let me know and I will send them to you.

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A new phase of the Danny Shelton Corruption Scandal was launched on January 24, 2007, when Attorney Harold Lance issued a unilateral statement on behalf of Adventist Services and Industries (ASI). This statement is favorable to Danny Shelton even though there never was an investigation by ASI. The sending out of this statement was a blatant and grievous violation of the confidentiality agreement that Lance imposed on all participants in the discussion, and it contains a number of critical errors of fact as well.

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By January 26, 3ABN had posted the statement on their website, something that Lance's confidentiality agreement was intended to avoid. Requests to Lance for ways to rectify this matter have thus far gone unanswered. And the posted statement differs from Harold Lance's, raising questions as to whether 3ABN and/or Danny Shelton directly or indirectly participated in the drafting of that statement.

All this was a Plan B, as it were, of a smokescreen scheme 3ABN president Danny Shelton wrote about on December 5, 2006, in the email that appears below, an email written in response to information given by his own board chairman, Dr. Walt Thompson.

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**Information from Dr. Walt Thompson**

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According to Dr. Thompson, Danny had told him in 2003 that the Tommy Shelton child molestation allegations were about 30 years old, when the 2003 Glenn Dryden letter that prompted their conversation indicated that there were misconduct allegations as recent as three years old at that time.

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According to Dr. Thompson, Danny also had said in 2003 that the child molestation allegations were due to a feud between Dryden and Tommy, when the facts are that for 8 years after Tommy's ordination was revoked in 1985 over some of these allegations, Dryden still lived 800 miles away. While Tommy pastored in West Frankfort, Illinois, Dryden was pastoring in Dunn Loring, Virginia.

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Thus, apparently, Danny Shelton lied to cover up Tommy's child molestation allegations, and we reach that conclusion based on the written testimony of his own board chairman and staunch defender.

Whether Dryden's allegations are true or not is beside the point. Allegations are allegations, and there obviously were allegations of sexual misconduct that occurred as late as 2000 in Dunn Loring, Virginia, based on Dryden's 2003 letter.

## Danny's December 5, 2006, Email

Notice carefully Danny's first response to Dr. Thompson's request that Bob Pickle verify the information that Danny had given Dr. Thompson:

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Danny Shelton  
**To:** Bob Pickle  
**CC:** Walt Thompson  
**Subject:** RE: Some additional verification needed for Walt Thompson's statements.  
**Date:** Tue, 5 Dec 2006 09:16:41 -0600

Bob,

As you know we are letting ASI handle the situation regarding my divorce from Linda.

Did I have biblical grounds for my part in the divorce of Linda and me.

Many lies have been spread by Linda and others using people like Gailon Joy and others.

According to you and Gailon and several others, the 3ABN leadership including myself, have covered up my wrong doing by making Linda the scape goat.

Either this is true or it is not. Much has been said by Johann, Arild, Barbara K. and people who didn't even know Linda and me.

ASI will decide who is doing the cover up. Somebody is lying! After hearing the testimony and evidence from both sides ASI will make a decision. Should ASI decide that the 3ABN board and myself did not "scapegoat Linda" to cover

up my sins, then, in my opinion it will become obvious to the public that maybe many of these other accusations are lies also.

If on the other hand ASI decides that me and the 3ABN board covered up my sins to scapegoat Linda, then I believe that it will become obvious that I am probably lying when I deny many of the other accusations coming from Linda and her group.

That's why I choose to wait until ASI handles this huge issue of mine and Linda's divorce before answering questions of all the other accusations manufactured by Linda, Gailon, Derrell Johann, Barbara Kerr and others who have or has had an ax to grind with 3ABN.

For every person accusing me and 3ABN of doing wrong I can show thousands who will testify of all the good that 3ABN is doing including nearly all of its employees.

Danny

Several points may be noted.

- Danny in this email is responding to the resurfacing of allegations in 2003, which is a year before Linda's alleged and apparently unproven affair in 2004. How then can the Tommy Shelton child molestation allegations have anything whatsoever to do with Linda, Gailon, Derrell, Johann, Barbara Kerr, and Arild, all of whom became alienated from Danny due to the events of 2004?
- Since the source of the information being asked about is Dr. Walt Thompson, and everything is supposed to be "lies," is Danny calling his staunch defender, Dr. Thompson, a liar?
- While denying that he is using Linda as a "scape goat" or smokescreen, Danny at the same time made crystal clear that he intended to use a positive decision by ASI as a smokescreen. He planned to use that decision to prove to everyone that he has to be telling the truth about everything else, even if he prohibits an investigation into everything else.

## The Grand Scheme

Prohibit an investigation into everything else? That is exactly what Danny did, as made clear in Harold Lance's statement issued January 24, 2007, and now posted at 3ABN's website. Thus Danny is undoubtedly pleased that he has succeeded in obtaining his objective: getting some sort of positive decision

from ASI that he can use in his defense without actually disclosing any evidence one way or the other. Plan A was to get a positive statement after an ASI panel review of the situation. Plan B was to get a positive statement anyway, just without a panel review.

Yet Harold Lance's statement, unfortunately for Danny, contains some fatal flaws and errors that make it quite clear that it is both distorted and inaccurate.

ASI is a good organization, and it pains us to see Danny Shelton so determined to either rule or ruin that he is willing to jeopardize ASI's reputation rather than step aside.

As we have been accessing the situation a bit by looking through old correspondence, we have been forced to revise this introduction in order to be as truthful and accurate as possible (old edition here). While at first we had wanted to give everyone the benefit of the doubt, we have discovered over the last 24 hours that there is little doubt about it: Someone at high levels of ASI leadership appears to have conspired with Danny Shelton to thwart the investigation before it ever got started.

Simply put, the whole ASI tribunal idea was negotiated by a high-level Seventh-day Adventist Church leader in order to hear the evidence Gailon Arthur Joy had discovered regarding a large range of issues. And someone within ASI appears to have conspired with Danny Shelton to do two things:

- Exclude Gailon Joy from the very tribunal that had been proposed to hear the evidence of corruption he had uncovered.
- Exclude the very allegations the tribunal process was supposed to consider, and only look at the Danny-Linda thing.

We have no doubt that the rank and file of ASI will be very disappointed at what they read here.

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## **Gailon Arthur Joy Unknown? Not True!**

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### **An Email "Smoking Gun"**

The following email was forwarded to the webmaster by a Seventh-day Adventist pastor who had received a copy of it on September 19, 2006. This email is important in understanding how someone within top ASI leadership allegedly conspired with Danny Shelton to thwart from the very beginning the investigation into the Tommy Shelton child molestation allegations, and the Danny Shelton sexual assault and inappropriate relationship allegations.

The email below was sent by Mr. Joy to a former high-ranking 3ABNer, a 3ABNer who personally thinks that Linda has a share in the blame for her dismissal from 3ABN. So this individual's interest in what is unfolding in the Danny Shelton Corruption Scandal is not motivated by a desire to exonerate Linda.

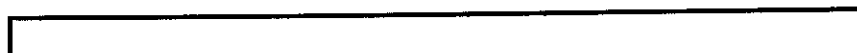
Mr. Joy's email carries a subject of "RE: MAP." This is because this former high-ranking 3ABNer was concerned over how Danny hijacked airtime during the *Most Amazing Prophecies Seminar* in order to promote himself and his brother Tommy, and thus deflect the sexual misconduct allegations against both him and Tommy.

### **Implications**

What we have here in this email is a "paper trail" establishing several facts:

- Gailon Arthur Joy spoke at great lengths with a high-ranking Seventh-day Adventist Church leader.
- That leader agreed to negotiate a process that would "review **all** the evidence."
- The Alyssa letter that alleges sexual assault by Danny is explicitly mentioned as being part of that evidence.
- Mr. Joy is very clearly involved in the panel review process idea **five days prior** to the 3ABN board's alleged request on September 24.

### **The Email from Mr. Joy**



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----- Original Message -----

**From:** G. Arthur Joy  
**Subject:** RE: MAP  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 19, 2006 5:11 PM

Greetings, \*\*\*\*\*,

I spent nearly two hours with [a high-ranking Adventist church leader] today and he has agreed to work to develop a mixed forum to review all the evidence. This process is very preliminary, however, it is yet another step in the right direction. I continue to pray and trust that the Lord will open the way for the Board at 3ABN to see the light and implement appropriate reforms before we reach a point of no return.

I have this gut-wrenching feeling that the process could be the most devisive the Church has dealt with since John Harvey Kellogg. The difficulty here is that Danny purports to represent a theology that is clearly conservative, while living as though he bought into the theology of Ford, et al.

There is some comfort in the numbers I recently received that seemed to indicate that they have a rock solid support base of approximately 5000 that give systematically and monthly, and about another 100,000 +/- that contribute annually, primarily project-based giving. However, I keep receiving information that not only the 100k are cracking, but a significant number of the 5000 are beginning to wonder and turn their backs. Several regular campmeeting goers have indicated they are not going this fall. Although the curiosity factor could result in a lot of new attendance.

I will transcribe my notes and try to finish interviews with another three that I never have had time to get back to. My notes indicate that only Dryden, the church secretary, the mother of one victim, and two male victims indicated he had been defrocked. I will check with what I recall as the United Churches of God. I will contact the church secretary to determine affiliation and will get someone to confirm the defrocking.

For your information, the Alyssa letter elicited a response from Walt in the form of a direct question to Alyssa regarding whether or not the letter was signed by Alyssa. If it was signed by Alyssa then they were asking her to meet



with a 3ABN panel to answer questions regarding the allegations. Alyssa did not pick up the letter (mailed requesting a certified receipt). I am going to see if we can elicit a response from Alyssa, however, and see if we can get her to agree to meet a much more neutral panel. What are your thoughts on this?

I have an engagement and must run. Thank you for your e-mail.

Gailon A Joy

## Church Leaders

This should give comfort to Seventh-day Adventists everywhere that some of their church leaders have worked behind the scenes to deal with this crisis. Yet consider the challenge:

- The denomination has no direct control over Danny Shelton and 3ABN.
- Armed with cameras and microphones, Danny Shelton has a damage control operation second to none in capacity, if not quality.
- He has charmed his way into the hearts of many, many people.
- The allegations are so bizarre, so twisted, so wild-eyed, it is difficult for anyone to consider that they just might be true.

Thus in this crisis likened by Mr. Joy above to the "alpha of apostasy" in the days of Kellogg, it is no wonder that Seventh-day Adventist leaders haven't been exactly sure what to do. Dealing with this crisis is like riding an elephant through a mine field.

## Questions for Ron Christman and Harold Lance

At any rate, it should be a given that the high-ranking church leader Mr. Joy spoke with and who negotiated the ASI review process to begin with, it should be a given that he must have communicated both Mr. Joy's concerns and Mr. Joy's name to Ron Christman, ASI Secretary/Treasurer. We therefore call Mr. Christman as well as Harold Lance to account for the following as soon as possible:

- Why does the ASI statement issued by Harold Lance in blatant violation of his own confidentiality agreement say that Mr. Joy was unknown prior to October 3, when he was the very individual the whole process was put into motion for to begin with, and that fact can be documented back to

- September 19?
- Why does the ASI statement accuse "Linda's team" with trying to drag other issues into process when in reality it was Danny Shelton, 3ABN, and Harold Lance who were trying to remove from discussion the very allegations the process was initiated for to begin with, and why does 3ABN's altered version call the problem an "**unexpected barrier**"?
  - If the 3ABN board really did vote to cover up all the other allegations on September 24, 2006, by limiting their request to just Danny/Linda, why wasn't "Linda's team" explicitly informed of this fact until December 3, ten weeks later?
  - Why, from the very beginning, was there an apparent conspiracy to remove from discussion the very issues and the very person the whole process was started for, and why were falsehoods and distortions inserted into Harold Lance's statement to cover up these facts?

### The Two Statements

Compare Harold Lance's original, unilateral ASI statement with the altered version that appears on 3ABN's website. (An archived copy saved on January 28, 2007, can be viewed [here](#).)

Statement as Sent Out by H. Lance on Jan. 24, 2007	Statement as Altered and Posted on 3ABN's Website by Jan. 26, 2007
<p>Here were the barriers:</p> <p>...</p> <p>* Linda's team -</p> <p>...</p> <p>- insisted on including issues involving allegations of management and corporate misconduct at 3ABN</p>	<p><b>Unexpected Barriers</b></p> <p>...</p> <p>Linda's team:</p> <p>...</p> <p>Insisted on including issues involving allegations of mismanagement and corporate misconduct at 3ABN</p>
	<p><b>Attempts to Establish the Commission Panel</b></p> <p>As ASI leadership was considering 3ABN's</p>

As ASI leadership was considering 3ABN's request an email message dated 10 3 06, was received by the ASI President from G. Arthur Joy, saying in part:

"...Dr. Thompson has informed me that ASI has agreed to be the appropriate platform upon which to hear allegations regarding 3ABN. While I agree that in theory, ASI is the appropriate platform and clearly has some jurisdiction here, and by voluntary assent would have full jurisdiction to hear the allegations and make appropriate findings, I also recognize there are some clear and serious conflicts that need to be clarified".

The memo from Joy included messages from other unknown/unidentified people seriously questioning whether ASI

request, an e-mail message dated, October 3, 2006, was received by ASI's president from Joy, hitherto unknown to ASI, saying in part:

". . . Dr. Thompson [Walter Thompson, 3ABN Board Chair] has informed me that ASI has agreed to be the appropriate platform upon which to hear allegations regarding 3ABN. While I agree to that in theory, ASI is the appropriate platform and clearly has some jurisdiction here, and by voluntary assent would have full jurisdiction to hear the allegations and make appropriate findings, I also recognize there are some clear and serious conflicts that need to be clarified."

Joy's memo included messages from others

was an appropriate organization to be involved. Joy was unknown to ASI leadership. It was not known what his interest was in the matter. That question was clarified by Linda when she identified Joy as her representative. Joy introduced Bob Pickle and Greg Matthews as also on Linda's team. The three have been included in all correspondence sent to Linda.

(unknown and unidentified to us) who seriously questioning whether ASI was an appropriate organization to be involved. As stated above, Joy himself was unknown to ASI leadership at that time. It was not known what his interest was in the matter until Linda later identified Joy as her representative. Joy then introduced Pickle and Matthews as part of Linda's team. Since that time Joy, Pickle and Matthews always were included in any correspondence sent to Linda.

## Appeal

Again, we call for a full and clear explanation from both Harold Lance and Ron Christman for why we have here an appearance of deceit and conspiracy, all for the apparent purpose of covering up child molestation and sexual assault allegations. And we call for that explanation immediately.

Seventh-day Adventists believe in keeping the Ten Commandments, and we believe that keeping the Ten Commandments is a sign of God's last-day people. And that includes the ninth commandment as well as the fourth. May we always practice what we preach, by the grace and to the glory of God.

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## **3ABN Live, August 10, 2006: Damage Control Time**

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In order to properly understand the significance of parts of Harold Lance's ASI statement, we must first take a look at certain key steps that led to ASI's attempt to find a resolution for the current crisis at 3ABN. And to do that, we must first go back to August 10, 2006.

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On that date Danny Shelton aired a special damage control edition of 3ABN live. The reason? A signed, confidential statement had started circulating among pastors and church leaders, a statement written by his step-daughter, a statement alleging that Danny had sexually assaulted her.

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Through the two-hour broadcast, Danny Shelton and crew repeatedly stated that lies were being told about them and Danny, that they and Danny were being persecuted, and that they and Danny weren't going to defend themselves.

In the first hour John Lomacang had an interesting sermon about Moses, a sermon that under normal circumstances would have been quite good, with just a tad left out.

"The Israelites had to acknowledge that God had chosen Moses to lead them. I want to stop and say that, we may not always agree with who God chooses, but when God chooses someone, **disagreeing with that one can bring on us adversity**, discouragement, and the loss of our vision."

"Moses was the instrument that God used, as Danny Shelton is the instrument that God uses here at 3ABN. Moses was not the deliverer. Danny's not the deliverer. He's simply the chosen servant of God."

(John Lomacang on 3ABN Today Live, 1st hour, replayed)

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While Danny Shelton has been much loved by many Seventh-day Adventists, the idea of it being wrong to disagree with him, as if his position of authority were akin to the pope, just doesn't ring true.

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In the second hour, amidst more claims that they weren't going to defend themselves, Shelley Quinn had a talk about another famous person:

"As a faithful witness for God, he spoke out against a couple who had entered into a sinful relationship. Now the woman entangled in this situation became offended. She was embittered, and she felt scorned. And you know, there's something about her, that she was unconcerned about her relationship in the eyes of the Lord. Her worry revolved more around the possibility of losing her prominent position. So what did she do? She devised a plan to eliminate this one who had exposed her, and she enlisted the help of her young daughter. Now prompted by her mother, this daughter became **entangled in the web of deceit**, and she set out to set her mother's position and save it by destroying this man of God. What we see here is that the scheme was to go forward and go straight for the throat and have his head served up on a platter. Does this story sound familiar to you? To whom am I referring? John the Baptist, of course."

"Now how could such a holy, Spirit-filled man, who was hand-picked by God, and called to such an important ministry, fall victim to such vile persecution? Why would God allow it?"

(Shelley Quinn on 3ABN Today Live, 2nd hour, replayed at 4pm CDT, Sunday, August 13, 2006)

Now anyone familiar with the Bible story about how Herodias and her daughter Salome got the head of John the Baptist knows that the Bible does not depict Salome getting "entangled in the web of deceit." There is no description of their deceiving anyone. We are left with the conclusion that Danny and crew were really talking about his ex-wife Linda, and Linda's daughter's confidential testimony alleging sexual assault by Danny.

Danny Shelton not defending himself?

## Shelley Quinn's Talk: a Powerful Motivator

Three days later on Sunday, August 13, far away from Thompsonville, Illinois, in northwest Minnesota, Seventh-day Adventist researcher and apologist Bob Pickle watched a rerun of that broadcast. A retired pastor and good friend had been calling him periodically for months and months with concerns about some of the events transpiring at 3ABN, and he had asked a few questions of a few folks. During the previous month or so he had spent a little time here and there perusing [BlackSDA.com](http://BlackSDA.com), and trying to sort through all the he said, she said stuff, looking for concrete facts that could be proven or disproven.

Danny's strategy has been to deflect every allegation of any sort with the claim that it all is because his ex-wife Linda is out to get him. Yet even if that is so, and even if Linda's daughter's allegation of sexual assault by Danny is all a lie, to call it a lie in a globally televised TV broadcast while at the same time claiming not to defend one's self, that crossed a line in Pickle's mind. Right then and there during Shelley Quinn's talk, he decided to not just stand on the sidelines and ask a few questions, but to wade into the morass and find out the truth of it all, regardless of the consequences.

That decision was followed the next day by the discovery of the [2003 Glenn Dryden letter](#).

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**The Discovery of the 2003 Glenn Dryden Letter**

BlackSDA.com had discussed a host of allegations, including the Tommy Shelton child molestation allegations in West Frankfort, Illinois, and Dunn Loring, Virginia. Yet there was one challenge with a number of the various allegations: little or no concrete documentation to support them.

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But on August 10, Panama Pete gave a detail which made it relatively simple to discover the existence of the 2003 Glenn Dryden letter, something that had not appeared on the internet forums before:

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<b>Panama_Pete</b>	<b>Posted on: Aug 10 2006, 10:26 AM</b>
	...
	That Web page you mentioned appears to be unchanged from the year 2000.
	Here is a current roster of the "Church of God of Cumberland Valley"
	<a href="http://www.churchofgodcv.org/addresses.aspx">http://www.churchofgodcv.org/addresses.aspx</a>
	...
	Forum: <a href="#">3ABN</a> · Post Preview: <a href="#">#167315</a> · Replies: <b>154</b> · Views: <b>5,508</b>

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Retrieving some contact info from the web site Panama Pete had provided a link fo Pickle suggested to his pastor friend that he call the Church of God church out there Dunn Loring, Virginia, where Tommy used to pastor, and ask them if the child molestation allegations against Tommy Ray Shelton were true. So that pastor did.

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The result was that both he and Pickle consequently ended up talking to Pastor Glenn Dryden, a man who providentially had pastored not one but two of the churches wh

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Tommy used to pastor: Ezra Church of God in West Frankfort, Illinois, and Community Church of God in Dunn Loring, Virginia. Dryden told them that he had sent a letter in 2003 informing Dr. Walt Thompson that Tommy had molested six boys, and the reply he got to that letter was a threat of legal action issued by 3ABN attorney Mike Riva writing on behalf of Tommy.

On August 14, 2006, but a day after the rerun of the August 10 broadcast, Dryden sent a transcription of his 2003 letter to Pickle. In doing so he requested that it and his name not be made public, since some of his relatives worked at 3ABN, and he was afraid that Danny might retaliate against them if the matter was not kept private. But Dryden authorized Pickle to forward his 2003 letter to Seventh-day Adventist church leaders, which he proceeded to do by sending it to four pastors and administrators.

## The Implications

Dryden's tale and concerns were troubling, and indicated that a severe problem was brewing. Here was someone who had no apparent gripe at how Danny had treated Linda during the break up of their marriage in 2004, and thus someone who was not prejudiced against Danny for that reason. Besides, he had sent his letter in 2003, a year before the Shelton divorce. And his concern over his relatives being retaliated against by Danny seemed to confirm the allegations on [BlackSDA.com](http://BlackSDA.com) that Danny does that very kind of thing.

To be certain, one can expect all Adventist pastors and administrators to know that allegations of sexual misconduct of this nature don't get swept under the rug by the use of attorney's threats, for if they do, there can be dire consequences if a future incident results in a lawsuit. And multitudes out in the business world, especially the types of folks that tend to be members of ASI, also realize the liability implications of such intimidation tactics. Why then was Danny Shelton, a member of ASI, handling this serious matter in such a wrong way?

Moreover, Danny had dismissed the co-founder of his ministry, Linda Shelton, over accusations that she had had an affair with a man who lived thousands of miles away. Accusations supported by evidence that to this day Danny refuses to show, even when promised. Yet Tommy had replaced Linda as production manager, despite the allegations of child molestation against him. If Danny cared so little about such serious allegations against Tommy, why would he have gotten so bent out of shape over allegations that Linda had had an affair? It just didn't make sense.

But one thing that did make sense very quickly was that the [2003 Glenn Dryden letter](#) was about to bring another player into the arena: Gailon Arthur Joy.

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#### **Gailon Joy and 3ABN**

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Investigating, troubleshooting, seeking justice, that's what Gailon Joy enjoys doing. With a wealth of experience in real estate, finance, and legal matters, he is well equipped to do battle if duty demands.

Gailon had been a long time supporter of 3ABN, and had not appreciated a news story the previous spring that called 3ABN a growing offshoot of the Adventist Church. He'd been asked two years before to investigate 3ABN, but just thought it was all sour grapes. And as far as Linda Shelton went, the dissolution of her marriage probably was her fault.

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For the Ten Commandments Weekend project, Gailon helped distribute 5,800 copies of Danny Shelton's *Ten Commandments Twice Removed* book. But Danny's quick remarriage around the same time made Gailon begin to question what was going on. As friends kept sending him material about 3ABN, more questions were arising in his mind about the integrity of Danny Lee Shelton. Still, Gailon contented himself with asking a few questions from the sidelines.

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#### **The Dryden Letter Arrives**

On August 14 and 15, 2006, Pickle sent out the 2003 Glenn Dryden letter to four Seventh-day Adventist pastors and administrators. One of those four passed it on to a fifth, and that fifth made sure Pastor Dryden's letter got faxed to Gailon Joy. It arrived on the afternoon of Tuesday, August 15.

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When Gailon took a look at the faxed letter, he thought, "This is a hoax!" But all it took was a few phone calls to realize that it was anything but a hoax. Before the day was out, he wrote an old friend.

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**Date:** Tue, 15 Aug 2006 23:55:02 +0000

...

Received another absolute bombshell and today and have authenticated it's origins as well. Not sure why but I have ignored several pleas to publish raised issues in the past two years and have declined ... really felt much was contrived.

The remarriage bothered me a great deal .... Add a host of other allegations that come too fast and furiously to keep up with and I see a dramatic change or the wholesale collapse of 3ABN.

...

Gailon Joy

On the afternoon of the 16th he wrote to the pastor/administrator who had gotten the 2003 Dryden letter into his hands:

----- Original Message -----

**From:** G. Arthur Joy  
**Subject:** Re: Still More 3ABN Info  
**Date:** Wed, 16 Aug 2006 16:32:39 +0000

I tracked down the pastor in the Tommy Shelton allegations and it is in fact a valid and authentic document. Also spoke with the Clerk of the Ezra Church who confirmed the story. That has resulted in a number of calls from "victims" calling to confirm the story and on and on. The pastor is now in ... Virginia. I wonder if the meeting minutes address this issue in the board and do we know if anyone on the [3ABN] board even knew about this mess???

This is a virtual disaster and looks as though we are plunging into the abyss. ... why would they have complained to church authorities when it is clearly known that 3ABN is an "INDEPENDENT" ministry and has rebuffed the GC attempts at affiliations several times?

Do we have any idea the context of these purported documents and why they believe the world press would

really show any serious interest?

...

I am becoming quite befuddled, although a host of other pieces are certainly fitting together this year that had come my way via various sources over the last two years to which I deliberately gave little heed. I always regret not being much more open minded on these issues, in this case because I have once again supported 3ABN with a lot of friends over the past several years. I was executor for my uncle's estate that gifted/bequeathed nearly a million dollars to 3ABN just a year ago.

Now the most vital question of all, who is spear-heading the effort to get control of this mess and under what terms and conditions???

Gailon

## Endless Interviews

Then commenced the seemingless endless interviews of present and former 3ABN board members, employees, and volunteers, and even interviews of Shelton family members. One allegation after another surfaced until it was hard to keep them all straight. There were moral issues, financial issues, and ethical issues. It got to the point that Gailon felt this was beyond his capabilities to deal with.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** G. Arthur Joy

**Subject:** Re: 3ABN- MY Reply!

**Date:** Wed, 23 Aug 2006 00:57:18 +0000

... I am turning up more trash with virtually every call or e-mail. I am at the point where I am beginning to think that Jim Bakker was but a piker to Danny ... Time the Lord stepped in and cleaned this bloody mess up, before the entire church is embarrassed by the exposure. The hypocrisy is devastating!!!

They definitely need our prayers as there are a lot of innocent pawns simply trying to do what they see as the

Lord's great work. If this continues to break open, I am concerned that there may not be a good way to save the entity and the enumerable communication licenses and broadcast rights that are controlled by 3ABN.

This is so extensive that we now have three investigators chasing leads and just can't keep up. I do not know how the Lord has allowed this to go on for so long!!! And then I must ask the inevitable, "why me". This was not my crusade, but I felt absolutely compelled to pursue the truth when it was thrown at me. Almost wish I had not taken this call!!!

May the Lord's will be done in everything we do.

Gailon

By the time that was written, Gailon had already been in contact with Danny and the 3ABN board. But as the days went by and the scandal grew bigger and bigger, no progress was made in that direction. Thus, the best course appeared to be to just take it all to law enforcement and the media, an idea he was floating by August 28:

----- Original Message -----

**From:** G. Arthur Joy  
**Subject:** Re: A specific question  
**Date:** Mon, 28 Aug 2006 16:38:25 +0000

...

The scope of this investigation goes well beyond what we had originally thought we were taking on and might ultimately prove to be well over our heads. If that is the case, we will have no alternative but to share what we have with Law Enforcement and much larger reporting entities that have resources to really dig away at what looks like Jim Bakker 2.

...

Gailon Arthur Joy  
AUReporter

So perhaps the world could deal with it. But then Gailon received a phone call.

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### **A Church Leader Calls**

Gailon was driving over the mountains when a high-level Seventh-day Adventist church leader gave him a call. That leader recommended that another course be pursued instead of taking the whole scandal to the media. The church should be given a chance to work it out first.

In the days that followed, Gailon wrote about his conversations with this leader:

----- Original Message -----

**From:** G. Arthur Joy  
**Subject:** RE: MAP  
**Date:** Tue, 19 Sep 2006 22:10:44 +0000

...

I spent nearly two hours with [the high-ranking church leader] today and he has agreed to work to develop a mixed forum to review all the evidence. This process is very preliminary, however, it is yet another step in the right direction. I continue to pray and trust that the Lord will open the way for the Board at 3ABN to see the light and implement appropriate reforms before we reach a point of no return.

I have this gut-wrenching feeling that the process could be the most divisive the Church has dealt with since John Harvey Kellogg. The difficulty here is that Danny purports to represent a theology that is clearly conservative, while living as though he bought into the theology of Ford, et al.

There is some comfort in the numbers I recently received



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that seemed to indicate that they have a rock solid support base of approximately 5000 that give systematically and monthly and about another 100,000 +/- that contribute annually, primarily project based giving. However, I keep receiving information that not only the 100k are cracking, but a significant number of the 5000 are beginning to wonder and turn their backs. Several regular campmeeting goers have indicated they are not going this fall. Although the curiosity factor could result in a lot of new attendance.

I will transcribe my notes and try to finish interviews with another three that I never have had time to get back to.

...

Gailon A Joy

### 3ABN Board Chairman Informed

And that high-level church leader contacted 3ABN as well, for 3ABN board chairman Dr. Walt Thompson was in the loop:

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Walt Thompson  
**To:** G. Arthur Joy  
**Subject:** Re: Still More 3ABN Info  
**Date:** Wed, 20 Sep 2006 16:35:11 -0500

Dear Gailon,

I received a call from [the church leader] this AM and he told me about his conversation with you. He said that you would be willing to speak with us further. I am sorry that we have not spoken previously. As I have gone back and looked at our last e mails I note that you offered to receive a phone call from me. Either I overlooked that comment or forgot about it. I don't find a phone number by which to reach you. My cell phone number is \*\*\* \*\*\*. I would appreciate a call.

Thanks,

Walt Thompson MD

## Which Issues? How to Proceed

Things progressed rapidly at this point. Just four days later, Gailon wrote an Adventist chaplain named Gregory Matthews.

Roughly two years previous, Danny's obsession in running down his ex-wife Linda, even when the questions being asked of him had nothing at all to do with Linda, convinced Gregory that Linda had to be innocent. On September 21, Gregory sent Gailon around 600 pages of correspondence between he and Danny, Linda, 3ABN board chairman Walt Thompson, and Illinois Conference president Ken Denslow. Obviously, Gregory had been more than a little involved for quite some time. The Priority Mail package of documents weighed 7 pounds and 2 ounces, and arrived on the 23rd.

On September 24, Gailon wrote Chaplain Matthews, and CC'ed Linda Shelton as well as the high-level church leader that had negotiated ASI's investigation. This email gives us a glimpse of the broad range of allegations Gailon and that leader had talked about on the 19th, and it also gives us a glimpse of the type of investigative process that Gailon anticipated ASI would use in order to ensure that their work was done thoroughly and fairly.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** G. Arthur Joy  
**To:** Gregory Matthews  
**CC:** Linda Shelton, \*\*\*\*\*  
**Subject:** Re: Still More 3ABN Info  
**Date:** Sun, 24 Sep 2006 23:00:36 -0400

...

Since the current clear allegation from Alyssa has hit the streets, 3ABN directors have expressed they would like proof that Alyssa was the source of the allegation and then, if she is the source, they would like to ask her to meet and discuss the allegations.

Since these are no longer the only allegations on the table for discussion, I am proposing that we accommodate the entire series of allegations by empanelling a panel to look at the Alyssa allegations; the Pastor Dryden allegations against Tommy Shelton; the allegations that Linda had an inappropriate relationship with Arild Abrahamsen; the issue that prior to, during and after the Linda/Arild allegations that Danny was clearly being observed having multiple inappropriate relationships; and other inappropriate

financial allegations; that there have been several open and notorious inappropriate inter-staff relationships, some by allegation and some of which were clearly "caught" or "confessed"; all of which the local church has failed to discipline or the institution has failed to equally apply due process or any process at all due to clear and obvious conflicts.

The panel should be given all the powers of a tribunal/arbitration panel with appropriate counsel for both sides present to conduct direct and cross-examination of the witnesses, with the tribunal to have authority to make direct inquiry of the witnesses, with as broad a rule of evidence as the tribunal feels is necessary to find the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. Provision needs to be made to allow the introduction of witnesses in executive session such that not only are witnesses protected from the peering eyes of various leadership, but can give open and honest and unimpeded testimony as Witness x, y, z et siq. I am proposing that the original parties, the 3ABN board and Linda/Alyssa each be allowed to have two observers sworn to protect the witnesses from retaliation by Leadership and others to observe the proceedings and to be able to certify the process as fair and appropriate.

...

Gailon Arthur Joy

## The Board Has Agreed

It was clear that at this point in time, a number of people understood that the 3ABN board had agreed to ask ASI to put together an investigative committee that would look at all the evidence Gailon Joy had uncovered. For example, on September 26 Gailon wrote the following:

----- Original Message -----

**From:** G. Arthur Joy

**To:** Bob

**Subject:** Re: Hal Steenson & the tape

**Date:** Tue, 26 Sep 2006 00:21:36 -0400

...

By the way, the 3 ABN board has agreed to allow an impartial panel to look at the 3ABN issues. Although, they feel strongly it should be under the auspices of ASI.

I have expressed that I believe that a properly constituted panel would most probably be acceptable, however, it must be completely impartial and have no taint of conflict. I have expressed strong feelings regarding the McNeilus family's participation.

The board has agreed to deal with the results, regardless of the outcome.

How do you feel about this process as a properly constituted ecclesiastical authority?

Gailon Arthur Joy

And Gailon was definitely not the only one with this understanding. Another high-level church official had spoken with the church leader who had negotiated ASI's involvement, and wrote the following on September 28 about what that leader had said. This communication clearly indicates that the Tommy Shelton child molestation allegations were to be on the agenda, according to the understanding of the very one who got the process going to begin with:

----- Original Message -----

**From:** \*\*\*\*\*

**To:** Linda Shelton

**Subject:** today

**Date:** Thu, September 28, 2006 8:26 pm

...

He also talked to me about the ASI committee that is being set up to evaluate 3ABN, Tommy, Danny, etc. He hopes that you will not reject this committee, because since 3ABN is an ASI affiliate, that should be the governing body to decide on discipline, action, etc., rather than the GC, since the GC really doesn't have any authority over 3ABN. He thinks you will have more credibility with ASI if you accept this committee. I told him it will be important that the persons on the committee are neutral ....

...

## Subterfuge and Secrecy

Little did any of these individuals realize that already on September 24 the 3ABN board had voted to restrict the investigation to just the issue of Danny Shelton's divorce and remarriage, a relatively minor issue considering the extremely serious nature of some of the rest of the allegations. That vote would be kept a secret until December 3, ten weeks later, and the date of the vote would continue to be a secret until Harold Lance's statement was issued on January 24, 2007. And yet Lance's statement would also make the audacious claim that the failure of the ASI effort was due to a lack of communication on the part of Linda Shelton.

Then again, whether that vote really took place on September 24, or instead took place during the regularly scheduled board meeting of October 1, 2006, is anyone's guess, for the dates and information contained in Lance's statement are unreliable, and the date of September 24 appears to have been inserted into a later 3ABN board action as an afterthought.

Seventh-day Adventists have taken a rather dim view over the years of secret societies such as Freemasonry, and that makes the secrecy attending the dealings of the 3ABN board and ASI all the more peculiar. Why was the 3ABN board decision kept quiet for so long? What were the individuals involved trying to hide?

But one thing was certain. A second period of limbo had begun.

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As the days and weeks went by, the correspondence revealed an unanswered and nagging question: What had the board decided to do? They obviously had decided to do something, but what that something was remained a mystery. To his growing mailing list Gailon wrote on September 30:

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----- Original Message -----

**From:** G. Arthur Joy  
**To:** AUToday  
**Subject:** Re: ASI Hearing Panel  
**Date:** Sat, 30 Sep 2006 00:06:20 -0400

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... Therefore I must agree with [the high-ranking church leader] and others that ASI would represent a foundation for such a tribunal as the ASI organization has a ready made constitution and bylaws to which 3ABN has agreed to adhere to if they wish to maintain their ASI membership.

The 3ABN Board has agreed in principal to such a panel, but the terms set by the 3ABN Board are as yet unknown. As soon as those are known, I will be happy to advise.

...

Yours in the Blessed Hope,

Gailon Arthur Joy  
AUREporter

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On the next day he wrote to the high-level church official who had written him just three days before:



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Must Read:  
Mom in Pain #1

----- Original Message -----

**From:** G. Arthur Joy  
**To:** \*\*\*\*\*  
**Subject:** ASI Panel  
**Date:** Sun, 01 Oct 2006 15:17:32 +0000

... I tend to agree with [the high-ranking church leader] that ASI is the correct platform for this process ....

...

Does anyone know who the contacts are at ASI and who, if anyone is coordinating or attempting to coordinate this process?

Also, does anyone know what 3ABN's terms were for participation?

Gailon Arthur Joy

Two days later came this reply. Answers definitely were not forthcoming:

----- Original Message -----

**From:** \*\*\*\*\*  
**To:** G. Arthur Joy  
**Subject:** RE: ASI Panel  
**Date:** Tue, 03 Oct 2006 21:32:43 -0400

I am still trying to ascertain the information you need as requested in the post below.

Perhaps by this time you have discovered who the contact persons are, and what the selection process for the ASI mediation committee is. I agree that the committee must be selected almost like a jury, and that non-neutral persons should be disqualified.

...

Four days later we have this email as well:



----- Original Message -----

**From:** G. Arthur Joy

**To:** \*\*\*\*\*

**Subject:** Re: Absolutely confidentially - FYEO

**Date:** Saturday, October 07, 2006 3:46 AM

Thompson told me the board agreed to let ASI conduct a panel to hear the issues, although he has not identified what issues and what conditions have been applied.

It is clear that decision is not symbiotic.

Gailon Arthur Joy

## Could ASI Be Impartial?

Obviously, Gailon felt fairly comfortable with the idea of ASI being able to impartially investigate the various issues that had come to light. Others, though, did not share his optimism, and concerns kept rolling in from various ones. Consider this insightful comment from one of the major players among the aggrieved:

----- Original Message -----

**From:** \*\*\*\*\*

**To:** G. Arthur Joy

**Subject:** Re: ASI Hearing Panel

**Date:** Sat, 30 Sep 2006 18:33:08 +0000

Gailon,

...

As you have stated yourself, ASI has a history of selected enforcement of their bylaws in regard to their membership and has in fact chosen to "overlook" any instances of non-compliance on the part of 3ABN. Taking these factors alone into consideration, ASI cannot be considered an unbiased venue. ... At best this is a travesty of justice, considering previous behavior exhibited by one of the principles, with the potential to become little more than a witch hunt, easily agreed upon in order to facilitate the "flushing out" of witnesses, leading to the distinct possibility of the compromising of evidence. I fear that in zealotry to find



a solution for an agreeable venue that was acceptable to 3ABN, not all components of this situation have been weighed judiciously.

...

It seems unreal to even consider such a possibility, that Danny Shelton might use the ASI tribunal process to find out who had their doubts about him, and then retaliate against them. But since some of the allegations against him are that he has done things along this line in the past, in order for there to truly be an impartial review of the allegations, such possibilities would have to be guarded against.

Clearly, Gailon wasn't as suspicious as those closer to Danny were, as can be seen from his reply to the above:

----- Original Message -----

**From:** G. Arthur Joy

**To:** \*\*\*\*\*

**Subject:** Re: ASI Hearing Panel - FYEO

**Date:** Sun, 01 Oct 2006 08:37

Thank you for your perspective. I believe the e-mail clearly delineates the basis for ASI having arisen. There is no surprise and it was fielded appropriately to the 3ABN board as delineated. The 3ABN board did pass the proposal. Terms are not known and it is hardly cut in stone.

...

Gailon Arthur Joy

## **Investigation by Church Leaders? "No Way!" Says Danny**

And then there was the claim that Danny had made it clear that he would not agree to be investigated by a panel composed of church leaders, but would agree to a panel under the auspices of ASI. Consider this email from a former, high-ranking 3ABNer, one that also refers to the touchy question of just exactly how much money Danny Shelton made from the free distribution of *Ten Commandments Twice Removed*:

----- Original Message -----

**From:** \*\*\*\*\*

**To:** G. Arthur Joy

**Subject:** RE: MAP

**Date:** Tue, 19 Sep 2006 17:02:39 -0700

Hello Gailon,

Thank you for the update. ...

I think the idea of a mixed, neutral tribunal is a good one, as any one in Linda's camp has completely written off the Three Angels board as a fair and unbiased tribunal. While that is perhaps not entirely fair, it is true that the board gives Danny a tremendous amount of latitude in operation, and gives him the benefit of almost every doubt. Thus, I imagine that either [Linda's daughter] or Linda will only appear before a neutral, church related body, perhaps that includes 3ABN board representation. The sticking point, ironically, may well be Danny, who has told me that he is unwilling to place his fate in a group made up of church leaders.

I have wondered about the numbers. When I spoke with Danny about a month or so ago, he insisted that numbers were up by a couple of million. But when I spoke with a board member he indicated that the finances were not doing well, in part relating to a tremendous amount of money 3ABN put into the "Ten Commandments Twice Removed Book" which was distributed by the millions during the spring. I am quite certain that Danny received royalties on this, probably to the tune of several hundred thousand dollars, although he is refusing to disclose the amount to his own board members. This is a gross conflict of interest and also an improper personal inurement that could cause the ministry to lose its tax exempt status if it came to light. ...

In any event, Danny needs at least a leave of absence to have these things sorted through and for him to re-orient himself. He has been used by God, has had a good heart, but has, in my opinion, become confused and misguided over the last couple of years. It is questionable whether the Three Angels board, on its own, can come to grips with these issues.

Let me know how things unfold,

Blessings,

\*\*\*\*\*

Why? What difference would it make whether it was ASI or church leaders that made up the panel? Only time would tell.

## Contacting Ron Christman and Deb Young

At some point Gailon needed to contact the ASI secretary and president, and nudge the process along, as well as address the concerns of the various participants that would need to appear before the upcoming ASI tribunal. Accordingly, he wrote them on October 3:

----- Original Message -----

**From:** G. Arthur Joy

**To:** Ron Christman

**CC:** Deb Young

**Subject:** 3ABN Panel by ASI

**Date:** Tue, 03 Oct 2006 22:22:22 +0000

Dr. Walter Thompson has informed me that ASI has agreed to be the appropriate platform upon which to hear allegations regarding 3ABN. While I agree that in theory ASI is the appropriate platform and clearly has some jurisdiction here, and by voluntary assent would have full jurisdiction to hear the allegations and make appropriate findings, I also recognize there are some clear and serious conflicts that need to be clarified.

Below is representative of several responses to the ASI panel concept. To make this option more palatable, we need to know what terms and conditions ASI is considering to invoke such a panel, including but not limited to, the issues under consideration, the process for selecting a panel, the powers of the panel, the rules of evidence for such a panel, in what form the findings will be presented, to whom will they be presented, and what enforcement, if any, ASI expects to oversee?

I believe we are gaining ground with the concept, but cannot go forward promoting this process until we have some clear and convincing answers that will demonstrate that the panel

process will be an even playing field and the panel will not be manipulated or "politicized" prior to, during or after the hearing; will be selected in a process that is inclusive of the "victims" participation; that panel members have been appropriately questioned as to prejudice or perception regarding the issues to be addressed.

I ask that you give this VERY prayerful consideration and I will be happy to be available for discussion of the issues.

The Church of God's Remnant awaits your careful and prayerful response as you take upon yourself this momentous and perhaps unprecedented process.

Gailon Arthur Joy ...

There was no reply. So Gailon sent out a second copy of the above, with the subject line, "3ABN Panel by ASI - 2nd notice." This time there was a response, from ASI president Deb Young, and her reply contradicted the information Gailon had gotten from Walt Thompson:

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Deb Young  
**To:** G. Arthur Joy  
**CC:** Ron Christman, Walt Thompson  
**Subject:** Re: 3ABN Panel by ASI - 2nd notice  
**Date:** Thu, 05 Oct 2006 22:27:48 +0000

Dear Brother Joy,

Thank you for sharing your thoughts and impressions so candidly. ...

Second, and at this juncture most important, ASI has not decided it would play any particular role in this matter. That is not to be misinterpreted as having no concern about the situation. ASI believes in the 3ABN ministry, its purpose and outreach, and we are prayerful that further actions will bring a conciliatory outcome. That being said, you should know that we would only be involved in a neutral environment, having addressed to our satisfaction the same terms you expressed - issues to be investigated, consent and availability of all parties to participate, credibility and

objectivity of "panelists," expectations for actions to conclusions, etc. We would expect that any group/process would require these criteria be met. Further, we recognize that the integrity of any process is dependent upon several factors that assure fairness and equity. It should be the goal to ascertain these are present before moving forward in any level of participation.

...

Sincerely,  
Debbie Young

So when would ASI make up their mind? The weeks dragged on.

## That Elusive October 1st Board Meeting

Meanwhile, attention had been given for an entire month or so to the 3ABN board meeting that was scheduled to be held on October 1, right after the September 3ABN camp meeting. The date of that board meeting raises some questions as to why Harold Lance's January 24, unilateral statement says that the date of the board's request to ASI was September 24. Did they not discuss the matter at all at their regular board meeting? What happened?

What follow are four emails from September 7 through October 6 that all refer to the October 1 3ABN board meeting.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** G. Arthur Joy  
**To:** Linda Shelton  
**Subject:** Re: For Your Eyes ONLY  
**Date:** Thu, 07 Sep 2006 14:20:13 +0000

...

If the board acts responsibly then I believe 3ABN can be preserved. ... As I said, I am sure it will be in the hands of the board and I suspect they will act decisively on October 1, 2006.

The problem is that there are just too many leaks and too many people who sense that the King is wounded and are finding some pretty innovative ways to file a host of

complaints. Frankly, management has unleashed the fury of so many people by their vicious actions and by their own failures to take corrective action when legitimate complaints are raised, it will now be impossible to keep the genie in the bottle. The board will have to act!!!

We have to make it a matter of prayer and earnest effort to persuade the board to act decisively and correctly, and let the Father, Son and Holy Ghost to act upon the hearts of all to work in the best interest of the 3 Angels Messages. After all, that is the purpose and it should be preserved to fulfill it's purpose.

...

Gailon A Joy

----- Original Message -----

**From:** G. Arthur Joy

**To:** \*\*\*\*\*

**Subject:** Re: \*\*\*\*\* and 3abn (Westphal)

**Date:** Fri, 8 Sep 2006 12:39 AM

Hi, \*\*\*\*\*:

Strangest thing happened the other day, we were asked to investigate a complaint from 3ABN Trust Services. ...

...

Seems as though with every rock we turn we find yet another mess. Serious problems here and we stand close to being able to lose access to this media entity if we do not move carefully.

... trying to meet a deadline as the board next meets October 1, 2006. A lot of "palace intrigue" mixed in ....

Thanks Again, Gailon

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Linda Shelton  
**To:** G. Arthur Joy  
**Subject:** Re: 3ABN Administraton  
**Date:** Thu, 28 Sep 2006 13:18:10 +0000

Hi Gailon,

...

I know you are busy getting ready for the October 1 thing,  
but did you have a chance to call the Illinois AG yet? ...

...

LS

----- Original Message -----

**From:** \*\*\*\*\*  
**To:** G. Arthur Joy  
**Subject:** Re: Absolutely confidentially - FYEO  
**Date:** Fri, 6 Oct 2006 21:26:17 -0700

...

What came of the board meeting at 3abn not many days  
ago? Do you know?

ASI would finally contact someone on November 12, what the board had decided would finally be revealed on December 3, and the date of their vote would finally be revealed on January 24. And yet Harold Lance has the audacity to blame the breakdown on a lack of communication on the part of Gailon's team in his January 24, unilateral statement.

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**Document Entitled "Procedural Suggestions"**

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**The Harold Lance/ASI Claim: October 31**

Notice the following quote from Harold Lance's unilateral statement, and consider carefully its implications, especially since Linda's name appears first:

Statement as Sent Out by H. Lance on Jan. 24, 2007	Statement as Altered and Posted on 3ABN's Website by Jan. 26, 2007
October 31 - ASI circulated a document entitled "Procedural Suggestions" (below) to both Linda and Danny Shelton, their representatives, and 3ABN.	October 31, 2006: ASI circulated a document entitled "Procedural Suggestions" [see below] to Linda, Danny, their representatives, and to 3ABN.

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Thus Linda Shelton and Gailon Arthur Joy should have both received the above document on October 31, and yet, based on what we can discover, the facts are:

- Linda was never contacted about the ASI panel idea until GW, a go-between Harold Lance worked through, contacted her on November 12.
- Linda's choice of representative was not passed on to Harold Lance until November 14, and she received a confirmation from GW that day that Lance had received his name.
- The original document called "Procedural Suggestions" has never yet been received.

Certainly Gailon Joy as Linda's representative could not have received the document 14 days before he became her representative.

Did Danny Shelton and/or the 3ABN board receive the document as stated on October 31 for them to look over, modify, and/or approve. Were Harold Lance and/or the ASI executive committee impartial from the very start?

**November 12: First Contact from ASI to Linda**

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Added on 3/28/2007  
Defy the Board  
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Abused You?

Must Read:  
Mom in Pain #1

----- Original Message -----

**From:** GW  
**To:** Linda Shelton  
**Subject:** Restoration  
**Date:** Sun, November 12, 2006 11:48 am

----- Original Message -----

Dear Linda,

I don't know where to start. I just lost me email to you that I spent hours writing and praying over and rewriting before sending. It was about God's intervention in bringing about a restoration of the breach between you and 3ABN. There was no reason for it to be lost. I was just retrieving the attachment.

The 3ABN board voted to ask ASI to be a liaison between you and Danny and 3ABN to hear all the facts and expectations and prayerfully make a recommendation. That I would be asked to be the contact person to present the plan to you touches my heart. It can be none other than a directive from God himself. An ASI committee was selected to come up with a plan, headed by Harold Lance. It is to be submitted to all parties by someone other than the committee. If all parties are agreeable, they will go forward. If not, they will drop it.

Linda, I pray that you will go forward with the plan - well, the amended plan as I have requested (written in italics), anyway. (I know it is a scary thought) ...

...

God bless you and please contact me soon - by email or phone as Harold Lance has to report to the ASI Executive Board next week.

With God as our Guide, GW

### November 14: GW Says She Will Pass on Gailon's Name

----- Original Message -----  
**From:** GW  
**To:** Linda Shelton  
**Subject:** signing off  
**Date:** Tue, November 14, 2006 12:59 pm

Linda,

...

I will pass on your wishes to Harold Lance that you want Mr. Joy to be your representative. With that, my job is done.

...

GW

**November 14: Harold Lance Acknowledges Receipt of Linda's Choice**

----- Original Message -----  
**From:** GW  
**To:** Linda Shelton  
**Subject:** Read this first  
**Date:** Tue, November 14, 2006 1:12 pm

Linda,

Well, I just spoke with Harold Lance. Too bad I didn't talk to him yesterday after receiving your message. I could have saved you some disappointment, as well as myself. I'm so sorry.

He asked me to thank you for responding to me and stating who you would like for your representative. He would like to talk with you personally, if you will. He wants you to know that he is eager to work something out.

His home home phone is (\*\*\*) \*\*\*-\*\*\*\* cell (\*\*\*) \*\*\*-  
\*\*\*\* email [hlance@pacific.net](mailto:hlance@pacific.net)

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### Confusion from the Start

As GW, Attorney Harold Lance's go-between, contacted Linda on November 12 through 14, 2006, there was plenty of opportunities for a bit of misunderstanding. Three problems are fairly clear in hindsight, problems not necessarily due to GW:

- The ASI tribunal was primarily supposed to hear Gailon's concerns, not Linda's, and yet it was Linda that GW contacted.
- Sometimes GW referred to Danny and Linda, and sometimes she referred to "all parties." Thus it was unclear whether or not the 3ABN board had limited the investigation.
- Sometimes GW referred to the ASI tribunal considering all the facts and issues, and sometimes she referred to them hearing just about Danny and Linda. What exactly had the 3ABN board agreed to?

Harold Lance appears to be the only source of GW's information as far as what ASI was going to do or not do.

### "All the Facts" and "All the Parties"

----- Original Message -----

**From:** GW

**To:** Linda Shelton

**Subject:** Restoration

**Date:** Sun, November 12, 2006 10:48:33 -0800 (PST)

Dear Linda,

...

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Would the ASI tribunal be hearing "all the facts," or just the facts dealing with Danny's divorce and remarriage? Would they be hearing facts from "all parties," or just from Danny and Linda?

### "Anyone You Want"

----- Original Message -----

**From:** GW

**To:** Linda Shelton

**Subject:** Take the Higher Road

**Date:** Sun, November 12, 2006 15:28:40 -0800 (PST)

Linda,

Well, I finished lunch, had another discussion with Harold Lance ....

...

As I talked to Harold, he asked me to be sure that when I talk to you that I explain how integrally involved he wants you and the others to be a part in the planning of the meeting for restoration.

... let me tell you that the ASI Committee will select a group of 5 people that are fair-minded and have strong spiritual integrity. Although these five will be selected by the ASI Committee, you, 3ABN and Danny can submit a pool of names to choose from. They also want you to submit your side of the story and what you feel a reasonable outcome

would be. You will also be invited to have anyone you want present information. ...

...

With love, GW

While the above sounds like "anyone" could come and "present information," yet as we shall soon see, prohibiting Gailon's involvement was a condition for ASI's involvement.

### "I Don't Mind Talking to Mr. Joy"

Appropriately, since the ASI tribunal was being set up for him, Gailon contacted GW on November 13, 2006, by phone. The first email below is a pleasant report from GW about her conversation with Gailon.

This email from GW also mentions Harold's insistence that he talk to Linda directly. Yet when Gailon later offered to do a conference call with Harold and Linda, dropping out of the conversation at some point, Harold said he would think about it and never took him up on his offer. Why not?

----- Original Message -----

**From:** GW  
**To:** Linda Shelton  
**Subject:** phone quit  
**Date:** Mon, November 13, 2006 16:25:05 -0800 (PST)

Dear Linda,

Please tell Mr. Joy that I don't know what happened while I was talking to him. My phone here at work just quit and started making a funny high/low repetition sound. It is cordless, but it shouldn't have been a low battery. But then, why should I be surprised? Satan is alive and well and will fight any resolution.

I don't mind talking to Mr. Joy, but in order for the ASI plans to go any further, I need to talk with you personally, or I can give you Harold Lance's phone numbers or email, and you can talk with him directly. I don't have them with me here at work, however.

I am praying earnestly for God to make His will known as efforts are being made to go forward for resolution - or whatever. I believe that the steps that have been taken so far is a direct response from the working of the Holy Spirit - whether with 3ABN or ASI or Mr. Joy or all three.

...

With His love and mine, GW

### **"I Choose Gailon"**

In the following email Linda informs GW that she has chosen Gailon to be her "go between."

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Linda Shelton  
**To:** GW  
**Subject:** RE: phone quit  
**Date:** Mon, 13 Nov 2006 20:39:49 -0700

Hi GW,

Thanks so much for your emails. Your caring spirit is so refreshing. I appreciate so much your desire to help.

This situation has many facets, spiritual, mental, and yes, legal applications. Because of the legal applications I have asked Mr. Joy to be the go between as he is so educated in legal matters. Perhaps with his help we can come to an agreeable outcome.

Thanks again for your love and prayers,

Linda Shelton

### **"Mr. Joy Sounded Angry and Attacked People"**

The next email is a second email from GW to Linda, written not four hours after the first, and which is anything but a pleasant description of her conversation with Gailon. Why the difference? Had she talked with Harold in

between sending those two emails?

----- Original Message -----

**From:** GW

**To:** Linda Shelton

**Subject:** Are you interested?

**Date:** Mon, 13 Nov 2006 20:14:02 -0800 (PST)

Hello Linda,

... But I'm thinking now it might have been wiser for them to find someone who knows you personally and could talk to you face to face. And yet, if it was God's will, how could it be better to be someone else??? I would even be willing to meet with you face to face, but I have no way to contact you but by email. If you are willing to meet with me, please let me know and we can make definite arrangements. If you don't wish to respond to me, Harold said they will go ahead and find someone else as a contact person before giving up. ... I have no doubt that God's plan is through ASI - not through any tribunal hearing.

Mr. Joy contacted me today. Did he do this on his own, or was this your direction? If you are not interested in pursuing reconciliation through ASI, then no action is needed on your part. They will not deal with anyone except the individual parties and then a representative of their choice who has no stake in the outcome and who meets other criteria (which Mr. Joy does not).

I talked with Mr. Joy for about 20 minutes .... When I first started talking to him, he sounded pretty angry and seemed to feel that I should know who he was. Until he mentioned your name, I did not know why he was calling me or what he was talking about. ... He tried to convince me that it was because of his pressure on people that things are happening. ... And he told me that he attacked people at the General Conference. ... In short, Mr. Joy does not have the spirit of Jesus in his heart. Instead, he has venom, hatefulness and revenge.

...

You know, Linda, I thought my phone disconnection while I was talking to him was because of malfunction, tho the phone worked just fine afterwards. But now as I'm thinking



about what I was saying when the disconnection happened, I believe he hung up on me (which is fine with me). ...

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Please call me on my cell phone tomorrow (\*\*\*) \*\*\*-\*\*\*\*.

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Lovingly, GW

### "Please Reconsider" and "All Your Concerns"

So which concerns would be addressed by ASI? All of them, or just a few? And why would GW ask Linda to reconsider letting ASI get involved when all Linda had done was to choose Gailon as her representative?

----- Original Message -----

**From:** GW  
**To:** Linda Shelton  
**Subject:** RE: phone quit  
**Date:** Mon, 13 Nov 2006 20:31:59 -0800 (PST)

Linda, Thanks for responding. I hope you will reconsider and let God work for you through ASI. They can make recommendations regarding the legal aspects also. They want unbiased people to be on the panel. They want to know ALL your concerns, what you feel would be a fair resolution, etc. They will ultimately be making recommendations, as they have no desire to make any orders or awards, and have no authority to do so anyway.

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In His Service, GW

### Danny Says ...

Is it not odd that in hindsight these initial communications of ASI's Harold Lance's go-between suggest the very two things that Danny had already explicitly stated, namely, that Gailon was not involved, and that the only issue

needing to be considered was his divorce and remarriage?

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Danny Shelton

**To:** G. Arthur Joy

**Subject:**

**Date:** Sun, 15 Oct 2006 00:06:37 -0500

You are not in the mix. Your childish name calling has not set well with a number of church leaders. You are obviously driven by pride and trying to get your 15 minutes of fame. Every email you send only makes you look more foolish for those of us who know the truth. The final vote is now in the hands of church leaders to decide. It will be fair. And notice will be given to those involved, which does not include you.

Danny Shelton

According to the January 5 and January 24 statements ASI has released, they did not ask Harold Lance to become involved until October 25. How then is Danny able to be so specific as to what is going on ten days prior to ASI's decision?

The following email, besides saying that Gailon is not involved, seems to indicate that the divorce and remarriage is the only issue on the table, and that there are but two parties in the matter, leaving many of those wronged by Danny Shelton out in the cold.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Danny Shelton

**To:** Bob

**Subject:** RE: Clarification needed to put rumor to rest

**Date:** Sat, 4 Nov 2006 17:26:24 -0600

Bob,

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Gailon has access to a few people who worked there who have an ax to grind and have told him twisted stories which are lies. He's either not to bright or gullible, or is out to prove something himself. It could be other reasons, but I do know this, he does not want truth. There are two sides to

every story and He has only gathered info from one side. He is upset because we will not give him the info he wants an believes that if he is accusing enough against us that we will take him into confidence with the truth that we have. This will not happen.

Church leaders will soon be looking at both sides of this divorce and each side will have a fair chance to present truth to them.

Both sides will have to live by their decision whether we like it or not.

Gailon sees himself involved. He is delusional. He is not involved. We will trust church leaders with the truth not some self proclaimed reporter.

God Bless!

Danny

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### Gailon Responds

On the afternoon of November 14, Gailon responded to GW's earlier accusations about his phone call:

----- Original Message -----

**From:** G. Arthur Joy

**To:** Linda Shelton

**Cc:** GW

**Subject:** Re: [FWD: Are you interested? {in conciliation}]

**Date:** Tue, 14 Nov 2006 18:57:47 +0000

Let's begin by noting that I specifically identified myself, told GW that Linda had agreed to let me speak with GW, and I let GW explain her role and her special calling. I made it clear that I had come into this from a different perspective, specifically having assumed that 3ABN was telling the truth, that 3ABN was the better off without Linda in 2004. I further explained that I proceeded to follow leads in 2006 resulting from a fax, and that my discovery was

uncovering serious concerns that caused me to reverse my position regarding 3ABN and to come to the conclusion that there was no proof of Linda's affair with Arild Abrahamsen. Therefore, if Linda was not guilty of adultery, then Danny had no basis for re-marriage and would be living in adultery. However, there was plenty of evidence that there were many other issues, including governance and accountability, that needed to be resolved at 3ABN for the institution to come into GAAP compliance, 501(c)3 compliance and compliance with NAD working policy relating to "supporting ministries."

I also explained that the ASI intervention came from "talking" with GC people, not "attacking" GC people. I also made it clear that GC felt difinitively they had no jurisdiction and that I had pointed out that ASI clearly had jurisdiction to deal with the issues we had disclosed as 3ABN was an ASI member and 3ABN's participation in ASI asserts that they will comply with the constitution, bylaws and working policy of ASI and the church. It therefore would be an acceptable platform for resolution of the issues that had been raised, including the issue of the evidence purportedly held by 3ABN against Linda Shelton.

It must also be made clear that the concern was that the issues being discovered as part of the inquiry into the Tommy Shelton problems, the allegations against Linda, the financial and governance issues had far reaching implications to the entire church and there was an informal agreement to hold back the release of any such information until we could come up with a satisfactory ecclesiastical process for addressing the concerns in a way that would not destroy the entity known as 3ABN and bring defamation upon the Seventh-day Adventist church.

I found GW to be a warm hearted seriously committed christian woman who appeared to walk closely with the Lord every day. She had a positive view of the power of the intervention by the Spirit in any crisis and had a clear burden to find healing regarding the Danny Shelton, 3ABN and Linda Shelton conflict through-out the Seventh-day Adventist church family.

ASI, Harold Lance and GW seem to be propogating a conciliation process and seem to be only interested in the issues between Danny and Linda, with no regard what-so-

ever for other serious concerns. And clearly have the premise that this is about Danny and Linda finding an eternal friendship, but in a very closed conciliation meeting and a forgive and forget all process, that would definitely benefit 3ABN as there is no way to cause 3ABN and Danny Shelton to comply with any recommendation regarding the restoration of Linda's lost reputation and a clear public exoneration of Linda Shelton, requiring a heart-felt public confession of wrong-doing by Danny Shelton, et al. And how will such a conciliation process handle the remarriage of Danny, the libel and slander regarding Linda's purported inappropriate relationship, the allegation of Danny Shelton's extra-marital relationships and the restoration of Linda to public ministry, or more precisely as a lifetime member of 3ABN?

That being the case, I would wish that ASI and GW had been able to conduct such a conciliation hearing as they seem to envision, but 2 years and 6 months ago: Before the divorce; before Brandy actually arrived in Thompsonville; before Linda had been publically labeled with a scarlet letter and removed from her "lifetime" membership as a co-founder of 3ABN; before Walt Thompson went to bat and defamed Linda Shelton to the entire world; before the 3ABN board took upon itself the blasphemy of new found ecclesiastical authority and sanctioned what is clearly an adulterous marriage; before Danny and Linda became litigants in a separation of assets action in civil court; Before 3ABN chose to fire the staff in trust services in retaliation for complaining to Mollie, Danny and Walt Thompson about clear discrimination and other issues relating to Westphal; Before the public disclosure of the allegations against Tommy Shelton; Before the discovery that 3ABN actually takes tithes from SDA church members in violation of ASI rules; and on and on I could go. But alas, there is no way to turn back the clock of time and undo what is done and what will be done in the months ahead.

If there is a burden for conciliation, then it would be appropriate to convene such a process after the civil litigation is complete and the division of assets is resolved. Then, there may be a basis for a conciliation panel, if both the parties are still interested. Could it be that the sudden interest in a conciliation panel is prompted by the fear of what will the results of a civil process with everyone's due process rights properly preserved???

...including Linda Shelton's for a change???

It is patently clear that a "tribunal" is patently scorned and out of the question, therefore, the other parties in interest are left to their own recourse as the only entity with authority to address these multiple issues has clearly closed the door on such a process...an opportunity lost to avoid a public discourse, but we cannot delay any further the process of public disclosure.

I am clearly dis-appointed by the characterization by GW of our conversaton and it is clear that GW firmly believes that my God is not her God...that Linda has not been served well by my perspective on the issues, and by GW's determination that I have no stake in the outcome. In fact, she states emphatically that ASI would "pull out" if Linda Shelton were to include Mr Joy" in the presenters...which seems to conflict with a statement she made to me regarding her impression while in prayer just this morning after she wrote the e-mail below and declared that "you needed to be part of the process"...so, is God confused??? Or is it just me??? Or is it already clear bias??? Or is it just Danny pulling the strings??? But one must wonder what they fear from the mere Gailon Arthur Joy??? Have no conclusion on this but leave you to your own conclusions until we have evidence otherwise.

I am also disappointed that she found a statement of the facts in the case to represent "...venom, hatefulness and revenge..." and I readily admit that I am outraged by the failure of due process and that ASI as well as church administrators refuse to address the issues of governance and accountability that will plaque 3ABN, and regretfully the "stock-holders in the pews" for years to come. C'est la vie!!!

For the record, I would encourage continued dialogue with GW and would not close the door to reconciliation, in it's appropriate time. I do not believe that now is that time, but alas that is not my ultimate decision and would encourage all the parties to give it prayerful consideration in tandem with a study of the Bible and the counsels to the church, but keeping in mind the balance of accountability and the need to publicly correct public sins. Mercy is a wonderful thing, but accountability / justice is the other side of the equation of God-given Love.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gailon Arthur Joy  
AUReporter

## GW to Gregory: "ASI Will Pull Out If Gailon Is Involved"

Chaplain Gregory Matthews gave GW a call, and then reported on the content of that conversation. Two points stood out in his mind:

- ASI wanted to limit the tribunal's investigation to the relatively minor issues of Danny's divorce and remarriage.
- ASI would pull out if Gailon was involved in any way.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Gregory Matthews

**To:** Gailon Joy, Linda Shelton

**CC:** GW

**Subject:** Re: [FWD: Are you interested? {in conciliation}]

**Date:** Tue, 14 Nov 2006 13:03:33 -0700

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Earlier today I had a telephone conversation with GW. I identified myself, at the beginning as an advisor to Linda Shelton, so GW would not be deceived as to who I was.

My conversation with her was brief, and pleasant. I find her to be a dedicated woman ....

I will make a couple of comments about my conversation with GW, and she can correct me if she believes I am wrong.

1) I began by asking her what she saw as the focus of the ASI offer to Linda. ...

I shared my perspective with GW. That perspective is that the marital issues between Linda, Danny and Brandy are relatively minor compared to the other issues. Those issues involve other women, others, civil issues such as tax issues

and more. ...

... I have come to the place where I believe that only the civil authorities can resolve some of the issues with fairness to all. ...

The marital issues between Danny, Linda, Brandy are not the major focus, in my mind. ...

I am at a place where I am willing to surrender the resolution of some current issues to the civil authorities.

...

3) ... GW told me that she had been informed that ASI would pull out of any attempt to reconcile if Linda either expected Mr. Joy to participate in the process, such as giving testimony, or to be present to advise Linda on the process, and testimony.

Folks, it is on number 3 that I believe that we have reached an insurmountable roadblock. It is the wish of certain people that Mr. Joy not participate in any way. But, a fair process cannot limit, or proscribe the people that act as advisers to one of the parties. Doing so sets the process up to appear to be unfair to objective people.

Therefore, on the basis of the above, I do not have any faith that the ASI proposal can be sufficient to bring any resolution to this mess.

Gregory Matthews

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## **Sudden Reversal and "Harold Wants to Talk with You"**

Without any explanation, Gailon was an alright choice of representative after all, and the ASI tribunal process negotiations were on ... sort of.

----- Original Message -----



**From:** GW  
**To:** Linda Shelton  
**Subject:** signing off  
**Date:** Tue, November 14, 2006 11:59:35 -0800 (PST)

Linda,

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I will pass on your wishes to Harold Lance that you want Mr. Joy to be your representative. With that, my job is done.

...

Let me say this much: at first, ASI refused to be involved because they saw no possible benefit for anyone. The whole situation looked hopeless. But then they felt if everyone could be given the opportunity to say what ALL the issues were from their perspective and what their expectations were, that perhaps some recommendations could be ascertained that everyone could live with and maybe even be happy with and would adopt them. ASI has no jurisdiction over anyone, nor do they want it.

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GW

----- Original Message -----

**From:** GW  
**To:** Linda Shelton  
**Subject:** Read this first  
**Date:** Tue, November 14, 2006 12:12:34 -0800 (PST)

Linda,

Well, I just spoke with Harold Lance. Too bad I didn't talk to him yesterday after receiving your message. I could have saved you some disappointment, as well as myself. I'm so sorry.

He asked me to thank you for responding to me and stating who you would like for your representative. He would like

to talk with you personally, if you will. He wants you to know that he is eager to work something out.

His home phone is (\*\*\*) \*\*\*-\*\*\*\* cell (\*\*\*) \*\*\*-\*\*\*\* email [hlance@pacific.net](mailto:hlance@pacific.net)

GW

## Final Emails Between Linda and GW

We include the final two communications between these two ladies, that you might catch a sense of the Christian experience of both of them.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Linda Shelton

**To:** GW

**Subject:** RE: signing off

**Date:** Tue, November 14, 2006 17:40:30 -0700

Hi GW,

Please do not feel discouraged. Please do not feel that Gregory and Gailon think that you are the enemy. I think the truth of the matter is that you just are not aware of the facts. I once lived in a world that was rosy and wonderful. I once lived in a world where I believed no real foul thing could emerge from Christian people (in name). I was wrong. No words can begin to describe the devastation that so-called Christians brought to my life the last almost 3 years. (And this is not an exaggeration.) Yet it is Biblical. One of the signs of the end is that "those closest to us will turn against us" and the "love of many will wax cold."

In my desperate moments of prayer in the middle of the night I have pleaded to God for justice. God has answered my prayer in sending people to defend the humble ministry which God gave to me. And I believe He will continue to answer my prayer until this entire mess is cleared up and my name is cleared.

ASI's desire to help is honorable, but considering the vastness of the issues, it is not possible for them to handle them all. That does not mean I will not work with them.

Lastly, I firmly believe that there is no problem too large for God to solve. But sometimes He must use entities like the judicial system, which by the way He put in place in the Old Testament. It's not His Plan A, but it is His Plan B.

I sincerely want to THANK YOU so much for your willingness to "bear one another's burdens." It's a big burden and your prayers have not gone unnoticed in the courts of heaven. Ultimately God will receive the glory when the fires of this trial have burned out...and oh, how I look forward to that day.

Thanks again for letting Christ shine through your life to mine!

Blessings to you and yours,

Linda Shelton

----- Original Message -----

**From:** GW

**To:** Linda Shelton

**Subject:** RE: signing off

**Date:** Tue, November 14, 2006 18:07:17 -0800 (PST)

Thank you, Linda, for your kind words. Yes, I believe God works through a variety of ways, too. I look forward to seeing you again. And I know that you have suffered greatly. I have hurt with you many times.

Thank you for taking the time to write. May God continue to be your tower of strength. GW

If only every series of communications in this whole saga ended on such a positive note. But alas, that was not to be.

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GW, the go-between chosen by Harold Lance to contact Linda Shelton, adds her editings to whatever document she had earlier received, and sends it to Linda on November 12, 2006.

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----- Original Message -----

**From:** GW  
**To:** Linda Shelton  
**Subject:** proposal  
**Date:** Sun, 12 Nov 2006 15:36:04 -0800 (PST)

The italics part was my suggestion, but in talking to Harold the second time, he said that he felt my suggestions could be incorporated without stating them as I did. He especially felt that if any non-Christians were interviewed, they might not want prayer. That seems reasonable to me. If God wants the prayer times spelled out, He can intervene. I've seen that for sure.

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1. A group of five persons to consider the issues will be

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selected by ASI, with input from the parties, and will not include the current officer leadership of ASI. *The gender representation of the group will have no more than 3 men and no less than two. The same is true for women.* The persons chosen will be selected for their reputation of fairness, integrity, spirituality and their lack of any stake in the outcome. *When first selected, each person of said group will be set aside in a prayer of anointing for wisdom, discernment and power over evil, in full measure by the Holy Spirit. Each person is to verbally and in writing accept the responsibility and confidentiality as outlined herein. He/She will pledge to pray daily until the meeting takes place for personal purification and baptism of the Holy Spirit.*

2. The place of the meetings to be at a neutral site in the "area."
3. The costs associated with the process will be paid by 3ABN.
4. 3ABN, Linda Shelton, and Danny Shelton will be contacted for their input on the process and on basic ground rules.
5. Each side will state in writing what they consider the issues are that need resolution and their belief as to the facts related to those.
6. Each side will state in writing what they think would be a proper outcome on the issues.
7. *The meetings will start with a group prayer of all persons involved: each party, witnesses and ASI Group members.* The meetings will be private, not recorded nor open to the public. *The members of the Group may take notes. Said notes will be purged after completion of the process.* The parties will not be involved in a process of public discussion, through email messages, news releases or announcements on matters related to the process.
8. Each side may have a representative present during the taking of information, but not during the group's deliberations. The representative will not be a lawyer or one acting as an advocate but as a facilitator of the

process and will be identified to ASI in advance in writing by the party. The person selected will be the person who will work with Harold Lance, on behalf of ASI, in arranging the details of the process. No volunteers or intermeddlers will participate in the meeting processes involved in making arrangements.

9. There will be prepared in advance a defined schedule for the proceedings and the sequence of the process with input from the parties.
10. The questionings of persons brought in for information on issues will be done by the ASI Group moderated by its Chairperson, not by the parties or their representatives. The parties or their representatives will have opportunity to submit to the ASI group written suggestion areas of inquiry.
11. Any party wishing to furnish written documentation for consideration will have seven days in advance of the meeting to furnish a copy to ASI for distribution to each party.
12. Before the scheduled meeting, each party will submit to the Group a list of persons they plan to present and a factual summary of expected information. *Said persons are to pledge by word and signature strict confidentiality regarding the meeting process and its existence. The Group will pray with each party and "witness" for clarity of mind, pureness of heart and openness to God before his testimony is heard.*
13. The purpose of the process will be to bring clarity and truth based upon factually accurate information and perceived guidance from the Holy Spirit. The meetings will not be as a court trial.

*When all parties are done presenting their information, the Group will have prayer for the guidance of the Holy Spirit and begin deliberations. Upon completion of the process, the ASI Group will promptly issue a written statement to ASI as to its factual findings and upon those findings define suggested recommendations for the "parties," as ASI recognizes it does not have authority to order or award anything. The value of the process for the parties will be that an independent, fair-minded panel will give its best*

judgment as to the truth of the matters under consideration and recommendations for resolution of the issues.

*BE IT KNOWN TO ALL INVOLVED that God alone is the "Restorer of the Breach." By accepting this assignment as "liaison," ASI is but a tool in the hand of God to accomplish His purpose. May His name be exalted as a result of this process.*

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## **Round One: Gailon Joy**

### **"Proposed Foundation for Hearings Regarding 3ABN"**

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Gregory Matthews had been heavily involved in the 3ABN situation for quite some time. Since he, as well as others, had given input into the modifications Gailon Joy proposes, Gailon sends a copy to him as well as to Linda.

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----- Original Message -----

**From:** G. Arthur Joy  
**To:** Harold Lance, Esq  
**CC:** Linda Shelton, Gregory Matthews  
**Subject:** Proposed Foundation for hearings in re: 3ABN.  
**Date:** Mon, 27 Nov 2006 00:59:31 +0000

Harold Lance, Esq:

This is Linda's response to GW's initial inquiry. It is Linda's position that certainly some issues would be best addressed by a fair and honest panel, to achieve clarity and an open understanding by those who continue to wonder just what was the story. The process should be conclusive and cathartic and therefore available for all SDA's everywhere to see, hear and read. Only this open process will bring closure to this festering issue.

This is to begin discussions ... any thoughts, concerns, additions or just observations are clearly welcome. Linda's team and I have serious concerns regarding your neutrality and need clarification regarding your position, particularly as you have served as a past ASI President during the history of support for 3ABN.

There have also been certain representations by Danny and Walt that would suggest that ASI and yourself are not as "neutral" as we would prefer you to be. This should be



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addressed and clarified for the record. If this process is a waste of time then we need to move on.

We are certain that the record will exonerate Linda and indict Danny, in some cases 3ABN as an entity, in other cases 3ABN's board, and in at least two cases, ASI policy relating to the governance and accountability as well as the taking of tithes by ASI members. These issues need to be resolved for the best benefit of the church, ASI and SDA members everywhere. To pretentiously close the door to continued discovery and the open provision of certain documentation is an "obstruction of due process" and in some cases is a violation of their 501(c)3 non-profit status as an entity that solicits funds from the public. Therefore, we would request that some items, such as board minutes and financial data, be available for immediate viewing. Other information and inquiries should continue to be simply answered.

Also, the "purported evidence" that is the basis for 3ABN's allegations nearly three years ago should be made fully available as quickly as possible in the process for the defender to prepare a proper defense. I am certain you understand the need for this fairness doctrine as a matter of due process. And it is the minimum requirement for the process to go forward. I just don't know what it is they are finding so essential to hold under lock and key, but perhaps you could act as an "in camera" magistrate on this "purported evidence" that has so mystified so many for so long and that Mollie Steenson purportedly controls.

3ABN and Linda both have claimed to be proponents of openness and transparency and the hearings should meet this fundamental standard or there is simply no purpose to the process. Every SDA has a vital interest in the outcome, as does ASI and its membership. They are entitled to have access to the record, the findings, and the recommendations, and to know the implementation of those recommendations, particularly as it affects the "stock-holders in the pews" and the future of SDA media ministries.

We await your responses with bated breathe in anticipation of an ecclesiastical process that will work for all the parties in interest. If you have any inquiry of Linda, her e-mail address is listed above and feel free to communicate any questions directly to Linda. You will find her hospitable and

a woman of great faith. Worthy of communication!!!

Legend: Red is the proposed addition by Linda's team;  
Light Blue are the recommended deletions by Linda's team;  
*Black italics were the recommended changes by GW*  
The other are apparently transcriptions of GW to Linda on behalf of ASI or yourself.

GW's proposal with Linda's proposed changes is presented below:

The italics part was my suggestion, but in talking to Harold the second time, he said that he felt my suggestions could be incorporated without stating them as I did. He especially felt that if any non-Christians were interviewed, they might not want prayer. That seems reasonable to me. If God wants the prayer times spelled out, He can intervene. I've seen that for sure.

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The following are some preliminary

proposed considerations for a process of inquiry to be discussed by the ASI Executive Committee and later to be submitted to 3ABN, Danny and Linda Shelton (and what other parties?) for their consideration:

- 1.A five person panel shall be selected from a pool of qualified panelists to be presented by the ASI panel to the parties for consideration and background inquiry (voir dire questions) regarding potential conflicts or bias ~~group of five persons to consider the issues will be selected by ASI, with input from the parties,~~ and will not include the current or past officers, directors or leadership past or present of ASI. *The gender representation of the group will have no more than three men and no less than two. The same is true for women.* The persons chosen will be selected for their reputation of fairness, integrity, spirituality and their lack of any stake in the outcome. *When first selected, each person of said group will be set aside in a prayer of anointing for wisdom, discernment and power over evil, in full measure by the Holy Spirit. Each person is to verbally and in writing accept the responsibility and confidentiality as outlined herein. He/She will pledge to pray daily until the meeting takes place for personal purification and baptism of the Holy Spirit.*

- 2.The place of the meetings to be at a neutral site in the "area." (we need a definition of "the area")

3. The costs associated with the process will be paid by 3ABN.

4. 3ABN, Linda Shelton, and Danny Shelton and other parties will be contacted for their input on the process and on basic ground rules prior to selecting a panel for the issues to be addressed. Also need clarity regarding what issues the panel will be allowed to hear, who will be defining the complaints to be discussed and for what period of time.

5. Each side will state in writing what they consider the complaints to be addressed, ~~issues are~~ and that need resolution and a brief ~~their belief~~ as to the facts related to those charges, allegations, concerns or issues and the damages or proposals to be considered, and will self discover and make available any evidence to be brought into the tribunal with an explanation of its import or relevance to the specific issue being addressed with the brief or as discovered thereafter but not [less] than fifteen days prior to the hearing on the matter.

6. Each side will state in writing what they think would be a proper outcome on the issues.

*7. The meetings will start with a group prayer of all persons involved: each party, witnesses and ASI Group Panel members.* The meetings will be conducted in a closed door session when

appropriate under the executive session rules, however, in keeping with the rule of openness and transparency a written report of the issues, evidence, facts established and findings with recommendations and actions taken to implement those proposals or recommendations within 30 days of the completion of the hearing on an issue or issues and shall be made available for public review. A transcription by recordation shall be available to each party upon completion of the hearings. ~~The meetings will be private, not recorded nor open to the public. The members of the Group Panel may take notes. Said notes will be purged after completion of the process.~~ The parties will not be involved in a process of public discussion, through email messages, news releases or announcements on matters related to the process during the hearings. Only the entire report, findings and recommendations of the panel can be referenced after the hearings by any party. A copy of report of the issues, evidence, facts established and findings with recommendations and actions taken to implement those proposals or recommendations and the transcript by recordation, shall be available to each SDA college / university heritage room 30 days after the completion of the hearings. This is essential to guarantee the objectivity and fairness of the panel, its findings, its recommendations and that the

church may be satisfied or clearly dissatisfied that the recommendations were properly implemented and can carry forward whatever discipline is deemed necessary based upon the actual record. This is in keeping with the principal of openness and transparency and is vital as the entire SDA church has a substantial interest in the matters being considered.

8. Each side may have a representative(s) present during the taking of information. Only panel members may be present ~~but not~~ during the Panel's ~~group's~~ deliberations. The representative will not be a lawyer or one acting as an advocate but as presenters, counsellors and a facilitator(s) of the various issues and the process and will be identified to ASI in advance in writing by the party. The person selected will be the person who will work with Harold Lance, on behalf of ASI, in arranging the details of the process. ~~No volunteers or intermeddlers will participate in the meeting processes involved in making arrangements.~~

9. There will be prepared in advance a defined schedule for the proceedings and the sequence of the process with input from the parties.

10. The questionings of persons or witnesses brought in for information on issues will be done first by the representative, party or

presenter to introduce the matter at issue, the testimony of the witness and the supporting evidence then can be questioned by the other representative or party to the issue and then by the panel by the ASI Group moderated by its Chairperson, ~~not by the parties or their representatives~~. Clarification rebuttal questions may be asked by the presenter and the respondent in that order following completion of the panel's questions.

The panel can then ask questions relating to the clarification questions raised. The parties or their representatives will have opportunity to submit to the ASI group written suggestion areas of inquiry. (And what if the panel has no idea what to ask or decides not to ask the questions proposed by a party? Just what appellate process would preserve the integrity of the process?)

11. Any party wishing to furnish written documentation for consideration should do so with the delivery of their written statements. Any additional information should be made available as soon as practicable for each issue to be considered but must be presented not less than fifteen ~~will have seven~~ days in advance of the meeting to furnish a copy to ASI for distribution to each party. (Is any other information treated as In Limine evidence? And what if an issue is raised by surprise at the hearing,

by what process is the right to challenge the surprise to be preserved?)

12. Before the scheduled meeting, each party will submit to the Group a list of persons they plan to present and a factual summary of expected information. *The Group will pray with each party and "witness" for clarity of mind, pureness of heart and openness to God before his testimony is heard.* (Will witnesses be "sworn in" and under oath?)

13. The purpose of the process will be to bring clarity and truth founded upon the principle of openness and transparency based upon factually accurate information, to publish findings of facts, to make recommendations and to preserve the record of the hearings *and do so with perceived guidance from the Holy Spirit.* The meetings will not be as a court trial.

*When all parties are done presenting their information, the Panel ~~Group~~ will have prayer for the guidance of the Holy Spirit and begin deliberations. Upon completion of the process, the Panel will promptly issue a written statement to ASI and the parties as to its factual findings and upon those findings define suggested recommendations for the "parties," as ASI recognizes it does not have authority to order or award anything. The value of the process for the parties will be that an independent, fair-minded panel will give its best judgment as to the truth of the matters under consideration and recommendations for*



resolution of the issues.

(So we are avoiding binding arbitration on the issues here? Again, what is the purpose and value of this process if there is to be no change based upon the "recommendations" and the respective parties do not need to comply with the findings? Is this a wise process if it is not to be final and binding upon the parties? Don't we already have a load of "statements," "recommendations," including "ecclesiastical" declarations that are completely out of order!!! And why would 3ABN waste the time and money upon such a process that is not binding and how is it of value to the SDA Church body?)

Frankly, I am concerned with the value of this process and would like real clarity of just what the 3ABN board has specifically authorized: I would like to see the actual request from the 3ABN board to determine their purpose and intention, including actual intention regarding recommendations and breadth of topics to be considered.

I am also not certain you have any grasp of the number of issues we had requested that ASI take into consideration. It would probably be wise to brief you regarding the issues we intend to address, and you could better consider the value of the process and to what issues you feel it would appropriate for the ASI Panel.

Gailon Arthur Joy on behalf of Linda Shelton

*BE IT KNOWN TO ALL INVOLVED*

*that God alone is the "Restorer of the Breach." By accepting this assignment as "liaison," ASI is but a tool in the hand of God to accomplish His purpose. May His name be exalted as a result of this process*

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----- Original Message -----

**From:** Harold Lance

**To:** G. Arthur Joy

**Subject:** Progress in the process:

**Date:** Fri, 01 Dec 2006 07:47:10 -0800

Art

Thank you for the time we spent pondering the process for the 3ABN issues. I will be preparing a revised proposal for presentation to you and Linda as well as to ASI Leadership and the other sides. I think we are making realistic progress. I appreciate your assurance that as we work on the process aspect their will be confidentiality in our communications limited to the parties, their representatives, and the involved ASI leadership group.

If I have misunderstood our agreement please let me know as the next step will be for me to complete the suggested revision and forward it as indicated.

hjl

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**From:** G. Arthur Joy  
**To:** Harold Lance, Esq  
**CC:** Linda Shelton, Bob Pickle, Gregory Matthews  
**Subject:** Re: Progress in the process:  
**Date:** Fri, 01 Dec 2006 17:34:55 +0000

Thank you for your communique and we look forward to working with all due diligence with you to find an appropriate ecclesiastical process for all the parties.

I have already secured an agreement from Linda, Bob and Greg that any communication relating to the process proposal and collateral issues with you or ASI will be held in the strictest confidence, period, until we have reached an agreement or an agreement is deemed impossible, at which time only a mutually agreed statement will be issued. All communiques will be labeled "Confidential-FYEO-Do Not Re-distribute". These three will be the only individuals included in the discussions on this side.

Bob Pickle is a pastor currently working for \*\*\*\*\* on a research project and has been a diligent cross your t's and dot your i's researcher / investigator relating to several issues, some of which I had clearly missed.

Greg Matthews has been a consultant to Linda for nearly the entire 2.5 years since the divorce and turned over virtually hundreds of e-mails between himself and Danny, Linda and others, attempting to find a resolution. He is an ordained minister serving as a Chaplain, US Armed Services. Very level headed and realistic based upon the issues and readily asserts that some issues need to be left to the civil / administrative / criminal authorities to tackle.

Linda Shelton is, of course, a presumed potential party to at least some part of the panel hearings.

I shall CC each of them and ask each of them to confirm in writing that they clearly agree to the confidentiality regarding your e-mail in this regard by responding directly to you via e-mail.

Let it be further understood that you are absolutely free to communicate with any or all the individuals in this group directly. I do not claim to have all wisdom or the sole right

to express the perspectives of this team and I believe in the wisdom of the counsel of many.

All three contributed various points in the proposal sent to you.

We are sincerely yours.

Gailon Arthur Joy

If the confidentiality agreement was different than what appears above, Harold Lance would have made that known to the group.

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**From:** Bob Pickle  
**To:** Harold Lance  
**CC:** G. Arthur Joy, Gregory Matthews, Linda Shelton  
**Subject:** Re: Progress in the process:  
**Date:** Fri, 1 Dec 2006 14:45:00 -0600

Hello Harold.

Just a little clarification: I have pastored, yes, and do work for \*\*\*\*\* currently. But the project I am working on is not a research project but rather a massive and multi-faceted database and internet project. And, the name of \*\*\*\*\* should be kept out of all these discussions entirely.

I have no problem with the need for confidentiality during the process development phase. My only concern is that if it does not go forward and resolution is not achieved on the various issues, people have a right to know why, briefly if nothing else. And given everything I've seen thus far, I'm not sure a mutually agreed upon statement will do that.

I've been really concerned at all the negative insinuations that have been made about ASI, Mark Finley, Elder Denslow, Garwin McNeilus, and others, insinuations and accusations that can be read by anyone in the world who wants to read them. I've personally argued in one venue, successfully at times, that such evil surmising is wrong unless there is solid evidence to back up such allegations.

What I am saying is that what we need in the end is to vindicate, if at all possible, not just 3ABN. And I would

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hate to see a situation in which ASI cannot come out of this smelling like a rose simply because one party or another won't agree to an honest, fairly stated statement that explains exactly who had what concerns that kept the process from moving forward.

That's my concern. If this hinders me from being part of the process, that might have to be the way it is.

Have a good Sabbath, God bless, and may God give all an extra measure of His wisdom, humility, and compassion at this time.

Bob Pickle  
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**From:** Gregory Matthews  
**To:** Bob Pickle, Harold Lance  
**CC:** G. Arthur Joy, Linda Shelton  
**Subject:** My Response, # 1, Introduction  
**Date:** Sat, 2 Dec 2006 04:27:54 -0700

December 2, 2006

GAJ:  
Harold:  
Bob:  
Linda:  
Others:

If I am going to be working with Harold, and ASI in attempts to find some resolution to this 3-ABN mess, I think it is important that Harold know a little more about who and what I am. So in the interests of openness, I intend to share about me, my background, and where I am in this. I may send this out in several posts, as long posts are often an obstacle to being read. My intention is to share in the following areas:

1. Some personal perceptions as to how we who advice Linda are working together.
2. Some more about my personal background, to include a statement as to how I became involved with this.
3. Where I am in regard to the religious spectrum that exists within the SDA church.
4. A further discussion in regard to confidentiality and this process. In my mind this is critical to the success



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of these efforts. Yet, I believe that confidentiality may be subject to some of the greatest misunderstanding that may arise between us. So, I plan to discuss this in some detail.

#### Introduction:

Mr. Joy, myself, Bob, and some others, such as Johann are an eclectic group of people who do not see everything in exactly the same manner. Yet, we have reached a common agreement as to our central focus. To briefly sum that common focus, we are united in is our belief that Linda has been wronged in some manner. And, we are united in our desire to discover truth whatever that truth may be, and wherever that may lead us. It is in more minor points that we may differ. E.G. My position on certain marital issues, such as Danny's remarriage is not the same as every other person.

We have agreed to work together to achieve our common purpose regardless of our differences on more minor matter. In this respect, I will suggest that our unity may serve as a model for what should exist within the SDA church. This denomination today is a diverse community of believers with differences in both theology and in life-style. If it could agree on a common purpose, act together in unity on those common goals, and leave other differences to the Lord to resolve, it might be much more effective in achieving God's purpose for it in these end times.

As I have worked with Linda I have been quite open and honest as to where I am, and in the advice that I have given her. She has not always agreed with such. However, she has clearly appreciated honesty as to where I am and what I thought on a subject. She has clearly informed me that she prefers my doing that to simply giving her advice that I thought she wanted to hear, but did not mean.

As a professionally trained (I will say more about this later.) counselor, I typically do not tell people what to do. Rather, I facilitate their decision making process. This is how I have typically related to Linda. I have helped her to identify issues. I have helped her to clarify the impact that her decisions might have on her life. I have attempted to help her to clarify what she wanted to accomplish. In all of this, I have not attempted to push an agenda upon her. The

decisions are Linda's. It is her life. She reaps the consequences of the decisions that she makes. I do not. Therefore, she is the one that must make the decisions that affect her life. I can not.

Gregory Matthews

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Gregory Matthews  
**To:** Bob Pickle, Harold Lance  
**CC:** G. Arthur Joy, Linda Shelton  
**Subject:** My Response, # 2, Personal Background  
**Date:** Sat, 2 Dec 2006 04:31:04 -0700

Personal Background:

As I have stated previously, I am presently a hospital chaplain employed by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and a former U. S. Army chaplain. I am credentialed by the General Conference, and have been recognized by them since sometime in the 1960s. I am listed in the 2006 YEARBOOK, but my name is misspelled in that publication.

I have been involved with Linda, almost since the beginning—before the divorce. This was so long ago that I do not remember how it happened. It may very well be that I sent her a note telling her that I was praying for her, and she responded. I simply do not remember.

I have given to 3-ABN financially in the past. I once wrote them a check for \$100, but I have not given to them on a regular basis. My point is simply that I have not come to his situation as a person who was their enemy.

While an Army chaplain, I was given the opportunity to obtain a MA degree in Counseling Psychology, at Chapman University (its present name) at Government expense. [I was later on the teaching faculty of the U. S. Army Chaplain School, an accredited institution, teaching in the area of Pastoral Counseling.] During my MA study I worked with a number of people who sexually molested children, as well as those who had been abused (sexually, psychologically,

emotionally, and physically). Some of the people who came to our clinic were SDA, and had been abused in the name of God and the SDA church. As an Army chaplain I worked with the same people—both those who had abused, and those who had been abused, some of whom came from a SDA background.

In connection with this, I began to note common patterns. E.G. the professional engineer who blamed the 4-year-old female for seducing him—when he knocked on the door to her house, she answered the door naked. He was not responsible for what he did to her. She was. The SDA Elder who got a new convert pregnant, and then blamed her for seducing him. The SDA Elder who had his mistress installed at their house (for a while) was molesting his daughter, and blaming his daughter for the anger of God falling upon the family in some of its experiences. Enough of that. My point is that I began to pick up on common ways of relating on the part of both the abused, and those who abused.

Gregory Matthews

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**From:** Gregory Matthews  
**To:** Bob Pickle, Harold Lance  
**CC:** G. Arthur Joy, Linda Shelton  
**Subject:** My Response # 3, Where I am religiously  
**Date:** Sat, 2 Dec 2006 04:33:47 -0700

Where I am in the SDA religious spectrum:

I consider myself to be a middle-of-the-road Seventh-day Adventist. In my approach, I believe the SDA church should be a "hospital for sinners" who are walking the Christian way. It is because of this, that I am considered by some to be a liberal SDA. It is coming from this perspective that I do not criticize Danny for his remarriage.

As another aspect of where I am, I firmly believe that the SDA church should clearly call sin by its name, and take firm stands as to what is right. In other words, label something as wrong, and sin, but be open in accepting into

church fellowship those who have not yet reached that standard.

NOTE: I do set limits, and there is a point where I believe that people should not be allowed to become SDA members, or should be separated from denominational membership.

Also, I firmly believe that people who hold positions of spiritual leadership, in some cases should be forever removed from such spiritual leadership positions due to sins that they committed while in that position of spiritual leadership.

By way of interest, in the Conference where I live, the Conference President and the pastor of the congregation of which I was a member, both consider me to be quite conservative. That is because of a stand I took in regard to a person in a position of spiritual leadership, and a previous incident of sexual misconduct that had involved that person.

I also believe that people in positions of spiritual leadership, while human, must be held to high standards of conduct. On a personal basis, I am divorced, and I have remarried. At the time of my divorce I was credentialed by the General Conference. Following that divorce I remained single for a number of years. During that time I was a single parent, with joint custody of two minor children that I shared with my ex-wife. At the time that I remarried, my ex-wife had been remarried for a year. As a spiritual leader in the SDA church, I felt it necessary to live a life in which I only married again after a time of public witness that I took the Biblical standards seriously. The General Conference agreed that I was Biblically free to remarry. By the way, my present wife and I have been married for over 20 years.

My next and final comments at this point will be on confidentiality of this process.

Gregory Matthews

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**From:** Gregory Matthews

**To:** Bob Pickle, Harold Lance  
**CC:** G. Arthur Joy, Linda Shelton  
**Subject:** My Response, Confidentiality, error corrected.  
**Date:** Sat, 2 Dec 2006 05:31:32 -0700

Confidentiality of this process:

Confidentiality, in my mind, is one of the most critical issues that we face if we are going to work together in an attempt to resolve this 3-ABN mess. [NOTE: I also believe that there are several other critical issues.] During this initial process the discussions must be conducted behind closed doors, so to speak. All of us must be able to discuss freely, outside of public view. If this cannot be done, there will be failure to establish any kind of a resolution.

However, in the end there must be considerable openness, and transparency. That also is critical to the SDA public accepting our end result, and putting a stop (at least to a degree) to the public discussion that continues. Resolution requires that the SDA public be convinced of the fairness and justice of the process.

As I have experienced denominational process, no one keeps confidentiality. Things leak out. Comments are made by both sides. I expect that this will happen if this process will take place. Frankly, I expect that there will be what are regarded as innocent leaks from ASI, those who support Danny/3-ABN, as well as those who support Linda. This is simply a fact of life, and I do not blame anyone more than any other. I will suggest that there are at least two significant issues that will point in the direction of leaks:

1. The issues here involve more than just Danny and Linda. Let me illustrate: Gloria X (I am simply illustrating, and making up a name, and a situation.) has charged William Y of 3-ABN of sexual misconduct. We collectively decide to consider this charge, and we call her to be a witness. We cannot prevent Gloria X from publicly commenting on the process as she experienced it. It will happen. We who participated in that process cannot be expected to remain silenced with no ability to comment on Gloria's comments.
2. Simon Z, an employee of 3-ABN has been accused, and investigated by this investigative body. He is

confused in regard to the conduct of the investigation, and the decision that was made. He comes to me to help him understand what went on. I have been involved in the process of setting this up. I may very well be able to help him to understand, and even accept what happened. Should I be expected to refuse to talk to him about this?

In the same sense, the SDA public is going to have questions. They are going to come to us for discussions. If we refuse to talk to them, this issue will never be put to bed. We can play a part in resolving this. I will give you an example. Yesterday I posted a comment in a public Internet forum. What I cite here is only a part of what I posted. As that forum is open to the public, you can read it in full in that forum. Here it is:

NOTE: I believe that there are honest and sincere people on all sides of this mess. I believe that I cannot automatically assume that one who objects to something in this discussion is simply attempting to obstruct the process. The above three questions are critical, and honest people may differ on the answers to those questions. The issue simply is: Can a process be crafted in which all parties can agree?

The discussions as to how to implement a process to resolve issues must go on in private, and cannot become a public discussion. I do not intend to get into such. I am only speaking here in generalities in an attempt to help you to see that it is exceedingly complex. In my personal relationship to the process (I am involved.) I have gone through the following stages:

- 1.I have believed that an agreement could be reached by which some benefit could be gained. However,

I did not believe that everything could be resolved. I have questioned as to whether or not agreement could be obtained by all involved parties.

- 2.I have been cynical in regard to anything being accomplished.
- 3.I have been encouraged to see people, on all sides of the issues, continue to work very hard to come up with some kind of an agreement that would be of some benefit. As a result, I have not given up hope that good may be accomplished, and I wait to see how it develops.

Folks, people are working very hard with people who differ with them to come into an agreement.

NOTE: In this citation I have corrected some spelling errors that were posted in the original.

Due to what some other has posted on the forum, I felt it would be necessary to make a statement. At the beginning I made some comment about GAJ, which I have not copied here. I made a few other comments, and then what I have posted here. The crucial points that I made in the above were:

- a. There are honest and sincere people on both sides of this issue. We should not conclude that specific differences of opinion represented a desire to obstruct the process.
- b. Bringing all parties to the table was going to be a very hard process, and this must be understood.
- c. While I have had my cynical moments, yet I believe that progress can be made to bring parties to the table, and some level of resolution achieved, even if not total resolution.
- d. There are people on both sides working very hard to achieve this.

Folks, in the above, I did not reveal any confidential information. Yet, I believe that my post was potentially a helpful response to what was being posted by others. It is from this perspective that I believe that all of us must be free to make general statements such as I made above. But, these general statements must be made in consideration of the time of those statements. In general, they should be made after this process has been completed, and not while it is going on.

This issue of confidentiality is so important that I may have comments to make later. But, time has passed. In need to prepare for my attendance at church. So, I will leave it for now.

Thank you, Harold for your efforts and the work you are putting into this. I wish you success, but I believe that your labor has only begun.

Gregory Matthews

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Gregory Matthews  
**To:** Bob Pickle, Harold Lance  
**CC:** G. Arthur Joy, Linda Shelton  
**Subject:** My Response, Confidentiality # 2  
**Date:** Sat, 2 Dec 2006 05:55:05 -0700

Confidentiality # 2

I knew there was additional material that I wanted to add:

We need to discuss further what we mean by confidentiality.

I have posted clearly stated positions. As two examples, I have publicly stated several times that I do not criticize Danny for getting remarried, and I have publicly stated that Linda did not, in my opinion, give Danny Biblical grounds to divorce her. Those positions of mine and more are a matter of public record. My participation in the process, and confidentiality should not prevent me from saying again what I have already stated. Or should it? What do the rest of



you think? What can we agree upon?

I have received many e-mails from many people. These include such from Danny, Linda, the IL Conference President, a 3-ABN attorney, and more. Most of what I have received I have not publicly posted. I have posted some. And I have referenced some of this in public statements that I have made. It may be that during this process, some bit of information may come to me through this process that I already have, and I may or may not have publicly commented upon. As I already have that information, and may have commented upon it publicly, am I prohibited from commenting upon it again, if a situation comes up where I feel it necessary?

Let me give you an example: I have in my files a statement from Danny, that he personally sent to me that he had never publicly taken position X, and any statements that he has done so are false. I have publicly posted comments to the effect that he denies ever making such public statements. It also happens to have evidence that he has privately supported position X. Let us say that this becomes an issue for our discussion. Am I now prohibited from making any comment on this? If I am challenged by Larry P who says to me: Gregory, how can you say that Danny has never publicly stated X, here is proof that I have. Am I allowed to come back and say: Larry, that statement may have been made privately by Danny, but there is no proof that he ever made it publicly?

Folks, this entire issue is extremely complex. We all are going to have to work very hard to put it together. I ask the above questions as I think that confidentiality is critical. We must have some kind of an understanding as to what it means. Without this agreement, relationships will fall apart. I may have more to ask later.

Gregory Matthews

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Bob Pickle

**To:** Gregory Matthews

**CC:** Harold Lance, G. Arthur Joy, Linda Shelton

**Subject:** Re: My Response, Confidentiality # 2

**Date:** Sat, 2 Dec 2006 19:48:20 -0600

Gregory,

You have done very well expressing your thoughts, but I think you missed what the question really was regarding confidentiality.

At issue at present is only whether we agree to confidentiality regarding our communications about setting up and negotiating the process. There is no agreement presently being considered about confidentiality during and after the process, since what that will mean depends upon what gets negotiated.

At issue is the public trashing of individuals during the negotiation of the process itself. That is what the agreement is primarily trying to prevent, as I understand it.

And Harold, to clarify what Gregory said earlier about all of us, I will be approaching this from the standpoint that I have not arrived at an opinion regarding Linda's being wronged, since I have not personally seen conclusive evidence one way or the other. So Gregory's comments on us on that matter don't quite fit me. But I will say that I have established a pattern of behavior on the part of Danny on other issues that raises questions about Danny's claims of her guilt.

Perhaps the most damaging along those lines is the written claim by a definitely non-pro-Linda, non-peon individual that Danny after threatening them fraudulently manufactured evidence against them, and though a complaint was made to the board, no investigation at all was conducted. The fact that to this day they express themselves as thinking that Linda was at fault too gives their claim increased credibility, as well as the fact that when I asked Walt Thompson about this matter in the last week and a half, his response acknowledged that such a claim had been made and that they are still good friends with this individual, but he did nothing to offer an alternative explanation for the events.

I think we need to face the facts: If Danny and the 3ABN board are willing for every issue and all the evidence to be

considered by an ASI panel, and/or follow the panel's advice, then the panel process isn't necessary at all. Thus far, even in the last week and a half, Danny has made it pretty clear that he isn't willing. Is the board willing to go over his head?

Bob

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Gregory Matthews  
**To:** Bob Pickle  
**CC:** Harold Lance, G. Arthur Joy, Linda Shelton  
**Subject:** RE: My Response, Confidentiality # 2  
**Date:** Sat, 2 Dec 2006 19:25:30 -0700

I may have missed the point. That is, in part why I have surfaced these points.

As far as Linda being wronged:

I am in a search for truth, wherever it leads.

I think it important for Harold to hear a clear statement from me as to where I am.

But, my perception that Linda has been wronged should not preclude me from participating in what is going on at this point.

Bob, thanks for your comment.

No, we are an eclectic group of people, and my position may not represent in totality where everyone else is.

Gregory Matthews

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Ten weeks after the 3ABN board had voted on September 24 to limit the investigation to just Danny Shelton's divorce and remarriage, word is finally received to that effect in this communication. Ten weeks? Why was nothing said earlier?

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Harold Lance

**To:** G. Arthur Joy, Gregory Matthews, Bob Pickle,  
Linda Shelton,  
Deb Young, Ron Christman,  
Walt Thompson, Danny Shelton

**Subject:** Comments re the process

**Date:** Sun, 03 Dec 2006 18:06:59 -0800

Good Morning Friends;

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Thank you for your involvement in discussions aimed at achieving an agreeable process for issues involving 3ABN and some of its' personnel. I have read with interest the ideas and background information sent by Mathew and Bob. Art and I have had 2 extended conversations that have helped me appreciate some of your concerns and perspectives. We are all committed Seventh-day Adventist Christians who have a good faith interest in resolving our issues. I appreciate each of your willingness to work in confidentiality to attempt agreement on a process.

I wish to confirm that those of us from ASI have no predetermined "ax to grind", except to be used in a process that will hopefully bring resolution to some obvious.

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problems. I am a newcomer to the public discussions that have been swirling around. My initial reaction to Debby Young when she contacted me about possible ASI involvement was: "Don't get involved"! As we have reflected on it further we believe the issues, including the impact on the Church, are of such importance that it is essential that we make our best efforts to assist. In the last 32 years ASI has only gotten involved in "external" issues two or three times. In each instance it resulted in benefit to our members and ASI.

I know there are many issues being discussed. I have counted at least 23 in the last few weeks. Some issues are already the subject of ongoing litigation. The request from the 3ABN Board of Directors to ASI was: ..."request to ASI that it establish a commission to evaluate and determine Danny's legal and moral right to remarry". ASI's membership criteria includes a component that requires the applicant or its leaders to be in regular standing with the SDA Church. We check that factor in every application. Membership in the SDA Church is the exclusive province of the local church (except for membership in the "Conference Church", not involved here). The rather unique situation of the Church associated with 3ABN creates a different perspective from the typical SDA Church on matters of membership.

All of us know ASI has no jurisdiction to act as a court with authority to make orders and awards that disputants are required to follow. What we may have that could be of assistance is some stature and credibility that would make its' findings hard for the parties to ignore. This can only have a possibility of succeeding if the parties support and respect that potential. Because of ASI's membership requirements there is some logic for ASI's involvement on issues that directly reflect on 3ABNs' membership status in ASI. We believe that ASI could properly focus on issues revolving around the biblical appropriateness of the Shelton's divorce and Danny's subsequent remarriage, issues relating to Linda's and Danny's employment status at 3ABN and actions taken concerning Linda's membership in the local SDA Church.

Because of my career as a trial lawyer I have familiarity with court process. There are some basic concepts of fair play and order that we can borrow without becoming

involved in a court trial with all its grinding impact on all involved. The following are some fundamentals I think we need in place:

1. A clear statement of the issues we are addressing and the basis of all decisions reached by the panel i.e. What are biblical grounds for divorce and remarriage as expressed in the SDA Church Manual?
2. A fair and predictable time table of requirements and schedule of events. For example who will proceed on which issues and how will the available time be allotted?
3. A process that requires each side, in a timely fashion, to identify those who will give information and the essence of their expected facts, including authority for the panel to refuse to consider offered information that was not previously disclosed.
4. A mutually required disclosure of documentary information furnished simultaneously to all sides. The right of each party to request of the other parties documents relevant to issues on reasonable time tables i.e. within twenty days after the request.
5. A prohibition of all sides from unilateral contact with the panelists.
6. Findings of fact by the panel that are based upon the information provided in the process and not from any private undisclosed sources.
7. Recommendations of the panel that are relevant to the facts they find to be true.
8. A private hearing environment that is for all parties and panelists fair, orderly, comfortable, and free of intimidation. The primary questioning of people appearing before it to be done by the panel under the direction of its' chairperson. The parties or their representative will have opportunity to submit to the panel written questions and lines of inquiry not covered by the panel. We expect that the hearing process will involve much prayer for wisdom, discernment, and truth.

9. In the hearing meeting an opportunity by the parties or their representative to provide an introductory statement orally or in writing as to their position on the issues, their supporting facts and the outcome they expect. During the hearing any Information not relevant to the agreed upon issues will be excluded. After the presentation of all information the parties or their representative will have the opportunity to make comment on the information presented and why it supports their position.
10. Panelists selected by ASI, with input from the parties, will be persons that are fair, intelligent, and spiritual, without preconceived opinions as to the outcome or any stake personally or philosophically in the outcome.
11. The timely, perhaps within 30 days, rendition by the panelist to ASI and the parties of its factual conclusions and recommendations for action.

I believe the items mentioned (and perhaps others should be included as well) are directly transferable concepts from legal process without the labels and jargon. There are other court practices that I don't think fit our purposes:

- A. Direct and cross examination by legal counsel.
- B. Subpoena power to compel attendance and production of documents and things.
- C. The use of a "judge" to direct the process, trial counsel representing the parties, and a jury to find the facts and apply them to the law.
- D. The use of orders, judgments or decrees.
- E. The creation of a record by electronic recording or a reporter transcript.
- F. Taking of depositions or discovery interrogatories.

ASI functions almost completely through volunteers, except for a small staff of three or four employees at the NAD/GC

facilities. The current officers do not have the availability to become involved in this matter and carry on their other commitments to ASI and their ministries or businesses. Except for the current officers and those ASI members who are excludable by # 10 above would be eligible for consideration as well as other qualified SDA church members. We expect that there will be a gender balance. We are open to proposed panelist completing an agreed questionnaire that would be revealing of their background and biases. Keep in mind that the panelists will be volunteers and would not likely accept an assignment that is unduly intrusive.

You may have learned that it is the ASI position that there needs to be a balance between the process of being open and on the other hand be respectful of the legitimate privacy concerns of the parties. Government, worldly businesses, charitable organizations and the Church all recognize this need. When sensitive personnel matters are under consideration Boards typically go into executive session for such discussions. Accordingly we expect that this process would do the same and that information and documentation would be received and held in confidence by all of the parties and their representatives. At the conclusion of the matter the Panelists findings of facts and recommendations would become publicly available.

I have requested that all of the parties select a representative to work with me in not just deciding the process but to make it happen. I have had no direct contact with either Danny or Linda and to a very limited extent with Dr. Walt Thompson on behalf of 3ABN. I also asked him to convey my request to Danny that he consider the selection of a representative and that public discussions cease as I believe they are counter productive to our focus. It is my preference that I work with a selected representative for each party so that we have a defined way of communicating needed information. If any of you would like further information on my background I will respond. I can clearly state that I have no preconceived opinion of the facts or an outcome.

I have been asked about what is meant by a neutral site in the area. I know it shouldn't be at 3ABN, but should be convenient to where most of the involved people are located. Whether that is 50 miles or 500 away from 3ABN, I don't know, but I don't think it should be across the country



either.

I realize that our proposals don't meet all of your expectations, but I do think it will work, that it will be fair, and the results will be better than what's out there now.

I suggest you look this over prayerfully and carefully. Give me your ideas and if looks like we are far enough along I'll revise my initial proposal and distribute it.

Thank you for your willingness to address this important matter.

Harold lance

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Gailon seeks confirmation that ASI and 3ABN are refusing to look at the other allegations that were supposed to have been part of the investigation. And if the only issue is going to be the divorce and remarriage, how can that be looked into when there is still a civil case pending?

----- Original Message -----

**From:** G. Arthur Joy

**To:** Harold Lance,

Gregory Matthews, Bob Pickle, Linda Shelton,  
Deb Young, Ron Christman,  
Walt Thompson, Danny Shelton

**Subject:** Re: Comments re the process

**Date:** Mon, 04 Dec 2006 03:06:21 +0000

Do we understand that the 3ABN Board only wants to address the issues related to the allegations by Danny Shelton, from the period of approximately Feb 2004 to the present, to various persons and entities that lead to accusations of adultery, and claimed to have had evidence thereto, and resulted in a divorce, Linda's response, the responses of various parties and entities, including, but not limited to, Johann Thorvaldson, Dr. Arild Abrahamsen, 3ABN employees, purported counselors, the 3ABN Chairman, the 3ABN investigative committee, the 3ABN Board of Directors, 3ABN statements to it's world viewing audience, 3ABN statements in various publications or letters, 3ABN statements on various web-sites and blogs, The West Frankfort / Thompsonville SDA church and leadership, the Springfield SDA church and leadership, The Illinois Conference- leadership- executive committee, Linda's communications with various parties and entities, Linda's website and such other information as may be pertinent to motive, purpose and results of the actions of

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each party? That such consideration is to be based upon the biblical standard?

Is it clear that this is the only issue that the panel is being asked to address and is solely based upon the 3ABN board request?

And just what is the scope of the possible recommendations allowed by the panel pursuant to this clearly delimited process?

And what assurance does the church laity have that the ASI panel recommendations would be implemented by the 3ABN board?

And what is everyones' view of the appropriateness to empanel a panel to review this issue while the civil case involving distribution of marital assets is still pending?

That ASI does not intend, in fact, refuses, to address any other issue?

And what would be the proposed timeline for such a limited panel?

Gailon Arthur Joy

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**From:** Bob Pickle  
**To:** G. Arthur Joy  
**CC:** Harold Lance, Gregory Matthews, Linda Shelton, Deb Young, Ron Christman, Walt Thompson, Danny Shelton  
**Subject:** Re: Process: round three  
**Date:** Sun, 03 Dec 2006 22:35:24 -0600

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Greetings, Harold.

Here are my thoughts, stated in the context that I am not overly biased toward or against Linda. I just haven't seen any evidence, even when it was promised that I could see it.

When I asked Hal Steenson last summer regarding the date of Melody's wedding, he very soon diverted the conversation to that of Linda's alleged guilt. I had absolutely no intention of discussing that topic at all.

Danny has made it fairly clear to me that he only wants the issue of he and Linda looked into by ASI, nothing else.

What I am saying is that there is a pattern of wanting to concentrate only on the issue of Danny vs. Linda, and thus if ASI goes along with that idea, they can easily be accused of being less than impartial, of doing just what Danny wants, as they have unfortunately already been accused of doing. I am not sure that it would be wise to allow that to happen.

Secondly, as you state below:

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"The request from the 3ABN Board of Directors to ASI was: ...'request to ASI that it establish a commission to evaluate and determine Danny's legal and moral right to remarry.' "

The 3ABN board is further compromising its reputation by making such a request. The idea was for the board to allow an impartial ASI panel to look into the allegations, but they have up front determined that the ASI panel must agree with their own conclusions, namely, that the only issue needing to be resolved is that of Linda. Thus they have already determined that the ASI panel cannot be allowed to be impartial on the most critical point of what needs to be examined.

That the board would decide thus is rather odd given the fact that the Tommy Shelton child molestation allegations were brought to the Illinois Conference president's attention in August, and are essentially what has brought us down to the point of considering a panel review process. To ignore the very issue that has done more to produce motivation for considering this process than any other, it just seems inappropriate.

Thirdly, you state below:

"At the conclusion of the matter the Panelists findings of facts and recommendations would become publicly available."

I believe that given the current situation, to release only findings and recommendations without evidence will not accomplish a thing, unless, like Ted Haggard did, someone confesses. In the absence of a confession, if all parties (definitely more than two) refuse to admit wrong doing, the controversy will continue, to the further detriment of the reputations of 3ABN, ASI, and our denomination. And I would very much hate to see that happen.

Fourthly,

"During the hearing any Information not relevant to the agreed upon issues will be excluded."

I think there needs to be some clarification as to how this would be implemented. For example,

- Dr. Walt Thompson informed in writing within the last week or so that Danny had essentially misled him in 2003 regarding the child molestation allegations against Tommy Shelton, and that he and the board never did an adequate investigation of the matter in 2003.
- Another person of note, a former prominent 3ABNer who is not pro-Linda, has informed me in writing that Danny threatened him/her to back off regarding financial, operational, and personal concerns, and when he/she didn't, that Danny ordered the fraudulent manufacturing of evidence against him/her, which thus produced a damaging allegation against him/her, and led to his/her resignation, without the board investigating whether his/her claim of such deceit was legitimate, even when it was brought to their attention. I wish I could say that that case was ancient history, but it was definitely not.

Now suppose 3ABN, ASI, Danny, and Linda all make, in my opinion, the unwise decision to confine the discussion to just Linda and Danny. The above information establishes a pattern of behavior that calls into question the trustworthiness of Danny's word as well as the reliability of the board's decisions in dealing with serious issues. And that undermines their credibility when considering whatever evidence they bring to the table regarding Danny and Linda. But the way that the above is worded, there is no guarantee that such evidence will be allowed despite its relevance in the hypothetical situation where the issues are confined so narrowly.

As far as what Gailon says regarding the appropriateness of whether a panel can move forward while the civil case regarding marital assets is still pending, I have no experience on that one. Do you have any thoughts, Harold, given your experience as an attorney?

Bob

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 Deb Young, Ron Christman,  
 Walt Thompson, Danny Shelton  
**Subject:** RE: Comments re the process  
**Date:** Mon, 4 Dec 2006 02:57:04 -0700

Gentlepeople:

I plan on making a detailed response later today.

I have been thinking it through, as I want to spend some time in reflecting on it before I make my response. It may come in the next couple of hours, or so. We shall see.

Gregory Matthews

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**To:** Bob Pickle  
**CC:** G. Arthur Joy, Harold Lance, Linda Shelton,  
 Gregory Matthews  
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### **Introduction:**

Overall I was encouraged by the outreach that Harold Lance has made to us. It is a good start. It reflects a good tone (spirit). In many ways it reflects where I am. Of course, I am going to think a document is good when it agrees with me. J

It seems to agree with my assessment of what must be accomplished if ASI can establish a panel that can achieve some degree of resolution. If he has read what I have previously posted on the Internet, he knows that I have stated that the following are the critical issues that the respective parties must agree upon if this panel is to be effective:

1. They must agree upon the issues to be considered.
2. They must agree upon the aim of the panel, or to put it another way, what the expected results are.
3. They must agree upon the process.

NOTE: In my previous public posts, I have expanded upon the above slightly.

In my understanding of what Harold has written, he also sees the above as critical issues.

I have reflected upon his document overnight. Without detracting from what I consider to be an excellent document, I will suggest that it contains a number of issues that need further clarification, and agreement by the parties. It is my intention in my response to identify those and to comment upon them. Any references that I may make to "critical issues," unless otherwise identified, will reference the three listed above. To identify my point for discussion, I will quote from Harold's document with a "Re:" followed by either the quotation, or a brief summary of a point in his document.

### **Discussion:**

a) Re: ". . . request to ASI [by 3-ABN] that it establish a commission to evaluate and determine Danny's' [sic] legal and moral right to remarry."

This falls under my critical issue # 1.

This request seems to limit the issues that are to be considered by this commission. Perhaps that is O.K., if the respective parties agree to this. In my mind, the marital issues, which have some importance, are much less important than other issues. Again, what do the respective parties want, and agree to?

A larger issue is that this wording restricts the marital issues to Danny and Linda, their divorce, and Danny's remarriage. I will suggest that the marital issues are much larger than this focus. Danny has been charged, rightly or wrongly, I do not know, with sexual misconduct, during the time that he was married to Linda, and following the divorce, prior to his marriage to Brandi. These issues are clearly marital issues, yet they lie outside of the narrow focus as requested by 3-ABN.

I acknowledge that this commission cannot be expected to consider every one of the issues that are considered important by everyone. But, I think it is important that this commission issue a statement of such limitations, and that therefore interested parties are free to pursue redress in other venues, to include the civil authorities. After all, God established civil government, and directed all of us to submit to its rule, when not in conflict with God. This all is related to my critical issue # 2.

b) Re: "ASI has no jurisdiction. . . [and is without] authority to make orders and awards that disputants are required to follow."

I agree wholeheartedly with the above. ASI is very limited in what it can accomplish. To place what Harold then states in words of my own: ASI can only make findings of fact, and recommendations. Again, this is related to my critical issue # 2. With this perspective, ASI cannot require binding resolution. There must be an acknowledgement that the parties are free to reject, and to see other venues for resolution. If any of the parties should do so, the findings of fact, and recommendations of the Commission would play a role as to how the SDA public perceived this situation. From this perspective, I believe that the parties would carefully consider such findings and recommendations, before rejecting them. I believe that this would be helpful.

c) Re: The Biblical appropriateness of the divorce and the

remarriage.

We are on uncertain ground with this one, as important as it is. Regardless of the CHURCH MANUAL, we as a denomination do not agree with what constitutes Biblical grounds, and remarriage following divorce. In my personal opinion, as applied to this situation Biblical grounds must be limited to sexual misconduct, and what is commonly considered to be adultery. This presents us with a problem. Danny and 3-ABN (Dr. Thompson) have clearly stated, many times, that they have no proof that Linda violated what I have just laid out above. From this standpoint, by the thinking of some, with this admission from Danny and 3-ABN, the Commission can only find that Linda did not provide Danny with Biblical grounds for divorce. I agree with that position, until it is proven to me that she did commit adultery.

NOTE: In my mind, and that of many conservative SDAs so-called "spiritual adultery" and adultery in one's thoughts are not Biblical grounds. ASI will clearly, in my mind be off the conservative platform if it suggests any such do constitute Biblical grounds. Any such opinion coming from it will highly disturb its conservative base of support.

In my thinking, the worst that Linda might be charged with (I do not say she should be charged with such.) is what is professionally known as "transference." I will say more about transference later. But, such to me is not Biblical grounds for divorce. Transference takes place in many settings (counselor & counselee, physician & patient, pastor & member, lawyer & client, and more.) It is a fact of life. Under some constructs it is a valid, positive effect that is necessary for helping relationships to take place.

There is also another issue here that is raised due to the fact that the SDA church is divided in regard to what are Biblical grounds for divorce and remarriage. It is a fundamental issue under law that people be treated equally. It is likely that people are not treated equally in this issue, and are treated according to the congregation in which they find themselves. The ASI Committee should consider not only Biblical grounds, the CHURCH MANUAL, but also the typical way that people are treated today in SDA congregations. I.e. They should not treat either Danny or Linda more strictly than they would be treated in the typical

local congregation. This is required by basic fairness.

Retention in a position of spiritual leadership is an appropriate consideration. I.e. A person might be retained in church membership, yet removed from a position of major ministry. When such is done, there is an obligation to treat all in the same manner. E.g. If Linda is to be examined as to her conduct, and whether or not she should be retained in a position of spiritual leadership, so also should Danny be examined. And, her treatment should also be examined in relation to other people who may also have been charged with sexual misconduct.

d) Re: Issues of Danny and Linda's employment:

ASI can only recommend. It cannot enforce. ASI potentially could recommend that Danny be relieved from all employment at 3-ABN, if this was thought to be appropriate. However, it is a stretch of the imagination to believe that such would happen if ASI were to recommend it.

As to Linda: Realistically, she could not effectively return to 3-ABN unless there was a major change in leadership to include the Board. She simply would not be allowed to effectively work there, and would likely be marginalized.

e) Re: Issues regarding Linda's membership:

Linda is presently a member, in good standing, in a SDA Church recognized by a recognized SDA Conference. Her membership should not be an issue.

Should ASI consider how she was treated by her church of former membership? Perhaps? Maybe? I am not certain? What would be accomplished? Within the denominational rules that are supposed to govern such, local congregations have the authority, right or wrong. Perhaps the best that could be said might be to say that the relationship between Linda, the local congregation, the Conference and its leadership, and 3-ABN, was of such a nature that denominational rules in existence did not provide the guidance that was needed, and that therefore issues of potential ethical conflicts arise out of this situation.

NOTE: I am not attempting to prejudge the case, or to

suggest that there is only one conclusion that the Committee may make. I think that there are many aspects of this case that present very hard questions and I am not certain that ASI can resolve them. Perhaps, however, they can raise issues that may be resolved for future situations should they rise again.

f) Re: Fundamentals as outlined by Mr. Lance:

He has listed a number which are of value.

g) Re: Selection of the Panel, # 10:

More is involved than just selecting people who are fair, intelligent, spiritual, and without preconceived opinion. I will suggest that the panel should have members who may have expertise in some areas. E.g. If the panel is to consider that "transference" is a factor in the development of the problems (I do not say it was.), the panel should have someone on it that can be considered some kind of expert on transference and its meaning in a relationship as in question here.

If the ethical standards of Dr. A. come into question, the panel should have someone on it who can discuss the professional ethical standards for a person in Dr. A's position in Norway, where he lives. There may be some common ethical standards that are present everywhere. But, ethical standards are often determined in part by local law and culture. I.e. If it is unethical for a physician in the US to give a specific gift to a patient, one cannot say that such would be unethical in Norway.

h) Re: Items A - F, on page 3, in regard to legal practices that Mr. Lance does not think apply.

I think a so-called "judge," or someone who can direct the panel, might be helpful under some situations, if carefully chosen.

I also believe that there may be situations where it might be helpful to take depositions, such as dealing with women who have charged someone with sexual misconduct.

The issue of a record is important. There must be enough detail to provide a historical record for the future.

i) Re: Balance between privacy and openness.

There is a clear place for privacy. Women who accuse someone of sexual misconduct must have some expectation of privacy. Society in general recognizes such.

However, society distinguishes between common people and public figures. Danny and Linda are both public figures. Both have been accused publicly of major sins. Neither rightly has the expectation of privacy that a common person might have. In any case, with the publication of their alleged sins for the world to read, privacy is not the answer at this time. In fairness to both of them, a final report should report findings on the accusations that have been made against them. As public figures, the SDA public needs to know such findings. If this is not done, these issues will not go away. They will remain in public view and under public discussion.

j) One final note, although not brought up in this document by Mr. Lance: ASI must accept the decision of the respective parties as to who represents that party before ASI. ASI cannot automatically exclude anyone.

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Not having heard back from Harold Lance, Gailon seeks an answer to his question: Has ASI and 3ABN decided that no other issues would be considered by the ASI panel? Gailon also points out to Harold that Danny Shelton on December 5 had made it quite clear that he intended to use a positive ASI decision regarding his divorce and remarriage as a smokescreen to cover up all the other allegations.

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**From:** G. Arthur Joy  
**To:** Harold Lance  
**CC:** Linda Shelton  
**Subject:** Re: 2nd request for answers? FYEO -  
Confidential- Do Not Redistribute  
**Date:** Wed, 06 Dec 2006 01:06:49 +0000

Harold:

You have been noticeably silent since my very specific inquiry to your written proposal. However, this is a response from Danny to a third party inquiry and seems to answer the question, except it seems to hyperbolate a rather strange hypothesis that is exactly our concern if other matters are not heard as well as the marriage debate, and would leave all other issues on the table to discover; except your very own counsel to 3ABN has now become the current curtain behind which they stand on the simplest questions that remain. May I suggest that your clear counsel will go far to impede the inquiry into other issues that you and ASI have simply brushed aside, unilaterally, and would require that we handle them as we see fit. I also need a response to my inquiry as to the appropriateness of addressing this with the Division of Assets case still pending, which by the way has spawned a rather interesting

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appeal pending the settlement, regarding the bizarre ExPatriot Divorce taken by the parties in Guam. And here was his statement dated Tuesday, Dec 5, 2006:

As you know we are letting ASI handle the situation regarding my divorce from Linda.

Did I have biblical grounds for my part in the divorce of Linda and me.

Many lies have been spread by Linda and others using people like Gailon Joy and others.

According to you and Gailon and several others, the 3ABN leadership including myself, have covered up my wrong doing by making Linda the scape goat.

Either this is true or it is not. Much has been said by Johann, Arild, Barbara K. and people who didn't even know Linda and me.

ASI will decide who is doing the cover up. Somebody is lying! After hearing the testimony and evidence from both sides ASI will make a decision. Should ASI decide that the 3ABN board and myself did not "scapegoat Linda" to cover up my sins, then, in my opinion it will become obvious to the public that maybe many of these other accusations are lies also.

If on the other hand ASI decides that me and the 3ABN board covered up my sins to scapegoat Linda, then I believe that it will become obvious that I am probably lying when I deny many of the other accusations coming from Linda and her group.



That's why I choose to wait until ASI handles this huge issue of mine and Linda's divorce before answering questions of all the other accusations manufactured by Linda, Gailon, Derrell Johann, Barbara Kerr and others who have or has had an ax to grind with 3ABN.

For every person accusing me and 3ABN of doing wrong I can show thousands who will testify of all the good that 3ABN in doing including nearly all of it's employees.

Danny

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**To:** G. Arthur Joy

**CC:** Linda Shelton

**Subject:** Re: 2nd request for answers? FYEO - Confidential- Do Not Redistribute

**Date:** Wed, 06 Dec 2006

Art:

Thank you for your note. Sorry for what may seem as a delay in responding, but there a variety of considerations. I wanted to await reaction from all concerned in order to group the issues. I now have that. Believe it or not I had other responsibilities that were pressing, and my wife was suffering for the last three days with a migraine headache that deflected me from the task. I'll be addressing all of the concerns I have received in the next short while.

hjl

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**From:** G. Arthur Joy

**To:** Harold Lance

**Subject:** Re: 2nd request for answers? FYEO -  
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**Date:** Thu, 07 Dec 2006 02:06:52 +0000

Thanks for your reply and I guess patience is the lesson to learn here.

Believe me, the little woman is appropriately number one priority!!!

I am sure this is not going away very soon, and needn't be rushed in any event.

Take your time...haste makes waste in most cases!!!  
Frankly, I have a major presentation I am preparing for and won't be available again til next week anyway.

Gailon Arthur Joy

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Harold Lance

**To:** G. Arthur Joy

**Subject:** Re: 2nd request for answers? FYEO -  
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**Date:** Thu, 07 Dec 2006 07:54:10 -0800

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I'm starting on the response this morning.

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**From:** Harold Lance

**To:** G. Arthur Joy, Linda Shelton, Bob Pickle, Gregory Matthews,  
Ron Christman, Deb Young,  
Danny Shelton, Walt Thompson

**Subject:** Process: round three

**Date:** Sun, 10 Dec 2006 17:17:19 -0800

Greetings friends:

### **CONFIDENTIAL FYEO DO NOT REDISTRIBUTE**

I have now heard from/been in touch with each one or their representative. You have provided much to consider. There are many thoughts that have surfaced that can be grouped for consideration rather than "chase every rabbit" as they have appeared.

What we are attempting is new ground to a great extent, because the choices out there don't fit. For me the easiest thing would be to transplant a litigation model, agree on the standardized Federal Rules of Evidence and Procedure, find ourselves a judge and proceed. But that won't work. It would crush all the parties. Even if limited to the simplest issues it would cost many tens of thousands of dollars (that's not an exaggeration) and would not end with a redemptive result or persuade the Church that the right thing had been done. The Church has an established process for dispute resolution, but that doesn't fit well either and they are unwilling to get involved. We could allow things to keep

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going unchecked and open-ended with a vigilante outcome. It is because we are all wanting to be faithful to our calling that I think we must find a way to proceed the best we can in good faith, respecting each other.

It will help if we:

Realize that all will be benefited by resolution and closure.

Can accept the fact that there may be a degree of truth and fault in each sides position.

Accept that everyone involved is a person that God loves.

Consider how Jesus dealt with Judas, Simon, Mary M, and the woman at the well etc.?

The order that I discuss issues doesn't indicate its' importance, I just have to start somewhere. I may not get to each concern you have raised, I may have forgotten it or it may be beyond the scope of what I can surround just now.

I'll state each issue raised by at least one of you in the form of a question that reflects your comments to me.

### **WILL OUR PROCESS CONFLICT WITH THE PENDING ASSET DIVISION LITIGATION?**

I believe the Shelton's decided by written agreement to obtain their divorce in Guam and defer to the local court the pending issues related to division of assets. The suggested issues for the ASI panel relating to Biblical divorce and remarriage are not to decide their marital status, but rather to provide clarity for matters of ASI relationships, employment concerns as well as to give clarity to the conduct of the parties. We will in no way consider the pending property issues. I believe we should leave to the civil authorities all matters that clearly involve a primary public interest. I'll get to more on that later.

### **IS ASI IMPARTIAL OR IN DANNY'S HIP POCKET?**

This is a critical question for everyone, including ASI. If we are not able to accept that ASI can act fairly, impartially, honestly, then it certainly should not be involved. Don't expect ASI to "toot it's own horn" on this issue. They can't and they won't. They are either trustworthy or they are not. There is no question that there has been a longstanding relationship between ASI and 3ABN that has been mutually beneficial. 3ABN probably was launched as the result of a presentation Danny made at the ASI Convention in Big Sky in 1985. To the extent that the relationship was beneficial to 3ABN both Shelton's' received whatever that benefit was until a short time ago. 3ABN has given public exposure to ASI and hundreds of supporting ministries in programming. In turn 3ABN has received financial support that has assisted in offsetting its' costs of production of our convention programming, and 3ABN has benefited from the programming itself. The outcome of our process could also affect 3ABN membership status in ASI. We are completely open to accepting what ever outcome occurs. For those of you in doubt ask questions about ASI and their players. If I don't know the answers we'll do our best to find the information you need. If after your inquiry you do not believe ASI cannot be trusted, let's cut the process as soon as possible and go on to something better.

### **SINCE THERE ARE MANY OTHER CONCERNS WHY LIMIT THE ISSUES TO THOSE SUGGESTED?**

There are other implications to the request of 3ABN to ASI then may appear on the surface. Even though the 3ABN employees are probably "employees at will", If the allegations justifying termination are NOT true, than the question arises; was the action taken by 3ABN appropriate? Likewise was the local Church action correct? Was the divorce and remarriage biblical? If not, would there be an impact on the membership status of 3ABN in ASI? That is why I have suggested that there are three sides rather than just two. To resolve these issues will require the personal presence and a careful inquiry of the parties and others who may have first hand relevant information. The hearing is likely to require several days (probably 2-4) plus travel considerations for some of 2 additional days. That is stretching the commitment that we can expect from the participants. If we were to add to the list of issues, how do

you decide which of the many out there should be added? Why some and not others? Who would be able to commit to an open-ended process that sought to resolve every expressed concern? Our limited view of issues to be considered has nothing to do with 3ABNs' request, rather it's our own belief that if we can surround what's pending that will be all ASI can handle. I urge all parties to understand and accept ASIs' decision. I'll deal with some of the other reoccurring requests as the next issue.

### **DO ACTIVITIES AND PERSONNEL ACTIONS THREATEN LIABILITY FOR THE SDA CHURCH?**

In the materials just received there is a reoccurring (three or more times) suggestion/urging that we include issues relating to the alleged misconduct of Shelton family members. The stated reason was urged primarily by a concern for ascending liability for the Illinois Conference of SDAs'. (finding someone who could pay and be legally liable was the search of my career) I understand how liability may attach to others "up the food chain". It is never in the abstract, but always built upon a relationship of some kind (employment, agency, etc). The alleged conduct occurred, if at all, elsewhere, while there was no employment relationship with any of the parties and certainly with no connection to the SDA Church or its' entities. I don't believe there has ever been any case establishing ascending liability from a supporting ministry to the SDA Church. There has never been an adequate connection between them to ground liability in the Church. There just are not any facts presented here suggesting that there is a viable risk to the Church. I used the term alleged to describe claimed misconduct, because that is what it is. The Supreme court within the last month ruled that a web site holder/server was immune from legal liability for libel and slander for information sent to it, but affirmed that liability would attach to the sender/publisher but not the receiver. I have a concern that if libelous matter is sent to us and then inadvertently re-sent that we by resending could become liable for publishing such information. I know that those who have sent such information believe strongly that they have the truth, and that truth would be a defense. Remember that there has been no prosecution or judgment establishing the truth of the allegations made. It would be

incumbent on the publisher to prove the very facts the States of Illinois and Virginia has been unable/unwilling to do. I don't think we want to go there. IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THE INTERCHANGES, CONTAINING DEROGATORY INFORMATION, STOP AMONG THE PARTIES AND THEIR TEAM MEMBERS. I have recently had a personal conversation with Danny strongly urging that he stop the email interchanges. He has agreed. I am appealing to those of you on Linda's' team to stop this as well. I really do already understand your factual positions.

### **SHOULD AN SDA JUDGE BE USED TO CONDUCT THE PROCEEDINGS?**

There will inevitably be questions that arise in our process that could be ruled on if a judge were in charge of the proceedings, but then that would not be ASI's process, but rather that of Judge and a quasi- court proceeding. I believe we can establish a process that lay people can understand and effectively function within without lawyers, a Judge, etc. What we can do is provide a panel of ASI members that can bring intelligence, common sense and fairness in a way that will be respected and supported.

### **DO PARTIES WHO MAY BE "PUBLIC FIGURES" GIVE UP THEIR RIGHT TO PRIVACY?**

I believe there is some confusion about how the rules relating to "public figures" and privacy apply. It has been suggested that because the Shelton are "public figures" they are therefore not entitled to any privacy in their personal lives. It is likely that both the Shelton's are public figures, but what does that mean? Does it mean that their personal lives are open to public scrutiny without any restraint? The "public figure" concept relates to the proof required in litigation, before a public figure can recover money damages for slander and libel. In an action for libel a public figure must prove that the publisher (slanderer or libeler) was motivated by malice and had an intent to harm, not merely that an untruth was published about a public figures personal life. This concept plays no part here justifying exposure of the parties personal lives on a concept that the public somehow has a right to know. It is our belief that the usual and customary practices of confidentiality adhered to

by the Church, government, and business needs to be followed in our proceedings. What the public has a "right to know" can be provided by the panels factual findings and recommendations.

### **SHOULD THE PANEL INCLUDE EXPERTS THAT COULD ASSIST IN THEIR COMPREHENSION OF THE INFORMATION?**

You will recall that one of the concepts(#6) in our memo to you December 3, we suggested was that the findings of the panel should be based upon the information presented and not from any private undisclosed source. This is a typical requirement with courts and juries that they not seek information upon which to base their findings other than what was received into evidence. If there are special concepts not known by laity( concept of "transference" as suggested) that help should be provided to the panel by a witness, not from someone planted in their midst as a member.

### **WHAT STANDARD IS TO BE USED IN WEIGHING THE BIBLICAL DIVORCE REMARRIAGE ISSUE?**

We all probably have examples of how a local church dealt harshly or too liberally with members in a divorce situation. We need to avoid that outcome. That is why I suggested the Church Manual as I believe that is the standard SDA Churches are required to follow. I believe ASI is compelled to follow that standard as well in considering its' membership.

### **WHAT STANDARD WILL BE USED IN ALLOWING INFORMATION TO BE CONSIDERED ?**

Was the witness disclosed and a fair summary of their information furnished to the parties ?

Does the information tend to establish or disprove a fact of an agreed upon issue or contention? (in other words, is it



relevant?)

Does the witness have direct knowledge of the facts to be presented?

### **HOW WILL PANEL PROCEED AND THE QUESTIONING OCCUR?**

The order of the proceedings will be established by prior agreement of the parties. i.e. define the issues and decide the sequence to be followed.

The parties will be physically present and with a representative (one) if they choose.

HJL will be present to assist in the process.

The parties may orally and/or in writing present an opening statement detailing their respective position on the issues and the facts that support their position.

The party asserting a position will be obligated to establish the facts needed to support that position. For example Danny/3ABN will need to provide information (proof) that the divorce was Biblical. They would go first on that issue followed by information presented by Linda that disputes that position. Etc

The questioning will be by the panelists not the parties or their representative. The schedules and convenience of witnesses will be respected in so far as possible.

The parties may provide to the panel written suggestions for questions of any witness.

After the questioning process is completed the witness will be excused to leave.

The hearing will be confidential and private, not recorded or reported by the panel, the parties, or the representative.

After the panel has heard from all witnesses, and considered the documents/things submitted the parties will/may make a closing statement to invite the panel to accept or reject the information presented and what the panel should include in

its' findings and recommendations.

The panel will thereafter meet privately at its' own schedule to review the information, develop its findings and recommendations to the parties.

After the hearing process is completed the panel will within 30 days deliver to ASI and the parties its' findings and recommendations.

Thank you for your patience in awaiting my thoughts. Please read this carefully. If you have questions feel free to express them. Whenever we have clarified adequately we will put our process information into a document that we can all sign on to, then begin the details of scheduling, etc.

Harold lance

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**To:** Harold Lance,  
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Ron Christman, Deb Young,  
Danny Shelton, Walt Thompson  
**Subject:** RE: Process: round three  
**Date:** Mon, 11 Dec 2006 02:55:02 -0700

Harold:

You have clearly expended a lot of time effort and energy in this. That is appreciated. Now, we must consider it, reflect upon it, and respond.

Thank you,  
Gregory Matthews

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I appreciate the time and effort that you have expended in making this response. It is clear that you have thoughtfully read the comments that have been made to you. I agree with much of what you have said. This mess could turn into litigation that conceivably could result in the expenditure of several hundred thousand dollars. Under some circumstances the idea of it costing tens of thousands of dollars is a gross underestimate. I agree that the Church does not have a process that is suitable for the situation that we are facing. I also think that it is not possible for some of these issues to be resolved outside of the civil realm.

However, I do believe that it is possible for ASI to be involved in this situation in a manner that will be helpful. But, that is only if the respective parties can come to an agreement that allows for that. I am not certain that such an agreement will be reached.

I will make some personal responses to your post to us. I will identify them with my initials (GM), to distinguish them from your comments. It should be noted that my response is simply that, my personal response. It may, or may not agree with that of others of us. In this issue, Mr. Joy is the primary person who is representing the interests of Linda Shelton.

#### WILL OUR PROCESS CONFLICT WITH THE PENDING ASSET DIVISION LITIGATION?

GM: This is clearly an area that should not be decided by any independent panel. This belongs to the civil realm. In my opinion, it is Biblical for some issues to be left to the civil realm. Further, that is consistent with the CHURCH MANUEL. Some issues simply cannot be decided outside to the civil authorities. This also applies to a number of issues. Included in these would be criminal matters, and certain financial matters, and issues of taxation.

If we agree on the above, I believe that it is critical for the ASI panel to issue a statement that certain specific matters belong in the civil realm, and people who pursue those issues in civil courts, or cooperate with such, are on Biblical grounds for doing so.

Is ASI willing to issue such a statement?

### IS ASI IMPARTIAL OR IN DANNY'S HIP POCKET?

GM: There will always be people who will believe that ASI should not be involved. In one sense, probably most people involved in this will have some sort of a bias. We are never going to change the mind of those who believe that ASI should not be involved. The issue is: Can we structure a process that the respective parties can agree to, and is as fair as possible?

### SINCE THERE ARE MANY OTHER CONCERNS WHY LIMIT THE ISSUES TO THOSE SUGGESTED?

GM: You are correct that ASI probably cannot deal with all of the issues that have surfaced. There are many reasons for that. The decisions as to what issues to deal with cannot be made unilaterally. If ASI does that it will immediately be seen in a negative light. The decisions as to what issues to deal with must be made by the parties involved. That is the first issue: What are the issues to be considered?

The second issue is as I have referenced earlier: What about the other issues? How should people work to resolve them? As some are likely to only be resolved in the civil realm, will ASI publicly state that people who do such are acting appropriately?

### DO ACTIVITIES AND PERSONNEL ACTIONS THREATEN LIABILITY FOR THE SDA CHURCH?

GM: I am one who has clearly raised this issue. In discussions that I have had with other people, it is clear to me that I have not been clear in what I was attempting to communicate. Let me attempt to state this issue in a better form: I DO NOT believe that either 3-ABN or the denomination has so-called ascending liability for the past actions of any person during a time when they were not employed by 3-ABN. It would be a stretch to conclude otherwise. However, I do believe that should a person accused of prior criminal acts commit such acts in the future, while in a relationship with 3-ABN, that such could involve both 3-ABN and/or the IL Conference in liability. That liability could be based upon the failure of both 3-aBN and/or the IL Conference to exercise due prudence in assigning duties to an individual whom they knew has been accused of criminal or immoral acts in the past.

Re: "IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THE INTERCHAGES, CONTAINING DEROGATORY INFORMATION, STOP AMONG THE PARTIES AND THEIR TEAM MEMBERS."

GM: Harold, you have been unable to stop Danny from fueling the fires that you understandably object to. Further, the supporters of 3-ABN are independent, and not controlled by Danny. They continue to engage in such. They can not be stopped. As long as they do such, others will respond.

So, also those who support Linda are independent, and not controlled by either Linda, or us. We cannot stop them. As long as people supporting Linda engage in such, those who support 3-ABN will respond.

Harold, I understand what you are asking. It is not possible for either you or for us.

SHOULD AN SDA JUDGE BE USED TO CONDUCT THE PROCEEDINGS?

GM: Point taken, if the parties agree to such.

DO PARTIES WHO MAY BE "PUBLIC FIGURES" GIVE UP THEIR RIGHT TO PRIVACY?

GM: No, anyone who understands the law knows that public figures do not give up all rights to privacy. But, U.S. law clearly limits the rights to privacy of public figures over non-public figures.

Further, public figures to have a right, if conditions are met, to recover damages for slander, libel, and defamation of character. Those who understand the law know that this cuts both ways. It is likely that neither side is guilty to the exclusion of the other side. Should one side litigate over these issues, it is likely that counter-suits will be filed against the side that initiated the litigation.

In addition, I could propose situation in which neither side would want to litigate these issues. It is correct that "truth" may sometimes not be a defense against such a lawsuit. But, I can imagine where a side would not want to litigate an issue that they might win due to discovery and public

exposure during a trial.

One fundamental issue is simply this: Public charges have been made against public individuals, and 3-ABN that will not go away unless they are resolved in public. To publicly resolve them, there may have to be some public exposure of facts that are typically protected by confidentiality in denominational circles. A failure to do this will likely result in continued discussion in public.

Let me add an additional factor: The so-called media is following this more closely than some may know. I have been asked to write an article for publication on one aspect of this which I declined to write at that time. There are others who have been approached in a similar manner, to include the secular media. Herald, I predict that if this is not resolved, and fairly soon, the media, to include the secular media, will begin reporting aspects of this which none can control. If ASI cannot resolve this, the world at large may do so.

SHOULD THE PANEL INCLUDE EXPERTS THAT COULD ASSIST IN THEIR COMPREHENSION OF THE INFORMATION?

GM: My comment on "transference" could be satisfied by a witness, rather than a member. Regardless, my point is taken, and you seem to have heard it.

WHAT STANDARD IS TO BE USED IN WEIGHING THE BIBLICAL DIVORCE REMARRIAGE ISSUE?

GM: Yes the CHUCH MANUAL is the standard. But, that can be understood and enforced in various ways. As an attorney you know that while "statute law" is the standard, "case law is always considered. My point is made. As I have previously stated, the "gold standard" among conservative SDAs is physical adultery. It has been clearly stated by 3-ABN that proof of such does not exist. If ASI strays away from that gold standard of adultery, it will lose status among conservative SDAs.

WHAT STANDARD WILL BE USED IN ALLOWING INFORMATION TO BE CONSIDERED ?

GM: Sounds good as I understand it.

HOW WILL PANEL PROCEED AND THE QUESTIONING OCCUR?

GM: The representative must be the one chosen by the party. In other words, ASI cannot exclude anyone from being a representative.

Re: "The hearing will be confidential and private, not recorded or reported by the panel, the parties, or the representative."

GM: I understand. I have some concern. This scandal is public. There must be enough information given to the public to resolve their issues. Harold, the public has a stake in this. All parties, to include 3-ABN have a major interest in this being resolved in the mind of the public.

Re: "Thank you for your patience in awaiting my thoughts. Please read this carefully. If you have questions feel free to express them. Whenever we have clarified adequately we will put our process information into a document that we can all sign on to, then begin the details of scheduling, etc."

GM: And thank you for the effort you have put into this.

Gregory Matthews

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**From:** G. Arthur Joy  
**To:** Bob Pickle, Harold Lance, Linda Shelton  
**CC:** Gregory Matthews,  
Ron Christman, Deb Young,  
Danny Shelton, Walt Thompson  
**Subject:** Re: Process: round three  
**Date:** Mon, 11 Dec 2006 20:47:57 +0000

Linda Shelton acknowledges receipt of -round three- however maintains she has not yet responded to -round two-

Be advised that Linda is preparing a comprehensive response, however, it will be in two stages:

1. Further Questions for clarification to facilitate a response;
2. A comprehensive response, assuming satisfactory answers.

It is Linda's position that in response to round two, she perpetrated a quarry to Harold Lance for clarification and somehow this response became round three. Therefore, Linda will be taking a step back until all her questions are properly answered and and there is sufficient clarification to respond to round three.

Given that Linda has been denied due process during the past three years, any participation must be on terms that will protect her rights to due process and her absolute need to exonerate herself from the blatant and ongoing defamation

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of character perpetuated by 3ABN and Danny Lee Shelton. Since much of the prior process has clearly been misrepresented by the complainants in public statements, her response must be measured and appropriate, but decisively sufficient to make it clear that compromise on fundamental principals are unacceptable. Since she has a reputation to recover any terms for a hearing must protect that goal. Clearly, there is plenty of time and haste makes waste.

Linda will be taking time to reflect on the current documents and to give it a combination of study and prayer before she responds comprehensively.

On Behalf of Linda Shelton

Gailon Arthur Joy

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Harold Lance raises the interesting issue of requiring a participant in these discussions to take a position regarding Linda's innocence or guilt, even though no evidence has been provided yet. That Pickle's position was made clear from the outset, see his email of December 2. Thus his comments on December 11 were not new.

The fact that Harold Lance calls the team "Linda's team" instead of "Gailon's team" helps to perpetuate the myth that everything is all about Linda, even though the Tommy Shelton child molestation allegations began to circulate before Danny and Linda Shelton got married. We are fairly certain the Linda had nothing at all to do with Pastor Glenn Dryden writing about those allegations in May 2003, for she had no reason to be estranged at that point in time.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Harold Lance  
**To:** G. Arthur Joy  
**Subject:** Re: Process: round three  
**Date:** Mon, 11 Dec 2006 15:42:33 -0800

Art:

Thank you for your message from Linda. I appreciate her need and commitment to carefulness.

Please also clarify with her the role of Bob Pickle as he stated in his response today that he didn't consider that he was on her team. Which ever is alright with me, but if he isn't on her team then including him in the discussions is not appropriate.

Thanks for your help

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**From:** Harold Lance  
**To:** G. Arthur Joy  
**Subject:** Missed message  
**Date:** Tue, 12 Dec 2006 08:09:55 -0800

I just acknowledged your note and affirmed that I appreciated Linda's careful consideration of the matter.

I also commented that Bob Pickle included in his response yesterday that he did not consider himself on Linda's team. I asked for clarification from you and Linda and commented that if he isn't on her team then it is inappropriate to include him on the process.

Thanks for checking this out. I'm very open to his involvement if he's on the "team".

hjl

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**From:** G. Arthur Joy  
**To:** Harold Lance  
**CC:** Linda Shelton  
**Subject:** Re: Missed message  
**Date:** Tue, 12 Dec 2006 18:09:42 +0000

I believe Bob is attempting to assert a degree of independence in an attempt to be a Switzerland in the process. He is now part of the process and I would certainly not want to eliminate him from the discussion as he is a prolific poster to the Maritime SDA Forum and would prefer to keep him in the loop under the rule of confidentiality.. I have found him to be honest and of good Counsel and there are clearly some within the *organized church leadership* that are clearly comfortable with his participation.

I have spoken with Linda twice and we are working on a list

of questions. Will get those to you as soon as I am certain they are reasonably complete and represent all the questions needed to give a comprehensive response.

Thanks, Gailon Arthur Joy

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**To:** Harold Lance  
**CC:** G. Arthur Joy, Linda Shelton, Gregory Matthews,  
Ron Christman, Deb Young,  
Danny Shelton, Walt Thompson  
**Subject:** Re: Process: round three  
**Date:** Mon, 11 Dec 2006 10:00:35 -0600

Greetings, Harold.

I want to thank you for all the time and effort you have put into this. I'm sure it hasn't been easy.

I, unlike others, have always felt that an ASI panel could be impartial. My primary concern in a number of issues has been one of appearances, and I still think that unless the findings are accompanied by either enough evidence or a confession of the "losing" party, it will be difficult for ASI to avoid accusations of not being impartial. Of course, it's hard to avoid all criticism, but that has been my concern.

Regarding the email interchanges, you will recall that my most recent interchange with Danny began at the request of Dr. Walt Thompson that I verify what he had told me that Danny had said in 2003 regarding the Tommy Shelton child molestation allegations. In my four emails to Danny I gave him every opportunity to explain the discrepancies, and thus provide some other conclusion than that he had lied to his board chairman in 2003.

Whether the molestation allegations are true or not is

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irrelevant to the main point: Walt said that Danny said that the allegations were 30 years old while at the same time Walt received a letter in 2003 indicating that there were allegations as recent as three years old at that time. Walt said that he was led to believe that Pastor Glenn Dryden's accounts were apparently the only ones out there, when Roger Clem had publicly come forward in early 2003 in the small community surrounding 3ABN. Walt said he was led to believe that all these allegations were the result of a feud and jealousy between Pastor Dryden and Tommy, yet they either had not met yet or lived 800 miles apart during all the time the alleged actions occurred, except for 1993-1995. Thus, even if every last allegation is false, we still have Walt indicating that Danny misled him.

There are either two choices: either Walt Thompson or Danny Shelton told a huge lie. And we also have a 3ABN attorney threatening a non-Adventist minister in order to shut him up, using only the reasoning, from what I can tell from reading a fax of the original letter, that "Even if the actions did occur," the statute of limitations has run out.

You very well may be correct about there not being a problem with ascending liability, and you are certainly more qualified to address that question than I am. But I wasn't necessarily thinking of ascending liability. I am told that the IL Conf. pressured 3ABN to terminate Tommy in the mid-1990's for these very issues. If that really is true, or even if it isn't, what about the following three facts?

- The IL Conf. president sits on the 3ABN board and may even have participated in the reversal of the earlier decision despite the new allegations being brought to the board's attention. (I'm sure not wanting to come across as negative in any way in saying this.)
- The 3ABN general manager sits on the conf. committee and could be arguably aware of the ongoing allegations going back decades.
- An official Broadview Academy campus exists at Thompsonville ([http://www.bvanet.org/index.php?option=com\\_na\\_content&task=view&id=48](http://www.bvanet.org/index.php?option=com_na_content&task=view&id=48)). (Just surfing around I've come up with addresses of 3577 Angel Ln. for both the church and the school, and 3941 and 4007 Angel Ln. for 3ABN. That suggests that the church and school both sit on the 3ABN campus.)

Would this scenario pose any greater theoretical risk to the conference if a student at that particular Broadview Academy campus were to be victimized in the future? If conference officers and a member of the conference executive committee had opportunity to know or did know about the negligence involved with the ongoing employment of an alleged pedophile at 3ABN, and still allowed academy students to be in a situation in which that alleged pedophile could possibly have ready access to them, would that not involve the conference in greater risk if a student was victimized?

And it isn't as if proper precautions have been made. John Lomcang as of September 1 did not know a thing about the child molestation allegations against Tommy Shelton, based on what he told me. Thus the pastor of the very church where the school is located has been kept in the dark by Danny, 3ABN, and the conference administration (assuming they were in the know, which may not be the case). Therefore, John Lomacang had no way of knowing that special precautions needed to be taken.

Regarding email interchanges on other topics than Linda vs. Danny, if the ASI panel will not be reviewing other issues, then what would be the point of not seeking clarification on these other issues in as kind and redemptive a way as possible? My understanding is that there are a lot of individuals who are neither the typical pro-Danny or pro-Linda type of folks, folks who normally would tend to be pro-3ABN, who believe that this information needs to get out without waiting for an ASI review, and if that ASI review is not going to be dealing with these issues anyway, why not?

Plus, you specifically asked those on "Linda's team" to desist, and I am not really a member of her team. I am still unconvinced of either her innocence or her guilt since neither side has provided me any concrete evidence to that effect. Yet I will say that the events of the last two and a half weeks have clearly demonstrated that what Danny and the board merely say cannot be trusted as being fact.

I do have a question for you. Do you anticipate the ASI panel reviewing whether the recording Hal Steenson told me about was created without violating either state or federal law? Hal claimed that that recording proved Linda's



guilt, and thus it directly relates to the review if the review is narrowed down as you propose, but will the question of its legality be considered? If not, will that recording be able to be presented as evidence at all? If evidence has been illegally obtained, will it be admissible anyway?

The same question applies to the phone card phone records that John Lomacang claims exists. Were they legally acquired? If not, will they still be able to be submitted as evidence?

Personally, though everyone may disagree with me, I have a difficult time seeing the wisdom in going forward with a process that Danny has made very clear that he intends to use as a smokescreen. As he wrote to me last Tuesday,

"ASI will decide who is doing the cover up. Somebody is lying! After hearing the testimony and evidence from both sides ASI will make a decision. Should ASI decide that the 3ABN board and myself did not 'scapegoat Linda' to cover up my sins, then, in my opinion it will become obvious to the public that maybe many of these other accusations are lies also."

Thus, he is hoping to get a positive decision from the ASI panel, and then use that decision to make all the other allegations go away, even allegations that are based on the word of his own board chairman. I have a real problem with that.

Lastly, if you were to look at the various aspects that both sides would like to see incorporated into the review process, as it presently stands, how many of the aspects proposed by Danny's/3ABN's side are on the table, and how many proposed by Linda's side or myself (since I am not really on "Linda's side") are on the table? Are any of the proposed changes that Gailon/Linda proposed even being considered by ASI, and if not, if there is no give and take on "both" sides, does that not appear to demonstrate a lack of impartiality on the part of ASI, even if they really are impartial?

Or, did ASI both arrive at and choose to stick with the original proposal without any input whatsoever from 3ABN and/or Danny Shelton? If that be the case, and if that can be made clear, then perhaps ASI can indeed be impartial in appearance as well as in fact during the setting-up-of-the-process phase.

However, there is a challenge in establishing that ASI arrived at the rules as originally proposed without any input whatsoever from 3ABN or Danny. Gloria sent her email to Linda on Sunday, November 12. Yet it was back on October 17 that Mollie informed me that the evidence that was emphatically promised that I could see would not be shown to me, and that the findings of some sort of panel would be made public. I then expressed my concern of what would happen if evidence was not made public as well, and received no reply whatsoever. And way back on August 4 when I asked a question of Hal Steenson about Melody, he diverted the conversation to the question of Linda's guilt, something I had no intention of bringing up. Thus it is apparent that narrowing the focus to just that of Linda and keeping the evidence secret forever has been part of 3ABN's strategy even before, at least for some aspects of the question, ASI ever got involved, and definitely before November 12.

Thus it appears to me that if none of the more major elements proposed by Gailon/Linda are incorporated by ASI into the original proposal that 3ABN appears to have requested, we have clear evidence of a lack of impartiality on the part of ASI as well as undue influence of 3ABN upon the ASI panel review process. Frankly, I'm unaware of any of the major elements proposed by Gailon/Linda that have been incorporated, even though they have been suggested more than once.

I would therefore recommend, if this is the way things have to be, that for the good of ASI's reputation it decline to get further involved.

God bless.

Bob

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In this email Harold Lance laments the consequences of his own refusal to investigate the very issues a high-level church official had asked ASI to investigate. Gailon Joy had already delayed making the issues public for two to three months so that ASI could have time to deal with the matter. Now Harold tries to blame Gailon's team for the results of his own evasion and stonewalling.

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**To:** Gregory Matthews, Linda Shelton, G. Arthur Joy, Bob Pickle  
**Subject:** What's happening? No one said it would be easy  
**Date:** Fri, 15 Dec 2006 16:32:18 -0800

Greetings Friends:

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Responding first to Greg: What's happening?

We have received responses to "Round Three" from several including Bob, Greg, 3ABN and Danny and are awaiting responses from Art re round three and Linda to the last two messages. Art has said Linda's' reply is coming after a careful process.

Yesterday we received word that several ASI members had gotten a memo from Art which incorporated a memo from Bob dated 12 6 06 to hjl, the ASI president and secretary. Bob's memo was one of 9 received from him between December 3 and 6. The first three were addressed to me only and raised issues re the process. The last 6 were copies

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forwarded to me (some included Ron and Deb as well) of emails to others related to concerns over Danny/3ABN handling of matters relating to Tommy. I consider all of the messages sent me to be related to our process and entitled to confidentiality.

I have accepted as real the commitment each has made to each other to consider in confidence our communications aimed at developing a process which includes the issues to be considered. It is my belief that Bob's initial 3 memos including the December 6 memo (included in Arts circulated document) were on topic regarding the process. For Art to include the December 6 memo, in a document that was circulated far beyond the process players) I believe, was a breach of our agreement. I thought Bobs' last 6 memos were sent to me as a "make weight" to get me to see the importance of the Tommy issue and why it ought to be included in our agenda. I stated my take on that issue in "Round Three" dealing with the legally mistaken concept he has asserted of ascending liability as it purportedly applies to the Illinois Conference of SDAs and the danger to others of such messages creating a liability for libel.

I believe it is apparent that getting agreement on a process to consider issues ASI has agreed to consider is not easy, maybe impossible. That's why I feel that if we can resolve these important issues it may lead to a process of greater scope.

AS you know we have no commitment to venture into the myriad of issues that have been expressed by many. I would ask that you consider that with all the communication going on over the last several months, resulting in no resolutions, you consider limiting your scope, concentrating on what can be resolved, then go on to what seems most important.

On the other issues you're pushing that are not our immediate concerns. We have no intention of intruding into those matters but we don't want to be drawn into them either. We would appreciate your not sending your messages to ASI people, particularly leadership, as it is not helpful, worse it's distracting away from what we can surround.

None of the 9 recent messages from Bob contained the Confidentiality statement. Did that fact give liberty to Art to

redistribute it?

Bob in one of the recent messages asserted that he is not on Linda's team.

Is there any significance to those factors?

This is purely gratuitous, but I don't think the onslaught of messages to the other players on various sides of our process is helpful either on the matters we are trying to surround or the other 20+ issues. Help me, what is the biblical principal involved in that approach?

We stand ready to continue to our process.

hjl

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**CC:** Gregory Matthews, Linda Shelton, G. Arthur Joy  
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**Date:** Fri, 15 Dec 2006 21:03:46 -0600

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Hello Harold, and happy Sabbath.

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My apologies for not being clearer. My emails to you regarding the Tommy Shelton child molestation allegations were not intended to fall under the confidentiality agreement, and thus there was no breach on anyone's part if they forwarded them. I just thought it was my duty to pass on to you that correspondence that documents how Danny, according to Walt Thompson, misled his board chairman and his board regarding the serious nature, wide extent, and recent timing of those allegations. It didn't seem right to keep you in the dark about such a serious matter.

Correct me if I am wrong, but I did not assert "ascending liability" in that correspondence.

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As far as biblical principles go, when we have something against our brother, we should go to them about it. If it concerns a private matter, then it should be done privately. If no resolution is reached, then we should take one or two more. And if resolution is still not reached, then we should take it to the church.

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Now from what I heard Gailon saying before, it was the ecclesiastical process of an ASI review that he wanted to have hear the various issues before the matter was taken to the church, or as he has put it, to the stockholders in the pews. But if the ASI review isn't going to deal with the various issues, and is instead going to deal with a single issue that Danny has up front made it very clear that he intends to use as a smokescreen, then the whole reason Gailon has been waiting vaporizes.

That's not to say that the ASI review can't continue to look into that single issue anyway. Gailon's presenting the other issues to the people doesn't prevent the review from going forward if the terms of the process can be agreed upon by all parties.

As far as being on Linda's side goes, if I can document enough factual errors on the part of one party and not the other, I would then feel comfortable being linked with the party that does not have the factual errors. I've begun to work on this, and can elaborate more if you would like.

God bless.

Bob

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Bob Pickle  
**To:** Harold Lance  
**Subject:** Re: What's happening? No one said it would be easy  
**Date:** Fri, 15 Dec 2006 21:09:07 -0600

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I'll just add to you alone, Harold, that I wish this were but a nightmare that we could all wake up from. It's a horrible situation with lots of ramifications. May God be glorified, and may His cause not be brought into reproach, and may no innocent soul, or person who has merely made some innocent mistakes, be hurt in all of this.

Bob



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**From:** Gregory Matthews  
**To:** Harold Lance, Linda Shelton, G. Arthur Joy, Bob Pickle  
**Subject:** RE: What's happening? No one said it would be easy  
**Date:** Sat, 16 Dec 2006 05:03:40 -0700

Let me correct a misunderstanding:

I do not believe that Bob has ever advocated "ascending liability." I seem to be the one who advocated that. Actually I did not but due to a failure to communicate clearly, it appears that I was perceived to have advocated such. My position is, and has been:

1. If allegations should arise in the future against TS both 3-ABN and/or the IL Conference potentially place themselves in a position of liability for a failure to exercise due prudence in protecting children today due to past allegations made against him in the past, of which both the IL Conference and 3-ABN have been informed. Yes, I am not an attorney. But, I have discussed this position with those who are attorneys. I have been told that my position is legally correct.
2. I do not now, and I have never taken the position that either 3-ABN, or the IL Conference, had any liability for any conduct of TS during a time when he was not employed by 3-ABN. However, it appears that I was not clear in my statement of my position, and that others have thought that I was saying what I did not

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intend to say. I apologize for my failure to  
communicate what I intended to communicate.

Gregory Matthews

P.S. Who is Art? I guess Art is Mr. Joy. O.K.

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**From:** G. Arthur Joy  
**To:** Harold Lance  
**CC:** Linda Shelton  
**Subject:** Re: December 6 posting msg to 3ABN BOD members  
**Date:** Fri, 15 Dec 2006 00:14:40 +0000

Answers in Red:

Art:

An ASI Board member forwarded fyi what purports to be a message from you addressed to several 3ABN board members re mis management of 3ABN, Tommy Shelton removal etc.

**Answer:** We are still working on the language for a response but in summary will remind you that it is either 3ABN, you and/or ASI that has limited your jurisdiction to the marriage, remarriage, et siq. We have a firm belief that there are several issues that have been brought to the boards attention at various points that have been inappropriately handled or ignored. If ASI has opted out, and they clearly have, then there should be little concern by ASI as we continue to address those issues. Or maybe their should be plenty of concern, but not concern over the messenger but rather the content of the message. Wouldn't that be different!!!

I am also a firm believer that an educated constituency, just like an educated electorate, is the best guarantee that

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administrations will be accountable, open and transparent. As you know, I would like to see 3ABN all the above.

Also included was a copy of Bob's recent message to Ron Debbie and myself. Was this your message sent by you December 6.

**Answer:** Probable, but the URL would be the proper determinate... I would be happy to ratify that by sending one if you have their e-mail address. Why would that be of concern to you?

Is it your belief that we can proceed with consideration of the process with ASI while continuing this kind of interchange?

**Answer:** Let me reiterate, someone on your side has made it clear that ASI is limiting its jurisdiction to the marriage, remarriage, et siq. We are not going to discontinue our probe and walk away from the other 22 issues you have identified that we have because ASI is hand-cuffed... something I am sure 3ABN would clearly prefer. In fact we have an e-mail from Danny that makes it clear he is only willing to put his eggs in one basket, believing that if he can get by the marriage issue then he is exonerated on all other issues. Pardon my paranoia but I am deeply concerned that any process that is not open and transparent and within 3ABN's sphere of influence could be "problematic" and spun by Danny and co any which way to Sunday in much the same way he torpedoed Nicholas Miller when challenged within the board. If the 3ABN board would like to expand the mandate to ASI we would consider that, but given your stated position I do not believe they would be approached effectively.

However it would probably make better sense that the 3ABN board just meet with us and we can spell out to them what the issues are, they can answer our questions and we can explain our perception and why we feel so firmly it is time for a change. We would be happy to do so, but they have not seen fit to do that with us or several others. ANd if they had, again, you and I would not be talking. In fact, I would be happy to include Linda and Alyssa so they can finally hear the other side and query them, within reason. And if you wanted to be there and referee, I am sure that

would also make good sense. Then the panel would be only a necessary alternative if they feel it essential to determine the marriage issues. (of course that may be better left to BRI) Now that's a process that would make good sense and we would consider -backing off- if they would continue to answer our questions so we can be fully prepared for such a meeting. That would require they be forthcoming with "the evidence" so we can plainly and appropriately answer their allegations and correct their view of some of this trash they have been fed. And isn't this what they should have done two and one half years ago regarding the marriage?? And again with Miller over a year ago?? And regarding the remarriage issue in January 2006???

That approach would allow us to put aside this positioning and bantering regarding "the process" and just sit down across the table, the way men ought to, discuss the issues and ask them to investigate themselves and take the proper steps to eliminate the "issues" that will plague them over the next six months or so. ASI can mediate such a discussion but there cannot be a time limit, and if it takes us three days, so be it. If it takes thirty days so be it. I just want to see the board act responsibly and actually pro-actively and not just accept the word and dictates of Danny Shelton. I just have never heard of a Chairman of the Board being afraid of the officers. Downright ludicrous in my opinion.

3ABN is an important ministry and our purpose can be summed as simply as "remove the tumor" but keep the patient alive and well. We are committed to that process and if you find that unpalatable or unacceptable in some way, then once again we simply disagree.

If this concept appeals to you, let me know as soon as possible and save me a whole lot of typing in our response to -round three-.

gaj

Thanks in advance for your guidance.

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**From:** Harold Lance  
**To:** Bob  
**Subject:** Thanks for your note of response  
**Date:** Sun, 17 Dec 2006 09:09:44 -0800

Good morning Bob:

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Thank you for addressing my question of the Biblical base of the process as being essentially a Mathew !8 effort. IN my round three note I made reference to how Jesus dealt with several(Judas, Simon, Mary M, and the woman at the well) people that he really "had the goods on" because of his divine insight. He was very careful not to spread the embarrassing facts to the others close by. I was trying to suggest that concept to your team. I truly have no knowledge of the true facts or a predetermined outcome on any of the issues or we (ASI) are attempting to resolve.

We are concerned that in the determinations made by 3ABN that the process may not have been complete, that information that should have been considered was not, that from what may have been a flawed conclusion against LS and that other inappropriate actions relating to employment and Church status were taken. On the other hand what was done may have been entirely appropriate. We don't know, but there perceptions out there that makes our process important. We believe there is a very logical connection



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between those issues and 3ABNs membership in ASI. There are several possible outcomes that could impact on their membership. None of the other issues under discussion relate in that way.

I suppose what troubles me personally is the tone of the efforts against 3ABN and its' leadership. There is a willingness to equate rumor with fact. Forget for a moment the methods of how Christ dealt with the guilty, even the civil process guarantees the accused the presumption of innocence that requires proof in a court before conviction. That seems to be absent here. I realize how strongly you folks feel your position is grounded in fact. But it may just not hold up as well as you think. On the issues ASI has agreed to address it is clear that ALL sides think they are right. The fact is that is not true, someone is WRONG.

I looked over your 3 memos(12 2-4 ) to me in response to "round three". You are right you did not mention ascending liability, in fact no one did, except myself as I grouped the issues of both you and Greg on the TS matter. In both your December 4 and 6 memos you did discuss information relating to a concern over the conference academy move to Thompsonville making for a potentially dangerous situation and expressed concern over the "interconnectedness" of the Church and 3ABN. Those concerns I believe relate to ascending liability issues. Greg wrote more directly his' concerns on the conference "getting stuck" for 3ABN activities. Based upon the present information I have seen, if it's all true, there could be no ascending liability to the Church. Obviously, if the presently asserted information is true and new facts are built onto it liability could attach. But that is a lot of speculation.

There was a visitor yesterday from our community in the SS class I teach. He had been a patient in the local SDA hospital recently and was visited by a volunteer lay chaplain. He is a frequent viewer of 3ABN on the local cable hookup. This is a frequent occurrence in SDA Churches. Their impact is significant. It is important that they are properly operated, but there could well be a mistake of throwing the baby out with the bathwater too.

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**From:** Bob  
**To:** Harold Lance  
**Subject:** Re: Thanks for your note of response  
**Date:** Sun, 17 Dec 2006 12:21:04 -0600

Hi Harold.

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I'll bold a few things so that my thoughts might be easier to pick up if you skim rather than read.

I think you **have well stated my own concerns.**

The difficulty I have had from when I started looking into all this this summer is that **so much has already been made public** for so long on several internet forums. **How can resolution be found so that all these rumors are put to rest for good?** That was my concern from the beginning.

You write:

"There is a willingness to **equate rumor with fact.**"

Not on my part, to be sure. If you look over my recent correspondence with Danny, or over the correspondence with Walt and Danny that led to that interchange, you will notice that I did not do this.

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I took Walt's statement that Danny had essentially misled him and gave Danny every opportunity to explain the matter. He could easily have said that Walt was mistaken, or that Walt was lying, or some such thing. He chose not to do so which suggests that he did indeed mislead Walt in 2003 over a very serious matter, and Walt by his own admission took Danny's word for things rather than doing his own research.

**Do you detect the slightest equating rumor with fact on my part?**

You write:

"... even the civil process guarantees the accused the **presumption of innocence** that requires proof in a court before conviction."

Again, you will notice from my correspondence that I have endeavored to do that very thing. Of course, you may find some place where I could have done that better, but I did the best I knew.

I will share with you what I uncovered last week. I've avoided the divorce and remarriage issue thus far, not knowing how to get to the bottom of things as far as facts go. But **Danny did claim** on Oct. 8, 2006 in writing that when he found a watch in Linda's car, he was not breaking into her car because, despite Linda's denials, **he had evidence that the car was titled in both their names to the present.** That one detail was something concrete and easily provable. And the context of this detail was that Danny, in his words, was trying to prove how polished a liar Linda is.

I received a fax direct from the lending bank of Linda's automobile title last week. The vehicle was purchased on Dec. 30, 2002, the title was issued on Feb. 11, 2003, and Linda's name is the only one that appears on the title, which is what she has claimed to be the case according to Danny's own words.

Now that is definitely not equating rumors with facts. But as far as assuming innocence goes, I did write Danny on Thursday **asking him if he had an explanation for this.** And since the context was how good a liar Linda is, I invited him to send me any similarly concrete examples of Linda's deceit, examples that aren't solely dependent on someone's testimony. Thus far Danny has declined to respond in any way whatsoever.

No, **the baby should not be thrown out with the bathwater** (though potentially expelling 3ABN from ASI membership would definitely not help the baby's influence and effectiveness). Yet that will to a large degree depend on decisions Danny and his board make. Currently, he refuses to back down one inch, and his board on serious issues other than Linda has been inclined to take Danny's word for things rather than think and act independently. That combination makes it difficult to see a happy resolution if more of the allegations prove to be credible and/or true. And, at what point do we have to remember that sin in the camp hinders the outpouring of the latter rain?

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Harold, my understanding is that you are aware to some extent of Nick Miller's allegations. **Have you been made aware of either 3ABN's or both 3ABN and \*\*\*\*\*'s account(s) of \*\*\* resignation?** If so, what is your understanding of 3ABN's account? I am free to discuss that matter if you are aware of 3ABN's account of that situation, and would like to bring that into our conversation.

Bob

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**From:** Harold Lance  
**To:** Bob  
**Subject:** Re: Thanks for your note of response  
**Date:** Mon, 18 Dec 2006 08:53:12 -0800

Good Morning Bob:

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Last things first. I've known \*\*\*\*\* for 10 15 years. ... never had any conversations with \*\*\* about that or \*\*\* relationship with 3ABN. I had heard that he also served as a \*\*\*\*\* , but know nothing more.

My role for ASI in this matter is to facilitate a process for resolution of the issues we've agreed to consider, I'm not to be a "decider" In my law practice I handled domestic relations and criminal matters as a small part of my practice for about 10 years then evolved into a trial practice for the balance of my 32 years with the same firm in Ontario CA. Regarding the issue of "who owned the car? And thus I suppose who had the right to enter and possess it may become important. Illinois law would define those relationships and I don't have a clue what their law provides. In CA any property acquired during the marriage (except by gift or inheritance) is community property belonging equally to both spouses, irrespective of how the title was held or who obtained the financing. Whether that applies in IL I have no information at all. I would expect

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that the answer to that issue would be a matter for the side interested in establishing that fact to present when a hearing occurs. I would think that what ever documents bear on that issue would be identified and produced on what ever time table is agreed upon.

I suspect Danny hasn't responded to you on that and other issues is a result of my rather insistent messages for him to stop engaging in criss cross exchanges that only lead to further posturing and misunderstandings. I believe the proper place for the exchanges are in our anticipated hearing, where it can be more factual than personal and hopefully lead to resolution.

On the question of rumors. TIME Magazine announced their Man of the Year today as YOU. Primarily based upon the involvement that people have been able to have with the world around them via electronic technology. Everyone can be a "player". This has ups and downs as I think is illustrated in our experience. Because of the ease of sharing information with an almost unlimited group it can bring the light of day on some pretty dark places. It has the effect of making people more accountable. It has some dark sides too. There are no checks and balances, or for weighing truth and fairness, people can change/distort information with a click, there is no civilized process for bringing matters to resolution. It almost borders on anarchy unless by accident or providence balancing information is posted. I'm both awed by what is possible electronically and disturbed by it as it has a potential for great harm or great good.

The aspect of what has been in process re 3ABN is healthy to a point, as it has pointed out some aspects of their operations that could/should be improved. I really think the messages have been heard by the people responsible for operations. The down side is what I alluded to the other day of throwing out the baby with the bathwater.

3ABN really is a remarkable ministry in its' impact for the SDA Church. It can be better. By Gods' Grace

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**To:** Harold Lance  
**Subject:** Re: Thanks for your note of response  
**Date:** Mon, 18 Dec 2006 17:36:34 -0600

Hi Harold.

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What \*\*\*\*\* (who is not pro-Linda) has to say is, in my opinion, as serious as the Tommy Shelton child molestation allegations. However, unless people already know Danny's side of the story regarding \*\*\*\*\* , \*\*\*\*\* will not presently provide \*\*\*. I guess that's the way it has to be for now.

\*\*\*\*\* feels that the way the Tommy Shelton allegations were handled is very, very serious, and should raise the question of whether certain individuals such as Walt Thompson, whom he truly does appreciate and respect, should resign.

You write:

"Regarding the issue of who owned the car?"

That isn't the issue. You do realize that that wasn't the issue, don't you? On Oct. 8, 2006, Danny wrote (skip to the bolded

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parts if you want to skim):

"Anyway, let me give you just a few things to think about, You claim that Linda passed your truth test. Are you not aware that any one who is a polished liar will not wiggle or squirm when being questioned about their lies, ESPECIALLY if they are confident that the person who is questioning them has already bought their lies hook, line and sinker?

...

"She told me that she was going to go lay out by the swimming pool. I decided to go look in her car for any evidence to support the PI's claim that had not been mailed to me yet. Our car door was locked. **Yes, I'm aware that she claims it was her car but I have proof that it is titled to both she and I even unto this day.** She didn't apparently remember that I too had keys to this Toyota Sequoia. I opened the car door and opened the glove compartment. What did I see? Yes, I saw the same watch described to me by the PI.

...

"I then pulled the picture of the watch from underneath my shirt and showed it to her at which point she yelled out, " **I can't believe you broke into my car and got into my personal belongings! This is abuse!** "

Danny said nothing about whether Illinois is a community property state or not. He didn't claim to "own" the car. He instead explicitly said that he had "proof" that the car was "titled" in both their names. But his statement is patently

false.

You write:

"I suspect Danny hasn't responded to you on that and other issues is a result of my rather insistent messages for him to stop engaging in criss cross exchanges that only lead to further posturing and misunderstandings."

I would strongly recommend that you encourage Danny to follow through on his board chairman's recommendation that I verify the information he had given me. Walt has been unkindly accused of doing whatever Danny says, and of not having any real authority. For Danny to thumb his nose at Walt's request that I verify that information substantiates those accusations, and Danny's excuse that he was merely following your advice will not help the matter.

How have there been any misunderstandings? Did not Walt say that Danny had told him that the molestation allegations were 30 years old, when they were as recent as three years old in 2003? How was that a misunderstanding?

Danny said the car was "titled" in his name, and the fact is that it never has been. Where is the misunderstanding? Now if Danny has an explanation, if he wants to claim that he forgot or some such, he should not be encouraged not to provide his explanation, for that will only leave the impression that there is no explanation and that he has been caught in a lie.

You write:

"I would expect that the answer to that issue would be a matter for the side interested in establishing that fact to present when a hearing occurs. I would think that what ever documents bear on that issue would be identified and

produced on what ever time table is agreed upon."

This touches on my question that is still unanswered. Will such discrepancies as whose name is on the title be considered by the panel, since that discrepancy doesn't directly impact the question of whether Danny had biblical grounds to divorce and remarry? Will the question be raised as to whether a possible felony was committed in taping a conversation, and if not, will that conversation still be admissible evidence in the panel process? The same goes for the phone records that John Lomacang asserts exists. Were they legally acquired? And if that question cannot be considered, will those records still be admissible?

As far as the Wild Wild Web goes, take a look at <http://www.EllenGWhite.info/>, a site I've done for a group out of a California church that is an attempt to rein in some of the wild things being said on the internet about Ellen White. So I am in full agreement with you regarding the problems of the internet, and I approach the criticisms against 3ABN having had more than six years of personal experience in effectively neutralizing similar criticisms out on the internet.

You write:

"I really think the messages have been heard by the people responsible for operations."

There is no question that they have been heard. But the big question is whether anything is going to change. If the people responsible for operations really, really care about 3ABN, then they need to answer that question in no uncertain terms, ASAP, and waiting for an ASI panel review to conclude before rendering an answer is an absolute mistake.

Wishing we could converse on a more pleasant topic,

Bob

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### The Initial Statement

On December 20, 2006, Gailon Joy called Harold Lance to, among other things, inform him that Linda was traveling over the holidays and would not return until January 4, 2007. On the evening of the very day of her arrival back home, the ASI Executive Committee voted to pull out of the process. At 6:00 am (Pacific Time) the next day, Harold sent out the following statement alerting everyone to that decision.

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**From:** Harold Lance

**To:** Deb Young, Ron Christman,  
Linda Shelton, Danny Shelton,  
G. Arthur Joy, Bob, Gregory Matthews,  
Walt Thompson

**Subject:** ASI action

**Date:** Fri, 05 Jan 2007 08:04:54 -0800

Greetings each one:

Last evening the ASI Executive Committee met to review ASIs' involvement in issues involving 3ABN, Linda and Danny Shelton including our progress in the process we initiated. ASI, in relevant part, took the following action:

"For approximately three months ASI has deeply considered its' involvement in issues involving 3ABN in three special Executive Committee meetings called for that purpose and multiple other contacts. On October 25, 2006 the ASI Executive Committee took an action authorizing the exploration of the possibility of its' involvement and asked Harold Lance to lead out in that process. It now appears that it is not appropriate for ASI to be involved."

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## Hints of More to Come

Yet as Harold Lance's statement of January 24 makes clear, this was not the end of the matter. On Tuesday, January 9, the ASI Executive Committee voted to authorize Harold Lance to work on a lengthier statement, one that would violate Harold's own confidentiality agreement that he had imposed on all participants.

While that lengthier statement was worked on under extreme secrecy, there were slight hints that something was afoot:

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Walt Thompson

**To:** \*\*\*\*\*

**Subject:** Re: Urgent Message Re: 3-ABN

**Date:** Friday, January 12, 2007 3:11 PM

Dear \*\*\*\*\*,

Thank you for your e mail and interest and concern for 3abn. We agree with your concerns and the need for an impartial and open investigation. We had thought to have that accomplished by a committee of ASI. That may or may not happen since the people posting false allegations on the Internet have continued to bombard the ASI leadership and thus, in effect, preventing them from helping us out. We are still in discussion with them and hope to hear some final word from them promptly. We are presently attempting to identify a team of people who have credibility with the church leadership who will come to 3abn and examine the issues as you have suggested. That is in limbo while waiting ASI decision. ...

As I have stated before, we have nothing to hide. We have attempted through the years to do things right and transparently. We have hidden nothing. We are all human and sometimes act like humans, but are not guilty of immoral or illegal conduct in any thing that I am aware of ....

...

Sincerely in Jesus' precious name,

Walt  
Walter Thompson MD

If ASI had pulled out on January 4, what else could they be considering doing on January 12, eight days later? More specifically, in what further ways had 3ABN asked the ASI Executive Committee to consider "helping us out"?

### **A Major Discrepancy**

3ABN board chairman Walt Thompson wrote above, "We agree with your concerns and the need for an impartial and open investigation. We had thought to have that accomplished by a committee of ASI." And yet his reply was in answer to the following communication:

----- Original Message -----

**From:** \*\*\*\*\*

**To:** Walt Thompson

**Subject:** Urgent Message Re: 3-ABN

**Date:** Friday, January 12, 2007 1:18 PM

Walt Thompson, Board Chairman  
Three Angel's Broadcasting.

Dear Dr. Thompson,

...

It is because of my own deep commitment to 3-ABN as the single most vital part of our outreach in proclaiming the three angels' messages that I feel compelled to write. For some time I have been deeply disturbed and grieved by allegations of serious problems at 3-ABN. More recently my concern has intensified to know that these have become public and are daily spewed all over the world by the internet.

...

... It is a tragedy to have the terrible accusations published abroad. But damage done thus far is miniscule compared with that which appears immanent. It seems to me that the



only way to resolve this problem is to have the board undertake an impartial and open investigation of the serious charges so transparent that no one has even apparent grounds for a charge of white wash or manipulation.

...

May God bless,

...

If Walt Thompson, Danny Shelton, the 3ABN Board, ASI, and Harold Lance had all decided that ASI wasn't under any circumstances going to investigate "the allegations of serious problems" and "the serious charges," why would Walt Thompson have replied to the above, "We agree with ... the need for an impartial and open investigation. We had thought to have that accomplished by a committee of ASI"? It makes no sense.

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### Gailon Joy's Response

----- Original Message -----

**From:** G. Arthur Joy  
**To:** Harold Lance  
**CC:** Gregory Matthews, Bob Pickle  
**Subject:** RE: ASI action  
**Date:** Fri, 05 Jan 2007 18:48:46 +0000

We regret that ASI has fled from it's duty to deal with the issues at 3ABN, but is not unexpected. We barely got to know you.

Frankly, I find it unfortunate that we were unable to proceed with a process that would work and also become a model for future institutional dispute resolution.

I would point out that had ASI or other entities gotten involved in 2004 and applied the current process for dispute resolution within the NAD working policy, I believe that much of the history of the past two and one half years would have been much different. Linda Shelton's life and the lives of so many other victims would have been so much different. The system has clearly failed these many people, and ASI and the Church as a body is culpable for aiding and abetting and pure omission. There are many instances where we all should have been pro-active in investigating issues and being good counsel to people who clearly had little direction or no direction. Hindsight is always 20/20!!!

That may be the great lesson here. We need to be involved much earlier and make an established system work to achieve conciliation. And at a point where people are hurting the most, not years later!!!

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Thank you for your participation and perspectives. I am sure we disagree on much but I appreciated your input and open ear. I have heard that you would prefer that our paths never cross again and I regret that. I apologize if my advocacy left a bitter taste in your mouth and can do nothing more than that. I am determined that the behaviour of 3ABN and the victim-littered paths will at some point come to a just end.

And I understand we will be on opposite ends of this spectrum as you continue your advocacy for at least 3ABN, if not Danny Lee Shelton. For the record, it continues to be the purpose to remove the tumors that we believe infect 3ABN but to save the patient. We would prefer it be resurrected as a firm with a constituency and a board that has accountability to that constituency. If that purpose cannot be achieved, C'est la vie!!! But we must try.

I trust you had a great Holiday Season.

Respectfully Submitted

Gailon Arthur Joy

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**Gregory Matthews' Response**

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Gregory Matthews  
**To:** G. Arthur Joy, Harold Lance  
**CC:** Bob Pickle  
**Subject:** RE: ASI action  
**Date:** Fri, 5 Jan 2007 13:27:21 -0700

Harold:  
Gailon:

FYI, I have posted the following announcement in Internet forums.

It is with deep regret that I have to announce that the three month attempt of ASI to mediate the issues that involve Danny Shelton, Linda Shelton, and 3-ABN has failed. Yesterday, the ASI Executive Board took an official action in which ASI withdrew from any further attempts to resolve the issues that have troubled us for several years.

I was one of the few people directly involved in these discussion. As would be obvious, Mr. Joy was another. As to others involved, I will let them identify themselves, if they wish to do so.

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Everyone involved in these discussions worked very hard, and devoted considerable effort to this task. But, the task has failed. I will publicly thank the representative of ASI for the work that he did. Honest and sincere people may differ. They may fail to reach agreement and perhaps understanding. But their integrity and sincerity should not be questioned. I say publicly that I appreciate the spirit in which the representative of ASI was involved in these discussions.

As I understand it, the action of the ASI Executive Board was simply to determine that further involvement in these attempts would be inappropriate. In one sense, any further comment would be speculation. However, I think that it is in the interests of all for me, as an involved person to comment on what I see as major difficulties. I will do so from that standpoint of a person directly involved in the discussions. There are probably more reasons for the decision of ASI. Perhaps some are more important than what I list. But, ASI did not specify their reasons in their communication with me. I suspect that they will read my statement, and they can add anything to it that they wish.

I personally believe that there were two major issues that prevented agreement:

- 1) Linda has been so publicly trashed that she, and we, believe that there should be full disclosure of the testimony, findings, and proceedings of any mediation panel. In fact, she wanted that full disclosure to be published in a manner that people around the world could access it, and reach their own

conclusions as to whether or not she had given Danny biblical grounds for a divorce. During the discussions, the respective parties could not come to agreement on public disclosure of the testimony, findings, and process of the mediation attempt.

2) The respective parties could not agree on the procedures for taking testimony from witnesses. The issue here revolved around who would question the witnesses, and the bounds of the questioning. Some wanted a restrictive process, to sum it up, and others wanted a more free process. Frankly, I am perplexed by this issue. I could propose situations in which Danny, Linda, and 3-ABN would benefit by a free process for questioning. But, I could also propose situations in which it might be claimed that Danny, Linda, and 3-ABN would not benefit by a more free process. In some ways, I suspect that ASI wanted a restrictive process. If I am wrong, they can correct me.

Well folks, the attempt to mediate has failed. What happens next? I cannot predict what will happen. But, I suspect that it will be along the following lines:

1) More of this will reach the secular media. Some, I believe, have been approached by the media and asked to cooperate in articles. Some, I believe have refused to cooperate in order to give this attempt to mediate a chance to work. I am not certain that they will continue to refuse to cooperate with the secular media.

2) It is likely that some will take their

issues to civil courts. Frankly, some of the issues, in my mind, can only be resolved with fairness to all by the civil courts. Therefore, I do not believe that anyone who does so should be criticized for doing so.

3) I have been told that there are currently some civil investigations going on now. If so, they will continue.

4) I expect that one or more books will be published on these events.

Folks, the bottom line is: I believe that it will get worse before it gets better.

I am sincerely sorry that the ASI attempt to mediate failed. I clearly believe that such an attempt could only have had limited success, and that ultimately some issues would have needed to have been resolved in the civil realm. But, I did believe that ASI could have been of some help. With this failure, I do not believe that any other denominational agency can succeed. Any further resolution will come by personal agreement, or in the civil realm.

We tried! We failed!

Harold, thank you for your efforts. I may not agree with you on every point. But, I do not challenge either your sincerity, or your integrity. In many ways you may think of your task as thankless. But, I do not. You tried.

If you feel that in any way my statement above has not been fair to you, let me know. I will personally see that any response you make to me is posted with my post.

Gregory Matthews

Harold did not reply to Gregory.

### Thoughts on Gregory's Post by Bob Pickle

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Pickle	Jan 5 2007, 02:28 PM
	<p>Gregory,</p> <p>As a member of the group trying to put together a process agreeable to all, I will add two thoughts.</p> <p>First of all, Gailon Joy raised the issue prior to our entering into a confidentiality agreement of whether ASI could truly be impartial, since they had counseled Danny and Walt to not answer questions, according the Danny and Walt. Their statement that it was "inappropriate" for ASI to be further involved could be an acknowledgement that it would be difficult to be impartial, and if that was really the case, then of course it was the right thing to do for them to back out.</p> <p>And they should be commended for this decision if this was what they intended to mean by the word "inappropriate."</p> <p>Secondly, Danny has made it quite clear outside of our group's discussions that he intended for the ASI panel to review only his divorce and remarriage. He then stated that positive findings by an ASI panel in that matter would be used to convince everyone that all the other allegations against him were false.</p> <p>It would not be hard to assume that this was also a major empasse between the two sides, but I am at a loss to know for sure. Thus far, though you and I</p>



	<p>and Gailon sent our communications to Danny and the ASI people involved, I have yet to receive a single communication from the "other" side. Not one. The only one I ever received anything from was the ASI representative chosen to oversee the process development process.</p> <p>We weren't supposed to make any statement about the process except what was mutually agreed upon, but without any coommunication from the "other" side, what do you do?</p>
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### Reply from Gregory Matthews

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	<p>Bob:</p> <p>My use of the word "inappropriate" was of my own choosing, and it was not a direct quote. So, we cannot make anything of that word.</p> <p>As to the issue that you raise in regard to Danny wanting to only discuss marital issues. I am well aware of that. I did not list that as a reason as I believe that we could have come to agreement on that issue. Or, at least, we could have come to an agreement as to what to do in regard to that issue. I also considered that issue to be unresolved. As such, I did not want to list it as a major issue.</p> <p>As to confidentiality of communication: There were some gray areas here. But I believe that all knew that once a decision was reached, public announcements would have</p>

	<p>been made.</p> <p>I have attempted to abide by the spirit of the discussions in what I have posted. One major example of that is in my not naming the person who was our primary contact in ASI, or any other person who was a part of that process.</p> <p>I have sent a copy of my post to the primary contact in ASI. I have informed him that if he wants to comment on any aspect of my post, he can send it to me, and I will post it wherever I have posted my main comment.</p> <p>So, if he thinks I have violated any agreement, he can say so, and I will post it.</p> <p>While I do see "gray" areas in the agreement--we did not spend much time in talking about it, I do believe that I have generally kept to what was appropriate to post.</p>
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Again, Gregory did not receive a reply from Harold about any concerns that Harold might have had.

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### Bob Pickle's Response

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Bob

**To:** Harold Lance

**Subject:** Thank you for your involvement.

**Date:** Sun, 07 Jan 2007 13:50:34 -0600

Hello Harold.

I thought I should write you and say what I have said to others. I think the action taken by ASI was adequate and accurate as worded, and was a decision it should be commended for.

Of course, in an ideal world, and I say this from a rather inexperienced standpoint when it comes to conflict of interest and recusing and such, it would be nice if we could deal with issues that need to be dealt with. I guess that day is coming when the straight testimony (a non-extreme version, of course) is revived because of the counsel of the True Witness. But as a people that's not where we are at.

Thus I think that, all things considered and regardless of why the decision was made, I think it was most definitely a wise course to pursue, and I will say so in a positive way whenever need arises.

Hopefully you won't mind crossing paths with me again some day, if that happens. ...

At any rate, may God bless you abundantly throughout this next year.

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Compare Harold Lance's original, unilateral ASI statement with the altered version that appears on 3ABN's website. (An archived copy saved on January 28, 2007, can be viewed [here](#).)

Since the alterations do in places go beyond simple spelling and grammatical corrections, was the altered statement ever approved by the ASI Executive Committee?

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<p>----- Original Message ----- -- <b>From:</b> Harold Lance <b>To:</b> G. Arthur Joy, Bob, Gregory Matthews, Linda Shelton, Walt Thompson, Danny Shelton <b>Subject:</b> FW: Why ASI Chose to Withdraw <b>Date:</b> Wed, 24 Jan 2007 08:54:40 -0800</p> <p>----- Forwarded Message --- ----- <b>From:</b> Harold Lance <b>To:</b> Harold Lance <b>Subject:</b> Why ASI Chose to Withdraw <b>Date:</b> Wed, 24 Jan 2007 08:44:20 -0800</p>	

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<p>January 24, 2007</p>	<p><b>Why ASI Chose to withdraw from Discussions</b></p>
<p>To those this may concern:</p>	<p><b>To Those It May Concern:</b></p>
<p>Answering the request of 3ABN's Board of Directors , ASI agreed to explore the possibility of forming a commission "to evaluate and determine Danny's legal and moral right to divorce and to re-marry". ASI's Executive Committee spent a considerable amount of effort from late September 2006 until early 2007 exploring that assignment. ASI's Executive Committee met January 4 to review progress on establishing a commission. After a full discussion the Committee voted unanimously to withdraw from the process they had agreed to consider. A brief announcement was made without stating any of the reasons for our action. We received questions from both sides, ASI members, and several Church leaders. All wanted to know the reasons for our action to withdraw. The committee met again on January 9, 2007 and authorized an explanation. Our decision to withdraw was not based on the merits of the divorce and remarriage issues or any of the other issues we were urged to consider. It was</p>	<p>Answering a request last fall from Three Angels' Broadcasting Network's Board of Directors (afterward referred to as 3ABN), ASI agreed to explore the possibility of forming a commission ". . . to evaluate and determine Danny's legal and moral right to divorce and remarry . . ." [excerpt from 3ABN minutes].</p> <p>ASI's Executive Committee spent considerable time and effort from late September 2006 until early 2007 exploring that assignment. ASI's Executive Committee met January 4 to review progress on establishing a commission. After a full discussion at that time, the Committee voted unanimously to withdraw from the process they had agreed to consider. A brief announcement was made by ASI, without stating any of the reasons for our withdrawal. We received questions from both ASI members and several Church leaders. All wanted to know the reasons for ASI's action to withdraw. The Committee met again on January 9, 2007 and authorized the following explanation:</p>
	<p><b>Reason for ASI's Withdrawal</b></p>
	<p>ASI's decision to withdraw</p>

based solely on the barriers we encountered in attempting to reach agreement on a process.	was not based on the merits of the divorce and remarriage issues or any of the other issues we were urged to consider. ASI's decision was based solely on the barriers we encountered in attempting to reach agreement between the parties on a process whereby the commission would study the issues.
In summary,	
Here were the considerations:	<b>ASI's Initial Considerations</b>
1. ASI believed it could develop a process fair to all parties utilizing a panel of ASI members selected for their spirituality, fairness and intelligence. The parties would be involved in the panel selection process.	ASI believed it could develop a process that would be fair to all parties, utilizing a panel of ASI members selected for their spirituality, fairness and intelligence. The parties would be chosen through a panel selection process.
2. ASI proposed a process assuring a fair due process to all concerned.	ASI proposed a process to assure a fair due process to all concerned.
3. ASI believed it was essential that we have the active involvement of all parties.	ASI believed it was essential that it have the active involvement of all parties in this process.
	<b>Danny and 3ABN Accept</b>
By 12 10 06, Danny and 3ABN accepted the process proposed by ASI.	By December 10, 2006, Danny Shelton (afterward referred to as Danny) and 3ABN had accepted the process proposed by ASI.
Here were the barriers:	<b>Unexpected Barriers</b>
* Linda did not participate in discussions to develop an agreed process.	Linda [formerly Mrs. Danny Shelton] (afterward referred to as Linda) did not participate personally in discussions to develop an agreed upon

	process.
* Linda identified Gailon Arthur Joy as her representative who in turn introduced Bob Pickle and Greg Matthews as team members.	Linda identified Gaylon Arthur Joy (afterward referred to as Joy) as her representative. Joy, in turn, introduced Bob Pickle (afterward referred to as Pickle) and Greg Matthews (afterward referred to as Matthews) as his team members.
* Linda's team –	Linda's team:
- did not accept that ASI was capable of providing a fair forum to decide the issues	Did not accept that ASI was capable of providing a fair forum to decide the issues
- insisted on including issues involving allegations of management and corporate misconduct at 3ABN	Insisted on including issues involving allegations of mismanagement and corporate misconduct at 3ABN
- would not accept the ground rules for the panel's procedures	Would not accept the ground rules for the panel's procedures
- would not cease harassing email contact with Danny or other 3ABN representatives	Would not cease harassing e-mail contact with Danny or other 3ABN representatives
- would not cease circulating distracting comments about the process under discussion with AS	Would not cease, when requested to do so, circulating distracting comments about the process under discussion with ASI
* We never learned whether Linda approved of the positions asserted by her team. Linda did not respond except to say that Joy would be her representative.	We never learned whether Linda approved of the positions asserted by her team. At no time did Linda respond except to say that Joy would be her representative.
	<b>3ABN/ASI Relationship</b>
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<p>whatever conclusion the facts revealed and was disappointed that our efforts did not result in a resolution of the issues we agreed to consider.</p>	<p>reveal, and we were disappointed that our efforts did not result in a resolution of the issues we had agreed to consider.</p>
<p>If you wish to know more, read on.</p>	
<p>The ASI Executive Committee believes that 3ABN is a God inspired and God led instrument for the effective spread of the Three Angels Messages to the world and that it is a blessing to the worldwide Seventh-day Adventist Church.</p>	<p>The ASI Executive Committee believes that 3ABN is a God-inspired and God-led instrument for the effective spread of the three angels messages to the world, and that it has been, and continues to be, a blessing to the worldwide Seventh-day Adventist Church.</p>
<p>ASI is a member organization of businesses and ministries that have a priority for the spread of the gospel in their market place. 3ABN was introduced to ASI in the mid 1980's at our convention in Big Sky, Montana. At that time their idea was just a dream. ASI was intrigued by their audacious plan of a lay operated ministry providing a world wide radio and television network with "straight" Seventh-day Adventist programming 24/7. This meeting was the beginning of a mutually beneficial relationship resulting in the growth of both organizations and positive media exposure for hundreds of supporting ministries on 3ABN programming. Both Linda and Danny Shelton were viewed as capable leaders, deserving of respect and involvement with ASI.</p>	<p>ASI is an organization of member businesses and ministries that share a priority for the spread of the gospel in their marketplaces. 3ABN was introduced to ASI in the mid-1980's at our ASI Convention in Big Sky, Montana. At that time their television idea was just a dream. ASI was intrigued by their audacious plan of a lay-operated ministry providing a worldwide radio and television network with "straight" Seventh-day Adventist programming, 24/7. That meeting was the beginning of a mutually beneficial relationship, resulting in the growth of both 3ABN and ASI and in positive media exposure for hundreds of ASI members. Both Linda and Danny Shelton were viewed as capable leaders, deserving our respect and involvement with ASI.</p>

<p>Events around the break up of the Shelton's marriage brought much public comment which came to the notice of ASI, the Church at large and the viewers of 3ABN. "The 3ABN board of directors voted unanimously on September 24 (2006) to request ASI to set up a commission to evaluate and determine Danny's legal and moral right to divorce and to re-marry".</p>	<p>In addition to great sadness for those who know them, the breakup of the Sheltons' marriage and subsequent events brought much public comment that came to the notice of ASI, Church leadership and 3ABN's viewers. Soon after: "The 3ABN Board of Directors voted unanimously on September 24 [2006] to request ASI to set up a commission to evaluate and determine Danny's legal and moral right to divorce and to re-marry" [excerpt from 3ABN minutes].</p>
	<p><b>Attempts to Establish the Commission Panel</b></p>
<p>As ASI leadership was considering 3ABN's request an email message dated 10 3 06, was received by the ASI President from G. Arthur Joy, saying in part: "...Dr. Thompson has informed me that ASI has agreed to be the appropriate platform upon which to hear allegations regarding 3ABN. While I agree that in theory, ASI is the appropriate platform and clearly has some jurisdiction here, and by voluntary assent would have full jurisdiction to hear the allegations and make appropriate findings, I also recognize there are some clear and serious conflicts that need to be clarified". The memo from Joy included messages from other</p>	<p>As ASI leadership was considering 3ABN's request, an e-mail message dated, October 3, 2006, was received by ASI's president from Joy, hitherto unknown to ASI, saying in part:</p> <p>". . . Dr. Thompson [Walter Thompson, 3ABN Board Chair] has informed me that ASI has agreed to be the appropriate platform upon which to hear allegations regarding 3ABN. While I agree to that in theory, ASI is the appropriate platform and clearly has some jurisdiction here, and by voluntary assent would have full jurisdiction to hear the allegations and make appropriate findings, I also recognize there are some clear and serious conflicts that need to be clarified."</p>

<p>unknown/unidentified people seriously questioning whether ASI was an appropriate organization to be involved. Joy was unknown to ASI leadership. It was not known what his interest was in the matter. That question was clarified by Linda when she identified Joy as her representative. Joy introduced Bob Pickle and Greg Matthews as also on Linda's team. The three have been included in all correspondence sent to Linda.</p>	<p>Joy's memo included messages from others (unknown and unidentified to us) who seriously questioning whether ASI was an appropriate organization to be involved. As stated above, Joy himself was unknown to ASI leadership at that time. It was not known what his interest was in the matter until Linda later identified Joy as her representative. Joy then introduced Pickle and Matthews as part of Linda's team. Since that time Joy, Pickle and Matthews always were included in any correspondence sent to Linda.</p>
<p>On October 25 - the ASI Executive Committee took an action authorizing the exploration of becoming involved and asked Harold Lance, past ASI president, to lead out in the process.</p>	<p>October 25, 2006: The ASI Executive Committee took an action authorizing the exploration of becoming involved in the process and asked Harold Lance, past ASI president, to represent ASI and lead out in the commission's process.</p>
<p>October 31 - ASI circulated a document entitled "Procedural Suggestions" (below) to both Linda and Danny Shelton, their representatives, and 3ABN.</p>	<p>October 31, 2006: ASI circulated a document entitled "Procedural Suggestions" [see below] to Linda, Danny, their representatives, and to 3ABN.</p>
	<p><b>Basic Concepts</b></p>
<p>BASIC CONCEPTS - We believed there were several basics concepts necessary for the process to succeed:</p>	<p>ASI identified several basic concepts necessary for the process to succeed:</p>
<p>- That the involvement of Linda, Danny and 3ABN was essential to a successful</p>	<p>The involvement of Linda, Danny, and 3ABN was essential in order to reach a successful agreement</p>

agreement on a fair process and resolution of the dispute.	regarding a fair process and then to come to a resolution of the dispute.
- Widespread distracting interchanges on the web sites and forums led us to believe the discussions between ASI and the parties attempting to establish an agreement on the process needed to be conducted with confidentiality.	Widespread distracting interchanges on web sites and forums led us to believe that the discussions between ASI and all parties attempting to establish an agreement on the process (Linda, Danny, their representatives, and 3ABN) needed to be conducted with confidentiality.
- Both parties needed to stop direct critical comment with each other.	Both "sides" (Linda's and Danny's) needed to stop direct critical comment with each other.
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<b>PROCEDURAL SUGGESTIONS</b>	<b>Procedural Suggestions</b>
<b>ASI SUGGESTED THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURE AND PROCESS CONCEPTS:</b>	ASI suggested the following procedural/process concepts:
~ The panel selected to hear and decide the issues should be chosen by ASI in consultation with the parties.	The panel selected to hear and decide the issues should be chosen by ASI in consultation with the parties [Linda and Danny].
~ Because of the sensitive nature of the issues we believed the proceedings needed to be private, as in "executive session" of a board of directors meeting within the Church or business organizations.	Because of the sensitive nature of the issues, the proceedings should be private, in the manner of an "Executive Session" within a board of directors of the Church or a corporation.
~ Issues for consideration needed careful definition and mutual agreement.	Issues for consideration needed careful definition and mutual agreement.
~ Parties would state in	Parties would formally state in

advance of the hearing their position on each issue and their expected outcome of each issue.	advance of the hearing their position on each issue and their expected outcome of each issue.
~ Each party would in advance of the hearing furnish the identity of their witnesses and their expected information as well as providing copies of any documents to be presented to the panel.	Each party would, in advance of their appearance before the panel, furnish the identity of witnesses and their expected information, as well as provide copies of any documents [evidence] to be presented to the panel.
~ All costs connected with the proceedings would be paid by 3ABN.	All costs connected with the proceedings would be paid by 3ABN.
~ Proceedings would be held at a neutral site as convenient as possible for the parties.	Proceedings would be held at a neutral site as convenient as possible for all parties.
~ Input from both parties would be welcomed to establish the ground rules on the process to be followed.	Input from both parties would be welcomed to establish the ground rules on the process to be followed.
~ Questioning would be conducted by the panel under the direction of its chairperson, with opportunity for the parties or their representative to suggest questions.	Questioning would be conducted by the panel under the direction of its chairperson, with opportunity for the parties or their representatives to suggest questions.
~ The decision of the panel would be based upon the information presented by the parties at the hearing and not from outside sources.	The decision of the panel would be based upon information presented by the parties at the hearing and not from outside sources.
~ The proceedings would not be conducted as a trial, with a judge, lawyers, cross examination and typical court-like processes.	The proceedings would not be conducted as a trial, with a judge, lawyers, cross examination and typical court-like processes.
~ Within 30 days after the	Within 30 days after the

<p>conclusion of the proceedings the panel would announce its written findings on the issues, the factual reasons for their findings, and recommendations to the parties, which document would be available to the parties and the interested public.</p>	<p>conclusion of the proceedings the panel would announce its written findings on the issues, the factual reasons for their findings, and recommendations to the parties, which document would be available to the parties and the interested public.</p>
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<p>What happened? Why didn't it succeed?:</p>	<p><b>What happened? Why didn't the process succeed?</b></p>
<p>There was significant interchange between Linda's team and ASI, and Danny and 3ABN and ASI that lead to two additional documents from ASI to the parties containing details and suggested revisions to the process.</p>	<p>There was significant interchange between Linda's team and ASI, and between Danny, 3ABN and ASI that lead to the creation of two additional documents presented by ASI to the parties that contained details and revisions to the proposed process that the parties had suggested.</p>
<p>We had no contact with Linda other than a memo to an ASI representative stating that Joy was her representative.</p>	<p>We continued to have no contact from Linda other than a single memo to an ASI officer stating that Joy was her representative.</p>
<p>By 12 10 07 Danny and 3ABN had accepted the process as proposed by ASI.</p>	<p>By December 10, 2006, Danny and 3ABN had accepted the process as proposed by ASI.</p>
<p>On 12 13 07 we received an email from Joy advising that Linda was preparing a careful thorough response to the process proposals and a list of questions that he and Linda were preparing seeking clarification. They never</p>	<p>On December 13, 2006, ASI received an email from Joy advising that Linda was preparing a careful, thorough response to the process proposals, along with a list of questions that he and Linda were preparing for their own clarification. This response</p>

came.	and list of questions never came.
	<b>Interchange between ASI and Linda's team</b>
The interchange with Linda's team centered around:	Discussions between ASI and Linda's representatives centered around:
* Whether the proceeding should be open to the public or private;	Whether the proceeding should be open to the public or private
* Whether ASI could be neutral and provide a "level playing field";	Whether ASI could be neutral and provide a "level playing field"
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whether the proceedings should be videoed, recorded and broadcast;</li> <li>•</li> </ul>	Whether the proceedings should be video taped/recorded/broadcast
* Whether the issues considered should extend beyond the Shelton's divorce and Danny's remarriage and include for example:	Whether the issues considered by the panel should extend beyond the Sheltons' divorce and Danny's remarriage to include, for example:
a. That Danny and the 3ABN Board of Directors were guilty of malfeasance;	That Danny and the 3ABN Board of Directors were guilty of malfeasance
b. That Danny should be removed as president of 3ABN;	That Danny should be removed as president of 3ABN
c. That the Board of Directors of 3ABN should be removed;	That the Board of Directors of 3ABN should be removed
d. That 3ABN should be restructured to create a constituency based organization though they knew the existing structure is lawful;	That 3ABN should be restructured to create a constituency-based organization (though they knew that the existing structure is lawful)
e. That any person who has	That any person who has

<p>contributed to the support of 3ABN should be a constituent entitled to a voice in the selection of the board of directors and the management of the ministry, referring to donors as "stockholders in the pews";</p>	<p>contributed to the support of 3ABN should be a constituent and entitled to a voice in the selection of the Board of Directors and management of the ministry (donors were referred to by Linda's team as, "stockholders in the pews")</p>
<p>f. That the 3ABN corporate by-laws needed to be changed to allow censure, discipline and removal of the officers and members of the board of directors (NOTE: In fact they already provide for that possibility)</p>	<p>That the 3ABN corporate by-laws needed to be changed to allow for censure, discipline, and removal of officers or members of the Board of Directors. [NOTE: In fact the corporate by-laws already provide for those possibilities.)</p>
<p>e. At least 22 other issues were raised in Forum site references by her team urged for inclusion in the ASI process.</p>	<p>At least 22 other issues were raised in Forum site references by her team and urged for inclusion in the ASI process.</p>
<p>Early on Linda was provided telephone and email contact information. She was also sent copies of all communications from ASI to her team. In the two plus months of ASI's attempts to reach agreement on a process she did not respond. We do not know if Linda shares in a belief with Joy, Pickle and Matthews that the agenda should include the matters asserted by her team. She chose not to participate. It was clear that Joy, Pickle and Matthews had interests far beyond the issues ASI agreed to consider.</p>	<p>From the beginning last fall, Linda was provided with all necessary telephone and e-mail contact information for involvement with the discussion. She was sent copies of all communications from ASI (as were Danny and 3ABN). In the two-plus months of ASI's attempts to reach agreement on a fundamental process for the panel, she did not respond (except to name Joy as her representative). We do not know if Linda shares in a belief with Joy, Pickle and Matthews that the agenda should include the matters asserted by her team (above). She chose not to participate.</p> <p>It became clear that Joy, Pickle and Matthews had</p>



	<p>interests far beyond the issues that ASI had agreed to consider.</p>
	<p><b>The Beginning of the End of Discussions</b></p>
<p>We affirmed to the parties that even though ASI supports the ministry of 3ABN and wishes it to succeed and prosper; that we could be fair and objective in considering the issues related to the Shelton's divorce and Danny's remarriage. We also believed that the panel selected by ASI in consultation with the parties would be people selected with qualities of spirituality, intelligence and fairness. However, we never reached that point. We affirmed to the parties that ASI had no stake in the outcome and were comfortable with what ever conclusions were reached by the panel.</p>	<p>We affirmed to the parties that even though ASI supports the ministry of 3ABN and wishes for it to succeed and prosper, ASI would be fair and objective in considering the issues related to the Sheltons' divorce and Danny's remarriage. We also believed that the panel selected by ASI, in consultation with the parties involved, would be people who possessed qualities of spirituality, intelligence and fairness. We affirmed to both parties that ASI had no stake in the outcome, and that ASI would be comfortable with whatever conclusions were reached by the panel. However, we never reached the point of choosing a panel.</p>
<p>After a week or two into the process Danny and 3ABN ceased exchanging messages with the other side. That was helpful. Because ASI declined to consider issues beyond those of divorce and remarriage Art, Bob and Greg believed they were free to continue contacts with Danny, Dr. Thompson and others associated with 3ABN. Though couched in spiritual language their messages were persistent, confrontational, argumentative and harassing. Our efforts to stop their direct</p>	<p>A week or two into the process, Danny and 3ABN ceased exchanging messages with the other side. That was helpful. Because ASI declined to consider issues beyond those of the divorce and remarriage, Joy, Pickle and Matthews continued their negative contacts with Danny, Dr. Thompson (3ABN Board chair) and others associated with 3ABN. Though couched in spiritual language, their messages were persistent, confrontational, argumentative and harassing. ASI's efforts to stop their direct</p>

communications were unsuccessful.	communications were unsuccessful.
	<b>Final Assessment</b>
<p>We believe we have no jurisdiction to consider internal issues of 3ABN management and the changing of its corporate structure. Those issues must be left to its' board of directors. We believe our inability to resolve the fundamental issue of the divorce and remarriage is disappointing to many. We felt that without agreement on fundamentals with no likely agreement in sight it was necessary for ASI to withdraw. The parties and those concerned are the losers in what could have been a healing clarification of a divisive issue for all who are concerned.</p>	<p>We believe that ASI has no jurisdiction to consider internal issues of 3ABN management or the changing of its corporate structure. Those issues must be left to its governing body, the 3ABN Board of Directors. We believe our inability to resolve the fundamental issue of the divorce and remarriage is disappointing to many. We felt that without agreement on the fundamental process, and with no likely agreement in sight, it was necessary for ASI to withdraw. The two parties are the losers in what could have been a healing clarification of a divisive issue for all those involved and concerned.</p>
<p>We confess that if we would have known how to resolve the matter we would have done it, but we don't, but God does. We urge that all who have a concern be respectful, restrained and apply the Golden Rule as you would wish it for yourself.</p>	<p>We confess that if we would have known how bring resolution to the matter, we would have done so. We don't, but God does. We urge that all who have a concern over these issues and over the future ministry of 3ABN (and of Linda and Danny) be respectful, restrained, and apply the Golden Rule as you would wish others to do for you. And pray for one another without ceasing.</p>
<p>ASI Executive Committee by Harold Lance</p>	<p>The ASI Executive Committee by Harold Lance January 24, 2007</p>

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Lies hide in darkness & blame everyone else."***



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**Gregory Matthews' Initial Response**

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Gregory Matthews  
**To:** Harold Lance, G. Arthur Joy, Bob, Linda Shelton,  
Walt Thompson, Danny Shelton, Gregory  
Matthews  
**Subject:** RE: Why ASI Chose to Withdraw  
**Date:** Wed, 24 Jan 2007 10:51:08 -0700

Harold:

Thank you for sending me a copy of your published announcement as to why ASI withdrew from the attempt to resolve the issues.

I note that you have made a number of statements regarding me and my participation that I consider to be false. As such, I feel that I am going to have to rebut those.

I am disappointed that you did such. I do not accuse you of doing so intentionally. It appears that you must not have understood where I was coming from.

I previously had posted a public announcement as to my view as to why the effort failed. In general, I had been quite positive, and I had publicly thanked you for the efforts and energy that you had personally devoted to this. While your statement is measured, and likely does not fully reflect your personal disappointment with what happened, I believe that it is more negative, at least in regard to me than was reality.

Oh well, we tried. Whatever!

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If we should ever meet, I will enjoy visiting with you, as I do not personalize differences.

My response to what I consider to be factual errors will come later.

Gregory Matthews

## The Factual Errors Gregory Saw

January 24, 2007

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for their spirituality, fairness and intelligence. The parties would be involved in the panel selection process.

2.AS I proposed a process assuring a fair due process to all concerned.

3.AS I believed it was essential that we have the active involvement of all parties.

By 12 10 06, Danny and 3ABN accepted the process proposed by ASI.

Here were the barriers:

\* Linda did not participate in discussions to develop an agreed process.

GM: Neither Linda nor Danny participated directly in communications with all of us. That does not mean that she did not participate. She did participate through us, in the same sense that Danny participated through others. ASI did not want us contacting Danny directly. From the same standpoint, Linda did not contact ASI directly. The statement that Linda did not participate is speculative, and without fact.

\* Linda identified Gailon Arthur Joy as her representative who in turn introduced Bob Pickle and Greg Matthews as team members.

\* Linda's team -

- did not accept that ASI was capable of providing a fair forum to decide the issues

GM: This issue was raised. But, it was never discussed. This is where I was personally disappointed in the negotiations with ASI. There were a number of issues that we raised that ASI really never discussed with us. The reality is that in negotiations, each side must be prepared to discuss whatever issues the other side wishes to discuss, as long as they fit within the agreed upon discussion. I was personally willing to accept ASI as providing a fair forum in certain areas of discussion. But, I felt that some discussion was needed on this, and in other areas. As I said, ASI never really responded to our

issues. I do not consider the statement by Mr. Lance to be a fair representation of the issue.

- insisted on including issues involving allegations of management and corporate misconduct at 3ABN

GM: One major issue that we faced was an agreement on the focus of the discussion. ASI and I were in agreement that certain issues were outside of the ability of ASI to resolve. That does not reflect badly on ASI. It was simply a fact of life. Personally, I believed that ASI could only effectively resolve certain marital issues. I proposed that ASI should be willing to issue a public statement that there were certain issues that could only be resolved in the civil realm, and that people who took those issues to the civil authorities should not be criticized for doing so. ASI never made any substantive response to my proposal. I consider that it is not accurate to say that we insisted upon the inclusion of management and corporate misconduct.

- would not accept the ground rules for the panel's procedures

GM: We raised certain questions and objections to the ground rules, while accepting others. In my opinion, our objections were never substantively addressed. I am not impressed that Danny accepted them. The ground rules need to be developed with input from all parties. All in all, I believe that we only had substantial objections to two of the ground rules. Perhaps others will define it differently. But, ASI should have spent some time in discussing those issues. My perception is that they simply gave us a "take it or leave it" type of ultimatum.

- would not cease harassing email contact with Danny or other 3ABN representatives

GM: Please show me where I had any contact with either Danny or 3ABN. I may once have sent an e-mail to Dr. Thompson in which I simply told him that I had prayed for him that morning that the Lord would lead him, and that he would follow. That e-mail was short, and to the point. But, I may have sent it after ASI pulled out. I do not remember.

- would not cease circulating distracting comments about the process under discussion with AS

GM: I do not consider that any comments that I made were distraction. I consider them to have been helpful. In any case my comments were positive, and very general.

\* We never learned whether Linda approved of the positions asserted by her team. Linda did not respond except to say that Joy would be her representative.

GM: Well, we never heard from Danny either. We communicated with Mr. Lance.

ASI was equally open to whatever conclusion the facts revealed and was disappointed that our efforts did not result in a resolution of the issues we agreed to consider.

GM: I made essentially the same public comment.

If you wish to know more, read on.

The ASI Executive Committee believes that 3ABN is a God inspired and God led instrument for the effective spread of the Three Angels Messages to the world and that it is a blessing to the worldwide Seventh-day Adventist Church.

GM: I have made, publicly, the comment that I do not doubt that God used Danny to establish 3-ABN. However all of that is not important to the current issues that we face.

ASI is a member organization of businesses and ministries that have a priority for the spread of the gospel in their market place. 3ABN was introduced to ASI in the mid 1980's at our convention in Big Sky, Montana. At that time their idea was just a dream. ASI was intrigued by their audacious plan of a lay operated ministry providing a world wide radio and television network with "straight" Seventh-day Adventist programming 24/7. This meeting was the beginning of a mutually beneficial relationship resulting in the growth of both organizations and positive media exposure for



hundreds of supporting ministries on 3ABN programming. Both Linda and Danny Shelton were viewed as capable leaders, deserving of respect and involvement with ASI.

Events around the break up of the Shelton's marriage brought much public comment which came to the notice of ASI, the Church at large and the viewers of 3ABN. "The 3ABN board of directors voted unanimously on September 24 (2006) to request ASI to set up a commission to evaluate and determine Danny's legal and moral right to divorce and to re-marry".

As ASI leadership was considering 3ABN's request an email message dated 10 3 06, was received by the ASI President from G. Arthur Joy, saying in part: "...Dr. Thompson has informed me that ASI has agreed to be the appropriate platform upon which to hear allegations regarding 3ABN. While I agree that in theory, ASI is the appropriate platform and clearly has some jurisdiction here, and by voluntary assent would have full jurisdiction to hear the allegations and make appropriate findings, I also recognize there are some clear and serious conflicts that need to be clarified". The memo from Joy included messages from other unknown/unidentified people seriously questioning whether ASI was an appropriate organization to be involved. Joy was unknown to ASI leadership. It was not known what his interest was in the matter. That question was clarified by Linda when she identified Joy as her representative. Joy introduced Bob Pickle and Greg Matthews as also on Linda's team. The three have been included in all correspondence sent to Linda.

GM: Yes, I have been included in the correspondence. Issues of ethics (ethics include conflicts of interest) are important, and must be resolved. The issues that we raised were not substantially addressed. NOTE: I have previously stated that I felt that ASI could play a role.

On October 25 - the ASI Executive Committee took an action authorizing the exploration of becoming involved and asked Harold Lance, past ASI president, to lead out in the process.

October 31 - ASI circulated a document entitled "Procedural Suggestions" (below) to both Linda and Danny Shelton, their representatives, and 3ABN.

**BASIC CONCEPTS** - We believed there were several basics concepts necessary for the process to succeed:

- That the involvement of Linda, Danny and 3ABN was essential to a successful agreement on a fair process and resolution of the dispute.

- Widespread distracting interchanges on the web sites and forums led us to believe the discussions between ASI and the parties attempting to establish an agreement on the process needed to be conducted with confidentiality.

- Both parties needed to stop direct critical comment with each other.

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#### **PROCEDURAL SUGGESTIONS**

**ASI SUGGESTED THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURE AND PROCESS CONCEPTS:**

~ The panel selected to hear and decide the issues should be chosen by ASI in consultation with the parties.

~ Because of the sensitive nature of the issues we believed the proceedings needed to be private, as in "executive session" of a board of directors meeting within the Church or business organizations.

GM: Linda has been so "trashed" that it became very important that there be full public disclosure. This was a major issue. Again, ASI, in my opinion, did not properly respond and discuss this issue with us.

~ Issues for consideration needed careful definition and mutual agreement.

GM: I fully agree. Unfortunately, the discussion did not

reach this point.

~ Parties would state in advance of the hearing their position on each issue and their expected outcome of each issue.

GM: So?

~ Each party would in advance of the hearing furnish the identity of their witnesses and their expected information as well as providing copies of any documents to be presented to the panel.

~ All costs connected with the proceedings would be paid by 3ABN.

~ Proceedings would be held at a neutral site as convenient as possible for the parties.

~ Input from both parties would be welcomed to establish the ground rules on the process to be followed.

~ Questioning would be conducted by the panel under the direction of its chairperson, with opportunity for the parties or their representative to suggest questions.

GM: Aspects of this remained unresolved. Again, I do not consider that appropriate discussion took place to resolve this. Rather it seemed more to me to be "take it or leave it."

~ The decision of the panel would be based upon the information presented by the parties at the hearing and not from outside sources.

GM: Fine. Appropriate. But, this then requires that outside sources be considered at the hearing. i.e. "Outside" sources should present at the hearing.

~ The proceedings would not be conducted as a trial, with a judge, lawyers, cross examination and typical court-like processes.

GM: Further clarification was needed on this point.

~ Within 30 days after the conclusion of the proceedings the panel would announce its written findings on the issues, the factual reasons for their findings, and recommendations to the parties, which document would be available to the parties and the interested public.

GM: As I have stated, Linda needed full public disclosure. Further clarification was needed as to what, if anything, would be kept secret.

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What happened? Why didn't it succeed?:

There was significant interchange between Linda's team and ASI, and Danny and 3ABN and ASI that lead to two additional documents from ASI to the parties containing details and suggested revisions to the process.

GM: Yes we had contact. I appreciate the work that Mr. Lance put into it

We had no contact with Linda other than a memo to an ASI representative stating that Joy was her representative.

GM: So?

By 12 10 07 Danny and 3ABN had accepted the process as proposed by ASI.

On 12 13 07 we received an email from Joy advising that Linda was preparing a careful thorough response to the process proposals and a list of questions that he and Linda were preparing seeking clarification. They never came.

GM: ?

The interchange with Linda's team centered around:

\* Whether the proceeding should be open to the public or private;

\* Whether ASI could be neutral and provide a "level playing field";

- Whether the proceedings should be videoed, recorded and broadcast;

GM: Broadcast is a new one on me. Yes, we wanted full public disclosure.

\* Whether the issues considered should extend beyond the Shelton's divorce and Danny's remarriage and include for example:

- a. That Danny and the 3ABN Board of Directors were guilty of malfeasance;
  - b. That Danny should be removed as president of 3ABN;
  - c. That the Board of Directors of 3ABN should be removed;
  - d. That 3ABN should be restructured to create a constituency based organization though they knew the existing structure is lawful;
  - e. That any person who has contributed to the support of 3ABN should be a constituent entitled to a voice in the selection of the board of directors and the management of the ministry, referring to donors as "stockholders in the pews";
  - f. That the 3ABN corporate by-laws needed to be changed to allow censure, discipline and removal of the officers and members of the board of directors (NOTE: In fact they already provide for that possibility)
- e. At least 22 other issues were raised in Forum site references by her team urged for inclusion in the ASI process.

GM: All of these are issues, in my mind that ASI could not be expected to resolve. Again, I wanted a public

statement from ASI that they could not resolve certain issues, and that people should be free to take the issues that ASI could not resolve to the civil authorities.

Early on Linda was provided telephone and email contact information. She was also sent copies of all communications from ASI to her team. In the two plus months of ASI's attempts to reach agreement on a process she did not respond. We do not know if Linda shares in a belief with Joy, Pickle and Matthews that the agenda should include the matters asserted by her team. She chose not to participate. It was clear that Joy, Pickle and Matthews had interests far beyond the issues ASI agreed to consider.

GM: The statement that I had interests far beyond the issues ASI agreed to consider is confusing, potentially misleading, and unwarranted.

We affirmed to the parties that even though ASI supports the ministry of 3ABN and wishes it to succeed and prosper; that we could be fair and objective in considering the issues related to the Shelton's divorce and Danny's remarriage. We also believed that the panel selected by ASI in consultation with the parties would be people selected with qualities of spirituality, intelligence and fairness. However, we never reached that point. We affirmed to the parties that ASI had no stake in the outcome and were comfortable with what ever conclusions were reached by the panel.

GM: O.K. ASI's affirmation does not mean that such concerns should not be discussed.

After a week or two into the process Danny and 3ABN ceased exchanging messages with the other side. That was helpful. Because ASI declined to consider issues beyond those of divorce and remarriage Art, Bob and Greg believed they were free to continue contacts with Danny, Dr. Thompson and others associated with 3ABN. Though couched in spiritual language their messages were persistent, confrontational, argumentative and harassing. Our efforts to stop their direct communications were unsuccessful.

GM: This statement about me is simply false. NOTE: I may once, and only once, have sent Dr. Thompson a statement that I was praying for him. Frankly, I consider this statement to be without foundation in regard to me.

We believe we have no jurisdiction to consider internal issues of 3ABN management and the changing of its corporate structure. Those issues must be left to its' board of directors. We believe our inability to resolve the fundamental issue of the divorce and remarriage is disappointing to many. We felt that without agreement on fundamentals with no likely agreement in sight it was necessary for ASI to withdraw. The parties and those concerned are the losers in what could have been a healing clarification of a divisive issue for all who are concerned.

GM: I agree. Resolution of these issues lies outside of ASI, and potentially with civil authorities.

We confess that if we would have known how to resolve the matter we would have done it, but we don't, but God does. We urge that all who have a concern be respectful, restrained and apply the Golden Rule as you would wish it for yourself.

ASI Executive Committee

by Harold Lance

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### Another Response by Gregory Matthews

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Gregory Matthews

**To:** Harold Lance,

G. Arthur Joy, Bob, Linda Shelton,  
Walt Thompson, Danny Shelton

**Subject:** RE: Why ASI Chose to Withdraw

**Date:** Thu, 25 Jan 2007 03:46:51 -0700

Re: "Because ASI declined to consider issues beyond those of divorce and remarriage Art, Bob and Greg believed they were free to continue contacts with Danny, Dr. Thompson and others associated with 3ABN. Though couched in spiritual language their messages were persistent, confrontational, argumentative and harassing. Our efforts to stop their direct communications were unsuccessful."

Harold:

I remain dumbfounded by the above. NOTE: I have stated that I sent Dr. Thompson a message once in which I stated that I had prayed for him that morning that God would lead him, and that he would follow. I have stated that I do not remember the exact time I sent him that message, but that it might have been during the time that we were asked not to make direct contact.

Prior to the beginning of our discussions with ASI, we got into discussions with a woman who I think was named GW. Perhaps my memory is faulty, and she had another name. Anyway, she attempted to propose a venue to resolve the issues. Her proposal was deeply committed to all parties spending time in prayer together. In fact, she made it a



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requirement that certain parties pray together, with rare exceptions for people who might not have been Christian.

ASI entered the picture after GW dropped out. She had claimed to have been in contact with ASI, as I recall. In our discussions with you, I perceived an element in your plan for the respective parties to pray together. My one comment to Dr. Thompson was in that spirit.

As I reflect upon your statement, which I regard as misleading, confusing, and false by implication about me, I am now questioning whether we could have prayed together. My one comment, to Dr. T., was sincere. Evidently you did not see it that way. So, why would I think that you sincerely would have been able to pray with us?

The Lord tells us to pray for our enemies. That seems to apply as you seem to see us as enemies. Would you have been able to pray with us? I am wondering!

Re: "... their messages were persistent . . . ."

That is false as it is applied to me. My message was once.

Re: "... their messages were . . . confrontational . . . ."

Your statement is false as it is applied to me.

Re: "... their messages . . . argumentative and harassing."

Your statement is false as it is applied to me.

O.K. In this small citation you have made three statements that are false as applied to me. Of course, I do not know about the others. But, if your statement about me was based on faulty information, why should I (or anyone else) assume that it was any more accurate as applied to the others?

Harold, I am not challenging your integrity. I am simply challenging your factual basis. You seem to have made some statements that were not based upon fact. I am surprised that an attorney would do such. It calls into question your understanding of the process. It calls into question your ability to have facilitated such. Faulty information, where did it come from? Clearly not from

anything that I did, as you have applied it to me.

Harold, it appears that ASI pulled our from the process, based in part upon information that you seemingly received from another source. That appears to give justification to those who have questioned the ability of ASI to be fair and impartial.

Well, at least I thank you for your openness for sharing with us more of the dynamics that went on.

By the way, can you assure us with 100 percent surety that during this process people from 3-ABN did not come to these Internet forums, under pen names, and post material of the type that you claim we sent and put on the Internet?

Gregory Matthews

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### **Bob Pickle's Response**

After talking with Harold Lance by phone regarding his concern about the ASI statement being a breach of the confidentiality agreement, Bob follows up with the following communication.

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----- Original Message -----

**From:** Bob  
**To:** Harold Lance  
**To:** G. Arthur Joy, Gregory Matthews, Linda Shelton  
**Subject:** Confidentiality agreement  
**Date:** Wed, 24 Jan 2007 23:59:58 -0600

Hello Harold.

Thanks so much for talking to me today.

I did a little looking, and here is what I found in the email we all received on December 1, 2006, the only email I received that spelled out what the confidentiality agreement entailed:

"I have already secured an agreement from Linda, Bob and Greg that any communication relating to the process proposal and collateral issues with you or ASI will be held in the strictest confidence, period, until we have reached an agreement **or an agreement is deemed impossible**, at which time **only a mutually agreed statement will**

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be issued. All communique's will be labeled 'Confidential-FYEO-Do Not Re-distribute.' These three will be the only individuals included in the discussions on this side."

In light of the fact that no correction was ever made to the above statement, it stands as it reads. It therefore appears that the sending out of your statement this morning without warning or input from us constitutes a violation of the confidentiality agreement. Of course, whether a "mutually agreed statement" could ever have been arrived at is uncertain, but since there was no attempt whatsoever to arrive at one, I do not think this puts the ASI executive committee in a good light.

(I have previously endeavored to confine my statements regarding the entire proceedings to what was public knowledge prior to the confidentiality agreement we received on December 1. If you notice anywhere where I have done otherwise, I would appreciate your bringing it to my attention.)

Secondly, it raises the question of whether the confidentiality agreement is now null and void, and whether everything that was ever written between us can be freely published by whomever wishes. Personally, I don't think that wise, yet if someone feels that the accusations made in the ASI statement are unfair, untrue, and/or distorted, I'm not sure what ethical case can be made to dissuade their being published.

Thirdly, Walt Thompson recently indicated that they were trying to get ASI to help them out. I found that statement puzzling in light of the fact that ASI had already backed out. Your issuing of the type of statement you did without the negotiation that the confidentiality agreement plainly required could suggest that this statement was somehow in response to their request, which would appear strange if ASI was supposed to be impartial in all these proceedings.

Lastly, since you indicated that your statement was sent to certain church leaders and such, how would you suggest

that clarification be sent to them by anyone involved who feels that the statement did not fairly and/or accurately portray the situation? Is it possible to get the list of names and addresses from you, or would you be willing to relay any statement to them that might come from one of us? Or, do you have any other suggestions as to how perceived unfairness or inaccuracies in the unilateral statement can be dealt with?

As far as what concerns I had regarding the content of the statement you sent this morning, I won't at this time repeat or add to what I shared with you on the phone. Hopefully, no one will use the statement you sent in such a way that a negative light is placed upon anyone involved, which would go a long ways toward keeping folks who disagree with the statement from trying to defend themselves.

God bless.

Bob

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### Harold Lance's Reply

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Harold Lance  
**To:** Bob  
**Subject:** Re: Confidentiality agreement  
**Date:** Thu, 25 Jan 2007 15:00:15 -0800

Bob:

Thank you for your note and our visit yesterday. Let me review with you my perspective. When ASI elected to withdraw from the assignment re 3ABN we did so with no public explanation. We received 2-3 immediate responses from "your side", comments and questions from the "other side" and several inquires from ASI members, and a few from Church leaders. At least some of the comments from your side were circulated raising speculation as to the reasons for our withdrawal. NO ONE raised the confidentiality provision in our proposal. It was almost three weeks from our first announcement until our second message "your team" had rather freely circulated their thoughts. We said nothing about a breach and no one raised the confidentiality "requirement" or the need for a unified statement. It was obvious to us that our suggestions in the the three major documents we produced were not acceptable to your side. I don't think you can pick and choose what portions of our proposals that you didn't agree with and to now say: "ASI violated its' own agreement." We had no agreement, that was the problem.

We stated as accurately as we could the reasons for our decision to withdraw from discussions. We believe, and I think you agree, that a unified statement was not a

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possibility. I believe you( and anybody else that was involved) are free to give your perspective on what lead to the collapse, and perhaps why you could not agree with our proposals.

Thank you for considering this perspective.

Blessings

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**From:** Bob  
**To:** Harold Lance  
**Subject:** Re: Confidentiality agreement  
**Date:** Thu, 25 Jan 2007 18:26:58 -0600

Thanks for your reply, Harold.

For the record, I did publicly raise the question of the confidentiality agreement soon after ASI's decision, but I did not forward my concerns to you. I probably should have done so. I was clear enough on this issue that Gregory wrote publicly, "if [Harold Lance] thinks I have violated any agreement, he can say so, and I will post it."

I am a little concerned since a friend of mine forwarded your statement to me this morning, indicating that it is circulating widely.

When you say, "We had no agreement, that was the problem," you are speaking of the agreement regarding the process, not the confidentiality agreement regarding the discussions that attempted to put together a process, correct? It was always my understanding that we had a definite agreement regarding confidentiality, and that that definite agreement was intended to protect us all and you in particular while we explored whether a second agreement could be reached as to a process for an ASI review.

If any of us write up our perspective, could we have the privilege of having it circulated by you to the same people you sent your statement to, assuming that whatever was



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written was courteous?

I would definitely feel better about things if you can assure me that Walt Thompson's statement about trying to get ASI to help them out had absolutely nothing to do with the statement that you issued. And it would also help if you can assure me that no one that could be associated with Danny's side saw your statement before it was sent out to Gregory, Gailon, Linda, or myself. Your assurance on these two points would help people know that ASI did indeed try to be impartial. Can you help me out on these two points?

God bless.

Bob

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----- Original Message -----

**From:** G. Arthur Joy  
**To:** Bob, Harold Lance  
**CC:** Gregory Matthews, Linda Shelton  
**Subject:** Re: Confidentiality agreement  
**Date:** Fri, 26 Jan 2007 06:21:16 +0000

*It is Linda's position, and I absolutely concur, that the golden silence has indeed been breached. This statement demonstrates the very clear bias that Linda was so concerned about when the process began. This statement clearly is a breach of the confidentiality agreement, as in, it would appear Harold Lance has abrogated it!!!*

*I regret this unilateral decision and do believe that Linda's fears have been justified by this clearly open endorsement and declaration of support for Danny Lee Shelton and Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc. by Harold Lance and the entire, as in unanimous, executive committee. It is clear to me just what was meant by Walt's statement that ASI was going to help 3ABN out of that mess.*

*It is also very clear why I came under a barrage of condemnation from many people of all persuasions, cleric as well as laymen, when I embraced the premise that ASI was the proper foundation for this dispute resolution and asserted that a fair hearing could be arranged for **Linda to get her day in court...** but such a noble purpose was clearly never to be!!! Once again due process is denied!!!*

*I am also disappointed that Harold saw absolutely no light in the concept of simply meeting with the board to discuss*

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*the issues and develop a foundation for moving forward. But then, why would we consider dispute resolution for a dispute? Or is it the disputants?*

*I also find it outrageous that this wily old trial lawyer would attempt by innuendo to infer that the three members on Linda's team were actually engaged in propogating our own agenda and not representing Linda's interests and view. And this after I made it clear we were going to give Linda time to consider her response carefully in December, but ASI found it necessary to pull the trigger and opt out while Linda was still away on her month-long tour and working on her book. The patience of the saints or the ASI Executive Committee is certainly not demonstrated here. Wonder why the sudden rush?*

*And praise the Lord that we did not have a panel with Lance as the parliamentarian as the ASI Executive Committee had dictated. Wonder just how many of Linda's questions for the panel would have made the list of parliamentarian-approved guidance for panel questions? Wonder just how many of the witnesses would have been conveniently excluded? And they wanted an un-verified process without a public record to keep them honest? Nay, never!!!*

*Frankly, Harold, you have demonstrated that you are trust challenged and something that will not be forgotten very quickly. But thanks for giving us the opportunity to now answer the many questions with the real record and we will let those capable of reading the record see for themselves the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth... we'll report, they decide.*

*I want to thank you and the ASI Executive Committee for the eye-opening experience and sincerely wish that a fair, open and transparent process could have been accommodated, but such was not to be. Linda still pleads for her day in court and I pledge to see that she will get it someday!!! Even if it is the court of public opinion. You can fool all the people some of the time, some of the people all the time, but not all the people all the time.*

*By the way, Harold, did you ever ask for the statement to B. J. Christiansen by Melody? The year was 1991. And did you ever ask for the board minutes from that period? Did you ever ask for the study by the ASI Executive committee*

regarding 3ABN and Danny Shelton in 1985 that was delivered to then GC President Neil Wilson? And I would guess you would clearly understand the term "inurement and private benefit" as it relates to 501(c)3 religious organizations. We do, and we will prove the term applies, all in good time. Think the "stockholders in the pews" whom you have so little regard for will take the issue as lightly as the ASI Executive Committee has? I don't think so!!! But, the Chairman claims to embrace openness and transparency and we will accommodate him. It is the only option for accountability that is left.

Oh, I wish that ASI had been interested in due process some three years ago when it really counted. We would most likely not be here today. That just someone, besides the handful that dared and were felled by Danny Shelton's axe, would have stood for due process and have demanded that Linda get a fair hearing somewhere in the process. Where were you all then? Why have so many been so victimized by Danny Lee Shelton aka 3ABN and left bleeding on the highway? Where have the good Samaritans all gone?

And your executive committee dares to brazenly ask me, "I'm wondering why you've appointed yourself..."? And where were they three years ago? Where are they today? Where will they be tomorrow? And I will reiterate the question...just whom were you going to appoint...and when??? The silence is deafening...and now the answer **"no one and never" unanimously!!!**

With the deepest regret,  
Respectfully and Regretfully Submitted

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**From:** Gregory Matthews  
**To:** G. Arthur Joy, Bob, Harold Lance  
**CC:** Linda Shelton  
**Subject:** RE: Confidentiality agreement  
**Date:** Fri, 26 Jan 2007 03:04:00 -0700  
  
O.K. I did not know that 3-ABN had posted Harold's letter on their website for the world to see. Any idea of confidentiality has clearly been breached, if it was not breached before. We can now post anything that we choose to post.  
  
Gregory Matthews

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# **"Please Send That October 31 Document" "We Never Received It"**

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## **The Bogus October 31 Claim**

On January 24, the very date Harold Lance sent out his unilateral statement in violation of his own confidentiality agreement, he was put on notice that the claim in his statement that a document entitled "Procedural Suggestions" was circulated to Linda, Danny, and their representatives was simply untrue. Still, the statement, uncorrected, was posted on 3ABN's website.

The following email calls attention to the fact that after a week and a half, no correction had yet been made in Lance's statement. It also requests a copy of the yet unreceived document, as well as a list of the people that document was sent to.

There has been no reply whatsoever to the following request.

## **The Request for the Document**

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Bob  
**To:** Harold Lance  
**CC:** Deb Young, Ron Christman  
**Subject:** 3abn: Need document & a few questions  
**Date:** Sat, 03 Feb 2007 22:37:24 -0600

Hello Harold.

I was wondering if you could you send me a copy of the October 31, 2006, document ("Procedural Suggestions") referred to in the statement you issued on January 24, along with a list of all the names it went to. Since we never got the October 31 document, we don't really know what it said.

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- Linda was not contacted about an ASI review until November 12.
- You were not notified about Gailon being her choice of representative until November 14.
- No such document has yet been received.

Why does the statement on the 3ABN website still make the claim that Linda and Gailon received that document on October 31? It's been a week and a half since I called you about this discrepancy on January 24.

Have you been able to come up with an equitable way for "Linda's team" to circulate their own statement to the same individuals who received your statement? You will recall that I made this request since your confidentiality agreement mandated that no statement be issued except one that was mutually agreed upon, and since "Linda's team" was never contacted about negotiating a mutually agreed upon statement.

Also, I am still curious, as I was in my email below, whether you can assure me that Danny Shelton and/or the 3ABN board did not directly or indirectly review, modify, or approve the original October 31 procedural suggestions (and the document Linda received on November 12) and/or the January 24 statement that you issued. Such assurance is critical in establishing that ASI not only was capable of being impartial, but actually was impartial.

I really think this whole matter about the ASI statement needs to be resolved as quickly as possible, for the good of ASI's name and reputation. Is it at all possible to respond quicker? My last email was sent to you nine days ago, and as far as I know, I haven't received a reply yet.

Blessings.

Bob  
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"I entitled it, 'Going Forward.' And the focal point of the character of this book is the man by the name of Moses." (John Lomacang)

"But like Israel of old, many are asking the question of despair, 'Is the Lord among us or not?' " (John Lomacang)

"In the position of Moses I stand here to tell you that God has commanded all of us to simply go forward" (John Lomacang)

"Moses was the instrument that God used as Danny Shelton is the instrument that God uses here at 3ABN. ... He's simply the chosen servant of God." (John Lomacang)

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### **"Don't 'Attack' Danny"**

"And then they turned on God's chosen leader, and in this case, it was Moses." (John Lomacang)

"They began to attack God's chosen leader. They rejected the message that Moses gave them from the Lord. They told Moses that their words are more important than God's words." (John Lomacang)

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### **"These Allegations, We're Being Persecuted"**

"Tonight I would like to talk to you about persecution, and God's plan to overcome persecution." (Shelley Quinn)

" 'Blessed are ye when men shall hate you ... and reproach you and cast out your name as evil.' " (Danny Shelton)

"... I can't do anything ... or ... so and so is talking about me ...." (Danny Shelton)

"... or speaking negatively or whatever against you." (Mollie Steenson)

" 'David was greatly distressed, for the people spake of stoning him.' People ever speak of stoning you? You know how people stone us these days? With their words. So we

get stoned." (Mollie Steenson)

"Nobody ever speaks of stoning you, or any such thing?" (Mollie Steenson)

" 'You may be assaulted, wronged, insulted, slandered, wounded, and rejected. You may be abused by force, forsaken by friends, and despised and rejected by men.' " (Mollie Steenson)

" 'Blest are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely ... for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.' " (Shelley Quinn)

"But sometimes when I'm suffering persecution, and we all do, eventually, especially if you are on the front line for the Lord ...." (Shelley Quinn)

### **"Everyone Has These Sort of Allegations Told About Them, Including You"**

"This program's about tonight is about you, what about your life. Everywhere we go, every church I go to, and you all will testify to this, people are in trouble. Satan is out there." (Danny Shelton)

"We know what you're fighting at home is certainly just as strong as what each of us are fighting here, because Satan hates all of us. ... And he wants to make us look foolish, he wants to make us sound foolish, he wants to do everything he can do to discredit you, but you don't have to allow that to happen. Keep at your work, let the liars lie, let the editors publish." (Danny Shelton)

"Each of us are going through things in our own life. We're all, it's all the same." (Danny Shelton)

### **"I'm Not Going to Defend Myself, I Promise"**

"And that's what Brandy always encourages me is, uh, ...

'And ye shall hold your peace.' But man, that's hard to do. ... It's the toughest thing in the world to do. I'm a fighter by, by nature. Other words, you know, if I, boy, if somebody says that I want to stand up and say, 'No, that's not right,' or if they say something about me pers[on]ally, 'That's not true,' you know, 'Prove it,' or whatever else, but, the Lord says, and here's what's happened. I'm learning, and she's really helped me, I can't tell you how much, 'cause I'm learning, and I'll try it sometimes, I'll try to talk to people, and I'll say, well let me explain, and then I walk away and say, 'What in the world have I done, you know, whatever I say never works ....' " (Danny Shelton)

"But I am learning, let God fight the battles, hold your peace." (Danny Shelton)

"... sometimes I fight this thing, you know ...." (Danny Shelton)

"I can't defend myself. You can't defend yourself. I have nothing. The Lord showed me one time, when I said, 'Lord, I'm not guilty things these people are saying.' And the Lord said, 'You are guilty.' ... And I said, 'But I'm not.' And He said, 'No, you're a sinner. And as a sinner,' we're all sinners, and so we're all guilty, 'and you either have to let Me be your attorney all, all the time or not at all.' So I said, 'Okay, Lord, I'm guilty. You take it.' " (Danny Shelton)

"Our greatest and most difficult test under persecution is to resist responding in our own defense." (Shelley Quinn)

### **"Danny's Like John the Baptist Too"**

"And this is going to be a story some of you are familiar with. It's about a man who was called by the Lord, he was loved by the Lord, and he lived his early life in relative obscurity. But when God called him to public ministry, great multitudes of common people were drawn to him. Now to look at him you would not think that he was any candidate for this job. But what happened was, when you looked at him you would see that his manner of dress was very informal. He did not go to the religious universities, but he was still in the ministry of reaching broken people,

and he pointed them to their true creator God. His manner of speech could be best described, I guess you'd say as bold and direct and his preaching was very practical. He tried to wake up a people who were spiritually sleeping. They were spiritually dead. He was a simple man of the country and he emanated humility and faith in God." (Shelley Quinn)

### **"And the Doctor and Evil Linda Are like Herod and Herodias"**

We do not understand why Shelley would tell a story that could so easily be taken to be talking about Linda Shelton and her daughter, especially in light of the section above where they made it plain that they and Danny weren't going to defend themselves.

"As a faithful witness for God, he spoke out against a couple who had entered into a sinful relationship. Now the woman entangled in this situation became offended. She was embittered, and she felt scorned. And you know, there's something about her, that she was unconcerned about her relationship in the eyes of the Lord. Her worry revolved more around the possibility of losing her prominent position. So what did she do?" (Shelley Quinn)

### **"Linda's Daughter Is a Liar"**

"She devised a plan to eliminate this one who had exposed her, and she enlisted the help of her young daughter. Now prompted by her mother, this daughter became entangled in the web of deceit, and she set out to set her mother's position and save it by destroying this man of God. What we see here is that the scheme was to go forward and go straight for the throat and have his head served up on a platter.

"[Camera angle changes. Shelley is now holding a notebook she wasn't holding previously.] Does this story sound familiar to you? To whom am I referring? John the Baptist, of course." (Shelley Quinn)

## **"These Allegations Against Holy, Spirit-Filled Danny Are Vile Persecution"**

"Now, how could such a holy, Spirit-filled man, who was hand-picked by God and called to such an important ministry, fall victim to such vile persecution? Why would God allow it?" (Shelley Quinn)

## **"We're Being 'Mentally Molested,' but Believe You Me, We're on a 'Journey' 'of Purity' "**

Why in the world would Shelley Quinn and John Lomacang use terminology like what follows when Danny had had allegations of sexual assault leveled at him? Do they make a habit of embedding into programs terminology that could be understood as being secret messages?

"But the Bible forewarns us that we will face various fiery trials and persecutions. It tells us we'll be ill treated, we'll be discriminated against. We will be tormented, hounded, slandered, even mentally molested, if you will. People will speak evil of us and they will try to ruin our reputation with lies." (Shelley Quinn)

"The wilderness journey that we are now involved in is not one of uncertainty but one of purity." (John Lomacang)

## **"It's All the Devil's Doing, It's Satan at Work"**

"Our donors this year are up, uh, despite everything Satan is trying to do, Satan loves to destroy ministries ...." (Danny Shelton)

" 'Don't be discouraged, 'cause even in heaven, Satan had an advantage over God, because Satan could use all the sinful and terrible tactics to discredit God. So if people are using terrible tactics to discredit you,' he told us, 'Don't when you're being, uh, discouraged he said or discredited, or people are writing things about you,' and I want to say this to you at home, our temptation is let's fight back, let's .... ' If Satan used that tactic to win a third of the angels in heaven,

don't be discouraged because on earth you know he's going to do all of these things. Each one of us here, you at home. And so, just be encouraged, no matter what Satan is trying to do to you ...." (Danny Shelton)

"... use those tactics that he used in heaven to destroy you, to discourage you. The devil, uh, as Wintley Phipps said to me, He, God doesn't use his tactics. So the devil has an advantage, so to speak. ... So it is a fact that the devil may be able to rob us of our home, our physical home, he may be it rob us of our health, he can rob us of our finances, uh, he can rob us of a lot of things." (Danny Shelton)

" 'So surely as God has given you a work to do,' Danny, 'Satan will try to hinder you .... He may assault you with slander, torment you with false accusations.' Now that never happened, would it. 'Set you to work defending your character,' which is what we're talking about, lettin' the Lord do that. 'Employ pious people to lie about you, editors to assail you, and excellent men to slander you.' " (Mollie Steenson)

" 'Can you not see that the whole thing is brought about through the craft of the devil ....' " (Mollie Steenson)

### **"Linda Has the Spirit of Antichrist, Her Daughter Is Her Pawn, and They Both Are the Devil's Pawns"**

"Now her mother's using her as a pawn." (Shelley Quinn)

"So what should we do? First, we must recognize that all those who persecute us are just pawns in the devil's hand." (Shelley Quinn)

"And what happened when John told Herod this and Herod told Herodias, they were both offended and they had to be offended because of their pride. The Lord once shared this thought with me: 'The spirit of offence is the spirit of pride, and the spirit of pride is the spirit of Antichrist.' " (Shelley Quinn)

### **"God Talks to Us, So We Must Be All Right"**

It really is amazing how many times the various speakers refer to God speaking to them. The previous quote was also an example of this, and so was the quote where Danny said that God told him that he was guilty, which is the fourth quote under the section we've given a heading of, "**I'm Not Going to Defend Myself, I Promise.**"

"And the Lord says, 'I can trust Him. Just entitle it, 'I Can Trust Him.' ' And when you said, the two words that Wintley left with you were, 'Trust Me,' I thought, Hey, the same day He tells both of us, who didn't talk about anything today, I didn't, I haven't spoken to Wintley in a long time." (John Lomacang)

### **"Danny, You're the Lord's Anointed"**

Due to what Seventh-day Adventists teach about Daniel 9, many or most Adventists are familiar with the fact that the Hebrew word for "anointed one" is *Mashiach* or "Messiah," and the Greek is *Christos* or "Christ."

The last place where the terminology "Lord's anointed" occurs in the Bible is Revelation 11:15 where it says, "The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ." That passage is actually a reference to a prophecy found in Psalm 2. In Psalm 2 the "heathen" or nations, the people, the kings, and the rulers oppose the Lord and "his anointed," and the Lord promises, "Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance" (vss. 1, 2, 7, 8). Revelation 11:5 pictures the time when Christ will finally, literally inherit the nations.

In the light of these passages, the following quotes are a bit disturbing.

"Danny you'll appreciate this, because, we've got to come to this conclusion. Uh. When I, and I'm saying this, I'm not blowing my own horn. But when you know ... when the Lord anoints your life ... when the Lord anoints you, along with that anointing comes a promise. ... So when the Lord anoints you as He has—it's obvious, Danny, that the Lord's anointing is on your life—does that say that the Lord anoints perfect people? No. There's not a writer in the Bible that was perfect. I mean, Moses, we looked at, what a great man!" [John looks at Danny and asks:] "Have you killed anybody?" (John Lomacang)

[Danny answers John:] "Not recently. No, never, I hope." (Danny Shelton)

[John interjects:] "Ah, never!" (John Lomacang)

[Danny adds:] "But, you know, we can kill people with our words. And I've probably been guilty of that. So I ask God to forgive me." (Danny Shelton)

[John continues:] "Moses killed an Egyptian in his anger ...." (John Lomacang)

"So when God chooses a man and God chooses a woman and anoints them, along with that anointing comes the promise of God, 'He is the saving refuge of His anointed.'" (John Lomacang)

### **"Once Anointed, Always Anointed"**

"It's, it's neat, John, that, that that anointing, or that choosing is not only for a day or two." (Walt Thompson)

### **"God Warns, 'No Church Discipline, No Court Case, No Investigation Against Danny' "**

"And then other thing, there's a promise that God has for us, and there's a warning that God has for others. He says, 'Touch not the Lord's anointed, and do my prophet no harm. Now when we look at the men in the Bible that were prophets, not a one of them were faultless, not a one of them without, were out mistakes and sin in their lives. But God says, 'When I anoint a man, when I anoint a woman, it's my job to straighten them out.' Anyone who takes that job is stepping on God's territory, and God will deal with those who try to usurp the thing that belongs only to Him.'" (John Lomacang)

### **"We're Going to Ignore Every Allegation, Every Criticism, Every Question"**



"The Bible says, 'The Lord will fight for you. You won't need to lift a finger.' Isn't that good news? Don't even lift a finger. God's got the battle under control." (John Lomacang)

" 'Do your work. Let liars lie.' " (Mollie Steenson)

" 'He has not set you at work to contradict falsehoods with, which Satan and his servants,' and his servants, have, have, uh, 'may start or peddle.' " (Mollie Steenson)

"It was not until Moses turned from listening to the complaining of the people, to listening to the instructions of the Lord that the obstacles were removed and the people moved forward." (John Lomacang)

### **"If We Investigate, It Could Delay the Second Coming"**

"We were nearing home. I want to say this, friends. When you go through all the trials of life, and you finally see the gleams of the golden streets of heaven ...." (John Lomacang)

"But all we wanted, friends, is what everybody else wants, we wanted to get home. The distance between Florida and California had not changed. The distance between heaven and earth is the same. So the longer we stood around and complained about the distance, the circumstances, the vehicle, the people we met on the way, we would just delay getting home." (John Lomacang)

### **"Linda, Linda's Daughter, and All You Critics, Shut Up!"**

" 'And you shall hold your peace.' In other words, just shut up and let God handle God's work." (John Lomacang)

"God is fighting our battles for us. It's time to stop complaining, because we have no idea of real, hard times." (John Lomacang)

"Stop complaining! Stop backbiting! Stop faultfinding! Stop trying to tell the Lord how to finish His work. Stop spinning your wheels on the same old issues, and go forward!" (John Lomacang)

### **"I Plan on Remaining President of 3ABN"**

"We want to be able to help lead in a min, in a ministry in leadership position, but what we need before we can help others is revival and reformation, so, I'm not ashamed to say that we're all sinners saved by grace, that we all make mistakes, and sometimes we have to set back and just say, 'Lord, help me. Sometimes I tend to fight my own battles. I want You to do that.' " (Danny Shelton)

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**Duane Clem Fired for "Bad Attitude"  
(Being a Whistle Blower?)**

Duane Clem was fired for a "bad attitude" at 3ABN around 1988. Here he tells his side of the story.

**Duane Clem's Account**

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Duane Clem

**Subject:** Re: Glenn Dryden, Tommy Shelton, etc.

**Date:** Wed, 03 Jan 2007 00:09:13 +0000

I will first address my "bad attitude" and subsequent termination from 3ABN. I started as a volunteer in 1986 (I believe) as a camera operator when 3ABN was just in its infancy. In fact, the first program I worked on, it was me and the two broadcast engineers on the cameras. Now, THAT'S a skeleton crew. I eventually was put on payroll and began working in master control on a full time basis. Some time later (several months) a position opened up in production and I went back to cameras and floor directing, then learned audio and graphics, and eventually became an assistant director. I directed Kenny Shelton's "Behold The Lamb" program for quite some time.

**[Donate Overtime?]**

Danny called a meeting one day and explained that the ministry was operating on a tight budget. He told us it would be a "big help" if we would "donate" all hours over 40 hours a week so he didn't have to pay us overtime pay. He also stated that the SDA church as a whole was beginning to put pressure on him because people were being paid to work on the Sabbath, and would we mind if he asked us to volunteer if we did any work on Saturday. He told he realized that some of us were not Adventists, but that this would really be best for the ministry. There were at least 4 or 5 of us in the production department that were

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non-Adventist, but we did agree to his proposal. (What were we thinking?!?) We did very little production on Saturday anyway.

### **[Scheduled on Sabbath; Travel Expenses]**

After agreeing to this, things began to change. You can probably see where this is going. Production began to be scheduled on a regular basis almost every Saturday. When we (Adventists and non-Adventists alike) expressed our concerns about it, Danny told us that if we wanted to remain employed at 3ABN we would follow management's decisions. Keep in mind that 3ABN refused to pay for our meals or even buy us a motel room when we went on remote shoots. I was bringing home about \$200 per week at the time. Danny said that we seemed ungrateful and he knew of several people who would love to work at 3ABN for what we were making, and possibly even volunteer. He also stated, and I quote, "Very few of our employees donate anything to this ministry." I guess working for free over 40 hours and on Saturday isn't donating.

### **[Department of Labor Audit]**

Not knowing what else to do, I contacted Mr. Chris Rybak (he no longer works there) at the Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division. I was told that even if we agreed to this proposal, it was not legal because of the way the labor laws were set up. He said he would do a "random" audit of 3ABN and their pay records. He did arrive one afternoon and interviewed several employees, myself included. We were in a private office with the door closed, only he and I in the room. I told him, in detail, what had been happening. The NEXT DAY, in "worship" before we began production, Danny launched into a tirade that someone had called Mr. Rybak and told him the whole situation, and that this was going to cost 3ABN "a lot of money" in back overtime. To this day, I think they had a hidden mike in the office taping the conversation.

### **[Termination]**

The next week, I was transferred back to master control (an entry level position) and scheduled for straight midnights.

When I asked why, I was never given a straight answer. (Just making some changes, we needed someone with experience in there, etc.) After my 4th week or so on midnights, I asked Ronnie, Danny's brother who was there at the time, why I was still in master control. He told me there was no particular reason. I then was bold enough to tell him that I thought it was because I called Wage and Hour. Ronnie looked me in the eye and said, "Well, it's not because of the phone call, but the attitude that made you make the phone call." Bingo! Just what I had suspected. I asked how they knew it was me, and Ronnie said Chris Rybak had told them. I contacted Mr. Rybak the next day and told him this, and he said he would have lost his job for doing so because there are protections in place for whistle-blowers. I knew this already, I just wanted to hear him say it. The next week I was working my shift and May Chung came strolling through the door. She sat down and made small talk for a few minutes and then started telling me what a "privilege" it is to work in a ministry such as 3ABN, and how blessed I should feel to be there. The next day when I picked up my paycheck, there was a note inside it telling me I was terminated because I had a "bad attitude". They didn't even fire me to my face. I may still have the note somewhere, but it will take me ages to find it. If I come across it, I'll fax it to you.

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The more I read what the two of you are posting, the more I can see that you really do want to see the corruption and deceit end at 3ABN. I hope someone is able to get it done. It's been there long enough.

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### Background to the Problem

On June 4, 2004, Linda Shelton signed an extremely unusual separation agreement that such separation agreements are in and of themselves unusual, but it is rare that agreement upon termination from a company also has the effect of preventing you : saying anything negative about your ex-spouse.

Of course, that would not constitute anything unethical, if both ex-spouses agreed t Yet in this situation we have only Linda making such an agreement, and 3ABN pre Shelton and his supporters remaining free to say anything they want about Linda in choose, unless the agreement implies more than what it states.

What is really problematic is that Danny Shelton used this separation agreement to from defending herself at her own church trial. The correspondence documenting tl considered on [page two](#) of this series.

### The Separation Agreement, aka, the Gag Order

**Separation Agreement Between  
Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc.  
and  
Linda Shelton**

Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc. ("Three Angels") and Li Shelton ("Mrs. Shelton"), hereby agree to the following terms and conditions:

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4. All the above payment amounts represent gross severance pay at settlement figures, and the actual amount given to Mrs. Shelton will be reduced by the amount that employers are required to withhold by law for state and federal income taxes and other mandatory withholdings.

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5. Linda Shelton agrees that, in consideration for the \$90,000 which she will receive in seven days from the time that both parties sign this agreement, she will not bring any lawsuit, legal action, or other claim against Three Angels Broadcasting Network, any of its officers or directors, or any of its employees, in any court, forum, tribunal or proceeding for damages, whether compensatory or punitive, compensation, or other relief.

6. Linda Shelton agrees that, in consideration for the \$90,000 and for the monthly payments that will commence in January 2005, that she will make public statements critical of Three Angels, the board of directors, any of its officers or employees. Public statements include those made on air, whether via radio or television, in print, whether in newspapers, magazines, books or other printed sources, or circulated on the internet in the form of e-mail or web-postings, or made at churches or other public meeting sites. She also agrees that she will not make statements in private for her friends, agents, or third parties to attribute to her in a public manner as described above. If her friends, agents or other third parties make public statements critical of Three Angels, Mrs. Shelton shall immediately, upon notification by Three Angels, cooperate with Three Angels and request that the writing and by telephone, if reasonably possible, that public statements made by third parties discontinue. If she does not so cooperate, any such public statements by third parties will be considered to be those of Mrs. Shelton and will be viewed as violation of this section, and will result in the termination of the payments to her described in Section 3.

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AGREED TO:

Linda Shelton June 4, 2004  
Linda Shelton Date

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Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc. Date  
Dr. Walter Thompson, Chairman

Danny Shelton 6-04-04  
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Danny Shelton Date 6-04-04  
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On October 27, 2005, Linda Shelton received a letter from Pastor John Lomacang informing her that a Thompsonville Church business meeting would consider the question of whether she should be disciplined by being placed under church censure for abandoning her marriage and ministry.

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Accordingly, Linda asked her ex-husband Danny Shelton on November 14 whether she could be released from her gag order so that she could freely defend herself at that church trial. Here are four emails, reproduced in their entirety, sent back and forth between them regarding this:

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- Leonard Westphal
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----- Original Message -----

**From:** Linda Shelton  
**To:** Danny Shelton  
**Subject:** Re: Re:  
**Date:** 11/14/2005 7:25:09 AM

I need a written release from the contract I signed with 3ABN, in regards to the subject matter in question, in order to speak freely regarding this situation publically. I need to know the date in which you can provide this documentation.

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**From:** Danny Shelton  
**To:** Linda Shelton  
**Subject:** Re: Re:  
**Date:** Monday, November 14, 2005 11:14 AM

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I have no idea what you are talking about! You have released your separation agreement on the internet in violation of the agreement itself. So you have the date as it is written and shown on your web page. What subject matter are you talking about? You sound like some lawyers-making no sense whatsoever.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Linda Shelton  
**To:** Danny Shelton  
**Subject:** Re: Re:  
**Date:** 11/14/2005 11:48:14 AM

The contract does not specify as to making the contract available for others to see or not.

The contract does somewhat limit what I can say publically about those involved at 3ABN, including yourself. So do I speak with you or someone else in regards to being released from the contract so I may freely speak publically about the actions of people at 3ABN at the church business meeting requested by John Lomacang? You are well aware of this situation as I received emails from you regarding such.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Danny Shelton  
**To:** Linda Shelton  
**Subject:** Re: Re:  
**Date:** Monday, November 14, 2005 2:33 PM

I don't know if 3ABN would release you or not. 3ABN has kept their part of the agreement, but I would think that you would at least be offering to give the \$150,000 or so dollars back to 3ABN that you have received so far plus be willing to forfeit the \$6,000 a month for the duration of the contract before asking for a release.

## Your Thoughts?

Do you have a comfort level regarding Danny's response? Or does it bother

you?

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**Why Is Linda Still Silent?**

"Joe Smith" posted these interesting comments back on January 19, 2007. What makes them particularly relevant to us is our belief that they were written by Ronnie Shelton, brother of 3ABN president Danny Shelton.

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<b>Joe Smith</b>	<b>Jan 19 2007, 10:39 AM</b>
	Well SISTER, I am still waiting for the proof.... this is the 2nd time I have ask for it.
	Quoting you.... "Put up or shut up"..
	By the way, we all know so the 'GAG ORDER' is up..... why isn't Linda speaking out now???
	Joe
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He made a good point, didn't he?

We are certain that the following is another post by Ronnie, using the user name Task Force. Unfortunately, Task Force got banned on February 2 for some disrespectful comments to the forum administrator, but even so, Ronnie's point is well taken:

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<b>task force</b>	<b>Feb 2 2007, 11:06 AM</b>
	Now you are quilty of doing what you accused so many others of doing... switching the subject from the

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	<p>slanderous accusations of sexual orientation of other Sheltons .. that's not going away!</p> <p>The proof exist.. why do you think Linda, since you brought her name up, is not talking now that the gag order expired at the end of December?.. she knows there is proof! She doesn't want it out there.</p>
	<p>Forum: <a href="#">3ABN</a> · Post Preview: <a href="#">#174649</a> · Replies: 54 · Views: 1,259</p>

Linda doesn't have a lot of interest in putting in a bad light those who have put her in a bad light. That is commendable. But on February 14, 2007, Linda broke her silence by calling for the evidence against her to be made public.

Danny Shelton and 3ABN have thus far chosen not to honor that request. No evidence has yet been produced. Thus we have decided to sift through some pertinent correspondence and post excerpts from it, without Linda's collaboration or review.

### February 5, 2004: No Problems Yet

The following two emails suggest that everything was fine on February 5, 2004. Note the friendly, cordial, hopeful tone of both messages.

#### Linda to Danny on February 5, 2004

----- Original Message -----  
**From:** Arild Abrahamsen  
**To:** [Danny Shelton]  
**Date:** Thursday, February 05, 2004 5:47 AM

Hi Hon,

Sorry I've been unable to communicate before now...our sleeping schedule and activity schedule and the international phone not working has conflicted with getting through to you. But I'm sure you've been busy too.

Norway is gorgeous, but what makes it the most special is that I'm seeing a miracle happen right before my eyes with Nathan. The transformation is incredible. He looks great.



He's gained weight, He's quit smoking and his attitude has been great. He's developed a real trust and friendship with the doctor, and he'd like to come back in the summer. I'm hoping you will allow Nathan to stay in the apartments for a couple of weeks when he gets home so his drug friends won't have easy access to him. Please pray about it.

We leave tomorrow and I look forward to seeing you in Atlanta. Should I meet you outside of customs You can e-mail me back at this address if you have a chance. Well, gotta go.

Love you,

LINDA

### Danny to Linda on February 5, 2004

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Danny Shelton

**To:** Arild Abrahamsen

**Subject:** Re:

**Date:** Thu, 5 Feb 2004 07:06:02 -0600

Hi Linda Sue,

Glad everything is going well. I woke up this morning to about 3" of snow! not good. Anyway, I suppose we'll meet you in baggage claim, after customs. I'm glad Nathan is doing better. I have been praying about his situation.

See you tomorrow night, if the runway is cleared for take off. I hope the snow will stop and the weather straighten out by then.

Love,

Your Hubby

ps. By the way, my phone number is \*\*\* \*\*\*\_\*\*\*\* or \*\*\*-\*\*\*\*, in case you've forgotten.

## The Straw That Broke the Camel's Back

But by April 27, just eleven weeks and five days later, Danny had found an issue that was utterly insurmountable, and which in his mind justified ending the marriage.

As one peruses the correspondence of the weeks and months that followed February 5, even correspondence written long after the June 2004 Guam divorce, Danny seems fixated on two issues:

- Allegedly frequent and long phone calls between Linda and Dr. Arild Abrahamasen.
- Alleged vacations planned by Linda and Dr. Arild Abrahamasen.

We say "allegedly" and "alleged" because:

- The two sides differ in their accounts of what actually transpired, such as the frequency and duration of the phone calls, and Danny's word has proven to be in error on multiple occasions.
- Current phone card rates to Norway mandate that the number of billed minutes be divided by a factor of 7 or 20 (depending on if the phone called in Norway was a land line or a cellphone) in order to determine the actual time spent on the phone.
- The alleged "vacations" took place after the divorce. In some instances these trips were for medical treatment, and in other instances they were to be to locations where Dr. Arild Abrahamasen was not going to be.

But regardless of the truth of the matter, we know that neither phone calls nor vacations was what caused Danny to decide to end his marriage of nearly twenty years. Rather, the straw that broke the camel's back was something a bit different. Here's how Danny put it to one of Linda's family members on April 27, 2004:

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Danny Shelton

**To:** \*\*\*\*\*

**Subject:** Re: \*\*\* \*\*\* \*\*\* here; personal & confidential

**Date:** Tuesday, April 27, 2004 6:12 PM

\*\*\*\*\*,

Please advise Linda that it is time to leave me and start a new life for herself. Anytime that our relationship would degrade to the point that she would listen to such foolish advice as hiding my gun, the relationship is over. In 22

years that I have known her I have never even gotten mad at her enough to shoot a paper wad at her, let alone a real gun. Besides you only had her hide one gun and I have two. I will not try to stop her from leaving and going to the doctor. At this point I would welcome it.

With the advice that she is getting from family she will never be able to put aside all the "junk advice that she has gotten from them. Her life's a mess now. Thanks to bad advice, she no longer has a chance, nor the witts to put it aside and save her marriage.

As you know, I've taken care of her for 20 years. She's going to need you more now than ever before. I do hope all that advice turns into more than just words. She needs you to be there loving her and caring for her needs and helping her financially if so necessary in the future.

Danny

Seventh-day Adventists do not believe that hiding a gun constitutes biblical grounds for divorce.

## **Biblical Grounds for Divorce?**

### **Not by March 25**

Did Danny have biblical grounds for his quickie, June 2004 divorce in Guam? Not by March 25 he didn't, according to his own words. Writing from Linda's 3ABN email account, Danny had this to say to Dr. Abrahamsen:

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Linda Shelton

**To:** Arild Abrahamsen

**Organization:** Three Angels Broadcasting Network

**Date:** Thu, 25 Mar 2004 20:17:39 -0600

...

There is only one name for this sin. Pastor John says it is spiritual adultery, which is the same in God's sight as physical adultery. ...

...

### Not by April 14. What is Spiritual Adultery?

Now what might "spiritual adultery" be? The next email provides a key, one written on April 14. Actually, the key is in the article that Danny attached a link to, an article we'll comment on below.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Danny Shelton  
**To:** [Arild Abrahamsen]  
**Subject:** Emailing: 8207  
**Date:** Wed, 14 Apr 2004 08:11:19 -0500

At best, this represents, what you have done. Today is the day we start contacting your church leaders.

### Things You Should First/Only Tell Your Spouse

Attached to the email above was a link to an article entitled "Spiritual Adultery," an article posted by John Mark Ministries. That article gives a quote that defines "spiritual adultery," a quote from the book *Why Some Christians Commit Adultery*:

... "the first and greatest cause of 'sexual' adultery, among well-meaning Christians, is 'spiritual' adultery [which happens when] married persons share with someone else what ought to have been shared first or only with their own spouses" (p.7).

("Spiritual Adultery").

One would be hard pressed to find a Seventh-day Adventist anywhere in the world who would maintain that this constitutes biblical grounds for divorce. Any Seventh-day Adventist who divorces their spouse for such things would run the risk of being subjected to church discipline.

Not that spouses are free to confide personal matters with anyone and everyone they choose. There is a sacred circle around the home, and certain things just should not be divulged outside that circle.

Noticeable exceptions might be when an individual's life or health is in danger.

## Not by the Date the Divorce Was Final

Below is an email from Danny to Pastor Johann Thorvaldsson in which he outlines the possible times Linda might have committed adultery. Of course, when we consider his claims of "vacations," we must ask ourselves whether these trips were for the purpose of medical treatment or vacations, whether there was a group involved or just two individuals. While what Danny says must certainly be considered, we cannot condemn Linda solely on his testimony since his testimony has proven to be unreliable too many times.

Be that as it may, he lists the following times when he claims Linda and Dr. Abrahamsen were together in the same place:

- Around the time of the May 2004 camp meeting.
- Around June 24, three days after their divorce was final on June 21, 2004.
- During a trip to Norway in July 2004.

Obviously, the latter two "vacations" could not be used as biblical grounds for the divorce, since the divorce was already final before they occurred.

And the visit by Pastor Johann Thorvaldsson and Dr. Arild Abrahamsen to 3ABN in May 2004, that visit was made in order to be able to share their side of the story at the 3ABN board meeting, a side which denied that any adultery or affair had taken place. To make that visit out to be evidence of an affair when that very visit all the way from Norway was meant to deny that any affair had occurred, it just seems like a stretch.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Danny Shelton

**To:** Johann Thorvaldsson

**Subject:**

**Date:** Sunday, August 08, 2004 9:20 AM

Johann, it's amazing that you and your daughter and Linda's boyfriend the Dr., all try to convince her I'm crazy because I seem to talk out of two sides of my mouth when referring to her sinful relationship with this Dr.

...

I would love to see how you and your daughter or daughter in law, or whoever this woman is that Linda says is saying

that I'm crazy enough to possibly kill her, and Linda's boyfriend, Dr. Abrahamson, would view Jesus after reading some of His statements in the bible. Would they think He is crazy too?

...

... They all told her that spiritual adultery virtually always turns into physical adultery. They told her that eventually these "innocent" conversations with this other man would end up in meeting together physically. Because before very long these long conversations would not be enough to fill her emotional needs. The next step would be to meet together which virtually always takes this problem from spiritual adultery to physical.

How right they were, as soon plans of secret meetings behind my back began to come to my attention. Some of them I was able to intervene but others I could not stop. As you know she just spent nearly 3 weeks in Norway with this man because she cannot keep herself away from him. Only two weeks before this vacation he came to America and they spent a 4 day vacation together in Springfield Il. Only and month or so before that they met again.

Our divorce was 3 days old when they went on vacation together ....

...

Anyway, I'm happy to take a psychiatric exam at the same time you and Aril Abrahamson and Linda all take one. Maybe we'll find out who's really crazy!

Still your friend tho I don't agree with you

Danny

...

## Why Was Linda Traveling?

The following email of July 17, 2004, puts it quite well regarding why Linda was traveling about so much the summer of 2004. The first paragraph is also particularly enlightening.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Linda Shelton  
**To:** Danny Shelton  
**Subject:** Re:  
**Date:** Saturday, July 17, 2004 10:34 AM

Dan,

Your perception is totally wrong. When I was accused on March 7 I was completely innocent. I tried to correct the problems by quitting contact with this doctor. It didn't help. You accused, you condemned, you demanded confessions (that I could not in honesty confess.) You were out of control. Your big mouth starting going from one to another and in a very short time it was too late. My reputation was already gone by the end of March. In April you sent the e-mail to my family saying our marriage was over. The only way at this point that you could have redeemed the situation is if you made a public confession that you over-reacted and things were not as they appeared to you. But your ego would not let you do that. That's why we are where we are today. Even the divorce was an over-reaction. A 19 year marriage should not go down the drain in three months.

I had a lot of hope for reconciliation for a long time. I prayed, I cried, I begged God to help you see the truth. But I don't see any hope right now. The trust factor is demolished. But I don't hate you. I am praying that God will help me to REALLY forgive you because there is still resentment lurking in my system over this. The best thing we can do right now is just go on with life. Perhaps time will help heal the scars more effectively. Right now I NEED the support of my friends and family. This has been extremely devastating and I need time to heal. So I hope you will STOP with all the P.I.'s and phone bugs and whatever else you are doing and just let me heal. I hope that the Lord will continue to bless 3ABN and that it will not be adversely affected by all of this. I will always love this ministry. And I will always care about you too!! ( I've told you that many times!) But right now I have to care about my broken spirit...and I believe the traveling will help. Bless you!!

LS

## Another Perspective

Various ones weighed in on the matter in those early days. Here is the perspective of one of Linda's close relatives as written to yet another close relative:

----- Original Message -----

**From:** \*\*\*\*\*

**To:** \*\*\*\*\*

**CC:** Linda Shelton

**Subject:** Linda

**Date:** Sat, 29 May 2004 09:58:13 -0700

Dear \*\*\*\*\*: Linda is going through an extremely difficult time right now. You may have heard that Danny has accused her of "spiritual adultery" and has caused an international scandal within the Seventh Day Adventist Church. He is a con artist with his ability to talk and it never stops. On the other hand, he wants Linda to sweep everything under the carpet and go on with their marriage. He is either having a nervous breakdown or has developed a mental disorder.

The problem started awhile before Nathan's drug problem became an issue. Danny's feeling was expressed stating Linda had no reason to speak with anyone but him about anything -- in other words he did not want her talking to anyone. He would allow her to speak with her family and to him alone. This statement was made several times and for no real reason. Then Nathan's drug problem became known and Linda asked Danny if Nathan could move in with them. Danny said that Nathan was Linda's son and it was her problem, that he did not want Nathan or Nathan's friends in the house.

About that same time, a doctor from Norway came to visit the station. Linda spoke with him about Nathan and the doctor (Dr. Abrahamsen) said he could help him but Nathan had to go to Norway because the method was not accepted here in the United States. To make a long story short, Nathan did go to Norway for a 10-day treatment. Linda and a friend from 3ABN went over later. Nathan made a drastic improvement and they all returned to the United States; however, Nathan returned to his use of Meth. Linda continued to be in contact with the doctor about Nathan, and that is when Danny went beserk and started accusing her of spiritual adultery, claiming she should only be talking with him.



Now Danny goes around telling everyone -- 3ABN, the National Conference for SDA, the World Church for SDA, etc. -- that Linda has committed "adultery" (not mentioning the "spiritual" aspect of it), and she has been barred from entering 3ABN property, threatened [with] the loss of her job (she is on a 30-day leave which expires this week), and speaking engagements have been cancelled. On top of that he wants to continue the marriage .... On the other side, Danny continually asks for a divorce, stating he does not want to be married to her. This, of course, is contradictory and puts Linda in a constant state of dilemma.

Linda told [a close relative] about the situation first. I had sent e-mail messages and telephoned her several times without a response. I finally called [that close relative] and asked her if she had heard from Linda lately. She started crying and asked if I had not heard? I said, heard what? That's when I learned of the situation and have been in contact with Linda on a daily basis ever since.

Danny has had Linda under surveillance, her phones tapped, her computer tapped, and she has been emotionally upset over this. Linda does have a new laptop that Danny does not know about and you can contact her at \*\*\*\*\*@\*\*\*\*\*. Her cell number is \*\*\*.\*\*\*.\*\*\*\*. She is staying with Alyssa for the past week and will drive back to West Frankfort on Monday or Tuesday. Linda has been staying with friends as much as possible.

I'm sure Linda would like to hear from you and will appreciate your love and support during this difficult and completely unexpected period in her life.

Love ..., \*\*\*\*\*

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In some ways sorting through 3ABN president Danny Shelton's correspondence can be extremely confusing. Take for example his email below in which he invites Dr. Abrahamsen to appear before the 3ABN board and give his side of the story.

Danny Shelton accused Dr. Arild Abrahamsen of having an affair with his then wife, Linda Shelton, an accusation Dr. Abrahamsen denied. On April 21, 2004, Danny tells him straight out that he can meet with the board and explain everything.

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**Date:** Wed, 21 Apr 2004 08:21:02 -0500

Doctor,

Johann says that if you believe my wife needs support because of lies being told or whatever, you will come across the ocean and save her. I would be most happy for you to come and have a meeting with my board and conference President and explain to them ....

...

Now consider Danny Shelton's threat of forced removal if Dr. Abrahamsen dares accept Danny's invitation by coming to the May 2004 Camp Meeting, which was immediately followed by the 3ABN board meeting.

Of course, Danny was being rude in more than one way. If he didn't want Elder

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Thorvaldsson and Dr. Abrahamsen coming to 3ABN to appear before the board, why didn't he have the courtesy to let them know that before they bought their tickets, or at the very least, before they had already arrived in the United States?

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Mollie Steenson  
**To:** Johann Thorvaldsson  
**Subject:** 3ABN  
**Date:** Thursday, May 27, 2004 4:57 PM

Dear Johann,

It has come to my attention that you and Dr. Abrahamsen are planning to attend the 3ABN Camp Meeting this week. Please be made aware that you aren't welcome here at this time and under these circumstances. If you choose to come anyway, you will place us in a position where we will have to have you removed from the premises.

If you would like to discuss this with me, please call me at 1-618-627-4651 x 3009, or 1-618-218-2519.

Danny Shelton

Are such wild and extreme fluctuations of thought the product of a sane and reasonable mind?

For the record, Seventh-day Adventists believe in due process, in considering the accused to be innocent until proven guilty, in letting all parties in a dispute fairly present their side of the story. Thus, the general feeling among Adventists would likely be that Danny Shelton should never have broken his promise to Dr. Abrahamsen that he could come and present his side to the board.

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# **"She Will Not Be Fired Because of Her Relationship with the Doctor" So Said 3ABN President Danny Shelton**

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Danny Shelton in the email below is quite emphatic: The 3ABN Board was not going to fire Linda because of his claims of an inappropriate relationship.

Why then was she fired? Does anyone know? Can anyone tell us?

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Danny Shelton  
**To:** Johann Thorvaldsson  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 4, 2004 2:04 AM

Johann,

The doctor and Linda continue to lie about their relationship.

The doctor told the Union President that he hardly ever has talked to my wife since she came back from Norway.

He says he never calls her. ...

...

Yesterday Walt talked to him and told him the consequences of him ever talking to her again. ...

...

Johann, the board is meeting as I type this. I'm afraid I know the outcome, and it's not good for her.

... I told her that if she would promise me and the board to

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quit communicating with him for one month, that I would try to talk them out of possibly firing her this week. Though I don't know if that's what will happen, I do know it looks bad.

... I was shocked but said to her I needed to hear something right away as the board is meeting this evening.

...

I called Walt back and told him to do whatever they were going to do as Linda apparently didn't care enough to finish discussing it.

... So at this moment the board is having to decide her fate.

...

...

Johann, you'll never wake up! ...

By the way, the board will not fire her for my claims of the relationship between her and the doctor. If they fire her it will be for other honest reasons that you know not at this time.

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**April 16, 2004:**

### **"I Felt Dan Was Trying to Make Me Choose Between Him and My Son"**

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What follows is a very early, unfinished account from former 3ABN vice-president Linda Shelton's perspective regarding what happened in early 2004 that led to the demise of her marriage with Danny Shelton. It was sent to Elder and Mrs. Thorvaldsson on April 16, 2004, just one day after Danny and Linda had gone to Wichita for marriage counseling with the Ryans, as recommended by their brother-in-law.

It would appear that this account represents the type of information that Linda, Elder Thorvaldsson, and Dr. Abrahamsen would have shared with the board if they had been allowed and/or encouraged to do so.

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**From:** Linda Shelton  
**To:** Johann Thorvaldsson  
**Subject:** Re: Greetings  
**Date:** Friday, April 16, 2004 4:18 PM

Hi Johann & Irmgard,

This is the partial story of the events I told you I was going to record. I think it helps clear up alot of problems.

We went to the marriage counselor yesterday. Although nothing much has changed, it was a good day. Dan is no longer saying I have to say the doctor was of the devil. One thing the counselor did say to Dan which was a bit comical was, "I get so tired of hearing you talk...please listen." He also said, "50% of everything that comes out of your mouth is a put-down to your wife." But, like I said, I think the Lord blessed in spite of the fact that nothing much changed, except two more people know what's going on in our lives.

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Irmgard, my prayers are with you. Keep looking to Jesus. He is giving you the strength for this battle. Your peace of mind and your positive outlook is critical at this time. I wish I could be there to try to make you laugh. I've got some great stories after yesterday! God bless you!!

Love you,

Linda Shelton

This story begins last September when Dan & I went to Denmark. There we met Irmgard, Johann's wife, for the first time. (Johann is a retired Pastor who is promoting 3ABN in Europe.) (Delightful people.) Just one week after this trip I received an e-mail from Johann stating that Irmgard had been diagnosed with bone cancer. I contacted them several times making them aware of individuals which could help them here in America. They decided to come to 3ABN for some treatments by some local people. Meanwhile they met a doctor from Norway over the phone who invited them to come to Norway. Irmgard said she needed to go to 3ABN first...and then this particular doctor felt impressed to go to 3ABN as well. He had been watching 3ABN for about 4 years. I met Dr. Abrahamsen through Johann & Irmgard about the last week of December, towards the end of his visit. Then I mentioned to him about the condition of my son, Nathan.

Nathan was just 15 when his father (who is not a Christian) took me to court to get custody of Nathan. Although the father had spent little time with Nathan during his childhood, Nathan was thrilled when all of a sudden he received special attention from him and the encouragement to move in with him. He promised lots of fishing and hunting time together. Making a long story short, I lost custody of Nathan. Less than a year later Nathan wanted to come home to live with us, but his father would not let him, and the law did not support him doing this. After this, Nathan's life became a terrible and horrifying journey as he chose a wild lifestyle with alcohol, drugs, etc. Nathan is alive today because of the grace of God, and a lot of prayer. Nathan worked in the coal mines from ages 21-23. (He's 23 now) Thus, he was able to afford the most addicting drug on the market today which is known as "meth." In one year's time, he says, he spent \$20,000 on this drug. As a result

Nathan looked like one of the starved Jews out of a Nazi camp with scars from the affects of the drugs all over his face and neck. Additionally, Nathan had been exposed to dangerous chemicals in the mines and he was a physical wreck. As his mother, I have been begging God for a miracle for many years.

It was a miracle when I was able to convince Nathan to go and see Dr. Abrahamsen while he was here. He tested Nathan and, of course, discovered that he was in a terrible physical condition. He said, "I think I can help you but you would need to come to Norway." Somewhere in the conversation he offered Nathan a place to stay and also treatments which would help him physically...and Nathan actually agreed to go. It was scheduled for Nathan and his girlfriend, Dava, to go about January 21. I talked to this doctor only a couple of times making the arrangements for this trip. Dan's opinion was that the doctor sounded like a "quack" but he thought just a month away from his friends would help.

Next, my best friend (of two years), Brenda and I flew to Norway to give Nathan support. We arrived on Monday night February 2 and we left Friday morning, February 6. I was amazed at the difference in Nathan's appearance in only 10 days. He was gaining weight, his scars were healing and his attitude was 100% improved. I praised God that finally my miracle had come for my son. Afterwards, when home again, I called to check on Nathan about twice a week. One conversation with the doctor alerted me to the fact that he felt that Nathan's foundational problem was that he really wanted a Dad. His blood father had kicked him out of the house when he was 18. At that time I asked my husband if he could move in with us to nurture him back to the Lord. Dan refused. He said, "Nathan is just too different now with his drinking and smoking and drugs. And what if he brought his friends over to the house?" I felt really bad about the doctor's conclusion and I went to Dan in January and said, "We really failed Nathan when we didn't invite him to live with us when he was 18. He really needed us." Dan in general responded, "That was your marriage, it's your kid and it's not my responsibility...and don't think for a minute he's going to move in with us when he gets home from Norway." Again I was reminded I had to fight for Nathan's life alone.



Brenda and I had a pleasant visit with the doctor while we stayed in his home. He had lost his wife just last August, and when he got home from work, in the evenings we were able to make him laugh and get his mind off of his sorrows. He invited Brenda to come back in June for treatments, since she was in a bad physical condition...he even offered to pay for her plane ticket. When Brenda and I left Norway, we both felt we had gained a friend.

February was a heavy month of traveling for Dan & myself. The first week I was in Norway. The second weekend we were in Florida. The third week we went to the Philippines. And the fourth weekend we were in Kansas. But between February 8, when I got home from Norway, and March 9, when we counseled with our Pastor, I am accused of committing spiritual adultery...to the extent that my husband has told me six times that he now has grounds to re-marry. Additionally, the doctor was in Africa one of those weeks, so that leaves approximately 2 weeks where this adultery had to have happened. Dan obtained the records from a calling card that I had which revealed that there were calls on 3 days out of 10, and these longer calls began to occur when Nathan came home (the latter part of February) and started having drug problems again, and also I started having serious problems with Dan. Although I never discussed Dan with the doctor early on, when the serious problems began, the doctor was a friend that I felt would keep things confidential...and he was 6000 miles away.

When I arrived home from Norway I told Dan that I'd found a friend in this doctor and that Nathan was doing excellent. Twice, when I was talking to the doctor on the phone, Dan came and pulled the phone away from my ear so he could listen. (Let me point out here that I've never done this to Dan when he was talking to a female.) When the subject changed from "Nathan" to something else Dan said "Hang up." I explained to Dan that when he is raising funds for 3ABN that he never just said "Hello, would you send 3ABN \$10,000?" He always had a warm, friendly conversation and he made friends with the person. In the same way, I felt I couldn't just formally discuss Nathan and then "hang up." So from then on, my conversations with the doctor were done privately.

At some point in February I was sharing with the doctor about how busy we were at 3ABN with traveling and

schedules and he said, "You know, I'm going to Florida over spring break, and you ought to think about going down there to get some rest." I just changed the subject because I thought it would never fit into my schedule anyway. A few days later I mentioned to Brenda what the doctor had said. Her response was "Oh, I think that would be fun, let's go!" A week later when the doctor returned from Africa, I mentioned to him that Brenda and I thought we'd go to Florida. He had totally forgotten anything about it. But he agreed to go .... However about two weeks later after Brenda talked with Dan, she came to me and said "Dan is getting pretty irate about you talking to the doctor. We better cancel him." I immediately agreed. However, he offered the condo for us to stay in although he wouldn't be there. But we had remedied this Florida vacation situation way before Dan found out about it. And as it turned out, the entire trip was canceled.

Somewhere during the month of February I asked Brenda if she really wanted to go to Norway in June to get treatments. She said "Yes." I said, "Well, if you want me to go, you'll have to ask Dan if I can go." She did. He said "yes." Please keep this in mind for later.

March 8 Dan told me if I didn't stop talking to the doctor, he was going to get me fired at 3ABN. This was quite a bombshell, and at the time I felt that he was trying to make me choose between him and my son, because Nathan still needed this doctor who cared about him and who had so incredibly helped him physically. (In 3 and ½ weeks his appearance was completely different, and he looked similar to how he looked at 18.) Things really began to get crazy at this point. Dan said he was going to talk to our Pastor, who by the way works for Dan, and who Dan is trying to raise money for his down payment on a house. He did. The next day I called John, not intending to get into any heavy discussions, but it ended up that he came over to our house for six hours. Dan discussed our "surprisingly horrible" marriage to John for about 5 ½ hours, while I mentioned a few issues in 30 minutes. Dan's threat was "It's either the marriage and 3ABN or it's the relationship with the doctor." The conclusion of the evening's meeting was that I wouldn't talk to the doctor anymore.

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## Dr. Walt Thompson's Ultimatum

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On May 4, 2004, 3ABN board chairman Dr. Walt Thompson sent Linda Shelton the following ultimatum. Notice the following points and claims that it makes:

- Dr. Thompson's ultimatum was not negotiable, and had to be accepted within hours.
- It "represents the will of the board" even though the board had not heard the of this matter."
- Dr. Thompson claimed to have the authority to tell Linda who she could and talk to, even if there was nothing "immoral" going on.
- If Linda accepted the ultimatum, she must leave southern Illinois for 30 days thus not be around to present her side of the story at the May 2004 board meeting.
- She could not discuss the matter with anyone other than a select few, which is to leave out her attorney, thus further depriving her of her rights.
- If Linda did not accept the ultimatum, a committee would investigate the matter further and make "recommendations" to the board. In other words, Linda would be allowed to present her side of the situation to the board even if she didn't accept the ultimatum.
- If she chose to have the committee investigate the matter further, it would be "unlikely" that she would have "any future role" "at 3ABN." In other words, fired anyway.

Have a problem with any of this? Feel free to contact Dr. Thompson and share your thoughts with him.

## The Ultimatum

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Walt Thompson  
**To:** [Alyssa]  
**Subject:** Letter for Linda  
**Date:** Tue, 4 May 2004 21:43:07 -0500

Dear Linda,

This is a copy of the letter that has been sent by FEDEX to you. While

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you may not understand now, someday you will realize that we are truly desirous of returning you to your home and ministry because we care about you. I plan to go to 3ABN tomorrow and will be available to talk with you if you have questions needing clarification.

Walt

May, 4, 2004

Walter Thompson MD  
Chairman of 3ABN Board of Directors  
174 Foxborough Place  
Burr Ridge, IL 60527

Linda Shelton  
Three Angel's Broadcasting Network  
PO Box 220  
West Frankfort, IL 62896

Dear Linda,

A committee representing the 3ABN board of directors has been selected and has met for the purpose of evaluating the present problem at 3ABN relating to your relationship to Danny and to the ministry of 3ABN - and seeking a resolution acceptable to all parties involved. This letter is intended to represent the will of the board.

Let me begin by expressing our gratitude to you for the part you have played at 3ABN for the past nearly twenty years. You have been an important part of the ministry from the beginning - a fact appreciated by us all. Accordingly, this letter is not written with the intent to destroy your home or your part in the ministry, but rather to rehabilitate and restore.

In accordance with this intent, we are offering the following proposal to you. We believe it has the potential of accomplishing the desired objectives, i.e., to save both your home and a place for you in this ministry. It would do so without making the details of this matter known to the full board or others.

Nor is this letter expressing an opinion regarding the nature of your relationship with Dr. Abrahamson. Whether or not this relationship has been immoral or not is not the issue of this document. The facts are that the relationship and your refusal to discontinue it in spite of repeated requests by Danny and our requests, has damaged both your family and 3ABN - a reality we must deal with in wisdom, love and compassion -

but deal with, we must.

We are offering you a 30 day leave of absence with pay and full benefits - to begin at the time of receipt of this letter. During this time the following conditions must be met.

You will be relieved of all duties at 3ABN and will not appear at 3ABN other than to obtain items from your immediate office upon personal request from me. You will arrange to leave Southern Illinois at 3ABN expense for the duration. Both you and 3ABN need time to cool off.

You will agree in writing to cease all communication with Dr. Abrahamson, whether direct or indirect, whether by e-mail, telephone, letter or any other, or through Johann or any other third party. We are designating a period of 30 days, but with the intent this must be a life-long decision.

During this time you will not discuss the issues related to your relationship with 3ABN with anyone other than your immediate family, your professional counselors or representatives or members of the board of directors.

Since this time is recommended as a time for reflection and serious rehabilitation we are requesting that you arrange to receive professional help relating to the issues at hand. We are recommending Ron and Nancy Rocky to you. They have agreed to open their home to you and to give you personal help in dealing with the issues at the center of the present problems. It will be private and protected from the public eye such that neither your image nor reputation ought be damaged. Should you choose different professional help, it must be acceptable to this committee.

At the end of 30 days we will reassess the situation and make further recommendations as indicated.

The issues in this proposal are not negotiable. Should they be unacceptable to you - we hope sincerely they will be acceptable - we will proceed promptly with further investigation of the facts regarding the matter at hand. In that case we will need a list of witnesses you would like us to hear. We will offer Danny the same opportunity. Once we have had opportunity to hear the evidence, we will be in a better position to make recommendations to the full board based upon that evidence. Based on the facts we already know, however, we think pursuing such a course would make any future role for you at 3ABN unlikely.

That is why, Linda, we are pleading with you to accept this proposal for healing and restoration. This is God's ministry. He has chosen you to be a part of it. We want you to continue to be a part of it. But in order for that to happen really important things must change.

Sincerely,

Walter Thompson MD  
Chairman of the Board of Directors, 3ABN  
Committee members include Nicholas P. Miller, Bill Hulse and Kay Kuzma (by invitation)

Your signature here will confirm your agreement with this proposal. Please sign and return copy within 24 hours of receipt of this letter.

Linda Shelton

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## **Elder Thorvaldsson Comments on Dr. Thompson's Ultimatum**

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Elder Johann Thorvaldsson attended Emmanuel Missionary College (now Andrews University) years ago with Dr. Walter Thompson. Thus their friendship goes back many decades.

In the email below, Elder Thorvaldsson replies in blue below Dr. Thompson's message to him. It is quite apparent that he is appalled by Dr. Thompson's ultimatum, and being in the heat of the battle, he expresses himself freely.

Some of the points and demands that Dr. Thompson had made do appear odd. For example:

- In denouncing "even a doctor-patient relationship," Dr. Thompson in essence claims that 3ABN can dictate whom one chooses as a doctor as a condition of employment.
- Dr. Thompson asserts that he personally has authority over whom Elder Thorvaldsson and Dr. Abrahamsen choose to converse with, for he complains that these two men have "**defied** our requests to cease communication with Linda."
- Dr. Thompson seeks to force Elder Thorvaldsson to not talk about this to anyone else, even though Danny has already called the General Conference president and the local pastor in Norway.

Dr. Thompson appears to contradict his own ultimatum, which suggests that he may not have written it. Notice how in his email to Elder Thorvaldsson he asserts that if Linda disagrees with the ultimatum, "she will be given opportunity to tell her side of the story before the board." And yet the non-negotiable ultimatum gives no such opportunity. Only a committee will be able to hear Linda's side of the story, and if she takes even that opportunity, it will be "unlikely" that she will have "any future role ... at 3ABN."

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----- Original Message -----

**From:** Johann Thorvaldsson  
**To:** Walt Thompson  
**Subject:** RE: 3abn  
**Date:** Thu, 6 May 2004 01:32:10 +0200

If we like, we can continue to nurse this dialog of battle over Linda and involve the whole church and whole world in the warfare. Should we do so, God in His great mercy may still find a way to bring good out of it as He did when He took ancient Israel to Babylon. I would prefer that He have a more faithful people to give Him a better, more powerful witness.

[Johann Thorvaldsson] Since God has charged me to stand for truth, this battle will continue as long as you see fit to present a document, like the present one, where you give Linda 24 hours to sign or reject it.

I would agree with those church leaders who see a resemblance between that document and those issued during the times of witch hunting that flourished in Europe in the past. I wonder where you dug up a manuscript like that? Hardly written by an intelligent God-fearing person. You are far above such base treatment of a human being? You give Linda no choice but crawling into a cage where she is buried for the rest of her life. You offer her help - but give her no choice of who should help her face her destiny.

Some of our denominational leaders that I know will see in this document the tragic development where the leaders of 3ABN are no longer following the specific assignment given them by the Lord, and these leaders will use this material in their study if 3ABN is still a mission SDA can work together with. This is a study that was kindled by the message given through Jan Paulsen, and Danny Shelton's call to the local church pastor. It was also those two calls that made it clear to me that Linda was not getting a fair treatment, and made me contact her again.

I do not agree with your belief that Linda is being victimized.

[Johann Thorvaldsson] What about the present document? It will not be buried in 24 hours - but will haunt you for years to come

But though we disagree we still need to work together to find solutions.

[Johann Thorvaldsson] Are you still willing - or will it only be on the terms of victimizing Linda?

Accordingly, I would be pleased if you would submit to me in writing a comprehensive account of the allegations you have about the way 3ABN has treated Linda. I would like this to be comprehensive with whatever documentation you can provide so that we may assess it accurately.

[Johann Thorvaldsson] Too late now. I have handed such documentation over to another party - where you will meet it in due time. Too bad you did not think of this earlier, so I could see there was a willingness to come to terms.

Once this has been done, my request is that you discontinue further correspondence with Linda or anyone else regarding this matter. In this way we will have the information we need to act, and you will have opportunity to pursue your work of spreading the Good News to Europe. Our work there has been too long stagnate while we have been fighting.

[Johann Thorvaldsson] With you issuing this devastating document it is unfair of you to think that I will discontinue further correspondence with Linda.

It is my determination to give Linda every opportunity to restore her home and ministry should she be willing.

[Johann Thorvaldsson] Keep praying, and the Lord may give you wisdom to do just that.

She has been offered a proposal whereby this may happen. Only she can decide what she will do with it, but all of us at 3ABN want her to choose right. All are desirous of helping her - NONE trying to hurt her.

[Johann Thorvaldsson] Are you sure? I have a real difficulty seeing your point. I will share your proposals with some of our church leaders and see what they think of what you are doing.

She may disagree with our proposal, in which case she will be given opportunity to tell her side of the story before the board.

[Johann Thorvaldsson] Linda is a rather timid person, but the Lord will give her strength and wisdom to meet you, and she must have the freedom to choose herself what assistance she needs in meeting such an unfair accusation.

In fact, if she were to desire to bring her case to a neutral party of the Church - and accept the publicity such an event would generate - I would welcome it. When all is said and done, it is my intent that no one will be able to honestly say we have not done everything possible to save her and her place of service.

[Johann Thorvaldsson] I'm afraid you have saddled the wrong horse for your venture.

As you can confirm, I have not expressed any judgments about Dr. Abrahamson other than to say that he is in the wrong for continuing a relationship, even a doctor-patient relationship, that is destroying the very thing he is trying to save. Having said that, a continuation of communication between Europe and Linda will place the board in a place where we must deal with an insubordinate member of the organization. She has been asked on numerous occasions to discontinue the relationship, first by her husband who is also her superior in ministry, by her pastor, by her board chairman, and now by the committee of the board created to seek resolution. Likewise, both you and Dr. Abrahamson have defied our requests to cease communication with Linda. While I can forgive this action on the mistaken belief that it is helping Linda, there comes a point when defiance must be dealt with lest it destroy the whole organization. If you are so concerned about Linda, and I believe you are, you will encourage her to get help here and break off the relationship there. Certainly there are people in America that can do give her the help she needs.

[Johann Thorvaldsson] If you were really treating Linda with the fairness you imagine you are, then Linda would not need any assistance from Europe. A person on the staff at 3ABN told me the other day how tragic it is that here you say every day that the purpose of 3ABN is mending broken people, and not one person has the faith or willingness to

help Linda in her plight - out of fear that they will get fired. But not many of these people will reveal their inmost convictions through an interview by someone collecting "facts".

Thank you for helping me to meet with Dr. Abrahamson by phone. We had a good discussion that gave me opportunity to hear his side of the story, a thing I appreciate.

[Johann Thorvaldsson] You should have had some more talks with him - and so should Danny. Danny showed him the worst kind of hospitality when he came to 3ABN - and termed him in impostor before he saw him. He had Mollie check him in the 3ABN files, but the finance department of 3ABN had misspelled his name - just like you do - and therefore Mollie could not see that he was a regular contributor to 3ABN, both privately and through his medical clinic.

So with this inhospitable start Danny has continued by calling Arild Abrahamsen a devil. No wonder this would create a conflict when Linda tried to follow the example of Abigail and make up for Danny's inhospitality. Abigail was blessed by her deed, honoring a man her husband had rejected.

While we are going through this challenging time, please confine ALL further discussion about this matter to me or if unreachable, Bill Hulsey or Nick Miller (other members of the committee). In my mind this matter must not continue to spread - for the sake of Linda, 3ABN, and the world church and cause of God.

[Johann Thorvaldsson] With Danny's call to the local pastor and the call through Jan Paulsen - this request comes too late. These calls have created too many questions about this among our leaders.

Your continued earnest prayers are cherished as we accept this responsibility.

Sincerely in Jesus' precious name,

[Johann Thorvaldsson] And let's follow His example - also in how we treat Linda

Walt T

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# **Proof of Adultery: The Pregnancy Test**

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## **Evidence of Adultery, or Stupid Joke Gone Awry?**

On this web page we'd like to look at some of 3ABN president Danny Shelton's *prima facie* proof that his ex-wife and 3ABN's ex-co-founder, Linda Shelton, had committed adultery. This proof is referred to in the form letter 3ABN board chairman Walt Thompson, MD, was sending out at least in May and June of 2006, as well as in other of his communications:

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----- Original Message -----

**From:** Walt Thompson

**To:** \*\*\*\*\*

**CC:** Mollie Steenson

**Subject:** 3abn

**Date:** May 16, 2006 10:59:28 PM EDT

Dear \*\*\*\*\*,

...

... And as you might expect, Danny was by this time checking things out pretty carefully. One night she came home all cheery. While she and Danny were getting ready for bed, she left to do something else (I have forgotten what). While out, Danny found a sack of things in the closet. Upon opening it, he found a pregnancy test kit. (He is "fixed" so he cannot have more children.) When she found out that he had discovered it, she was at first angry because he had "snooped" in her things, and then told him she had just purchased it to see his reaction.

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Sincerely in Jesus' precious name,

Walter Thompson  
Chairman, 3Abn board  
Walter Thompson MD

## June 13, 2006, Email of Walt Thompson, MD

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Walt Thompson  
**To:** \*\*\*\*\*  
**Subject:** Re: 3abn  
**Date:** Tue, 13 Jun 2006 21:24:27 -0500

Dear \*\*\*\*\*,

...

... And as you might expect, Danny was by this time checking things out pretty carefully. One night she came home all cheery. While she and Danny were getting ready for bed, she left to do something else (I have forgotten what). While out, Danny found a sack of things in the closet. Upon opening it, he found a pregnancy test kit. (He is "fixed" so he cannot have more children.) When she found out that he had discovered it, she was at first angry because he had "snooped" in her things, and then told him she had just purchased it to see his reaction. ...

...

Sincerely in Jesus' precious name,

Walter Thompson MD  
Chairman, 3ABN Board

Walter Thompson MD

Thus we are left with a question: Did Linda buy the pregnancy test just to see Danny's reaction, or did she buy it because she thought she might be pregnant with Dr. Arild Abrahamsen's child? Before answering that easy question, we should take a look at others who have echoed Walt Thompson's claim.

## Tommy Shelton Echoes the Pregnancy Test Claim

The following is an email sent out by Gailon Arthur Joy in early November, which is an attempt to answer questions about the morals of Linda Shelton, questions raised by Tommy Shelton several months before.

Strange that Tommy would be raising such questions when, to our knowledge, he still has not adequately addressed the child molestation allegations leveled against him over perhaps the last quarter century.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** AUReporter  
**To:** AURToday  
**CC:** AUReporter  
**Subject:** Answers to your questions, part 2  
**Date:** Wed, 8 Nov 2006 12:43 AM

**EMAIL FROM TOMMY SHELTON AUGUST 2006**

Mr. X,

...

If they were only doctor and patient or casual friends, why did Linda buy a pregnancy test after a trip to Norway. She knew her husband had had a vasectomy.

Answer: Allysa is the purchaser of record for the ept. ... as a joke—perhaps a poor judgement .... But then who knew Danny was really working on the motive for a divorce at the time and looking for every ludicrous excuse to justify his mid-life trade-in, apparently a tradition for the Shelton Boys, of course with the exception of Tommy, who, though married to Carol, has allegedly a proven track record of youthful male preference, purportedly including their own adopted son (\*\*\*\*\*), requiring counseling in Nashville.

...

Yours in the Blessed Hope

Gailon Arthur Joy  
AUReporter

...



It is clear that Tommy is suggesting that Linda thought she might have gotten pregnant after her trip to Norway. That point is pivotal later on.

## Linda's Warning of May 6, 2004

In the email below, Linda writes from her daughter's email account, warning Dr. Abrahamsen that she was going to plant a pregnancy test in her car. Danny would then find it on Friday, May 7, 2004, if he searched her car as usual. She says she wished she could see his face when he found it.

The fact that she sent this email from her daughter's account suggests that her daughter was in on the scheme.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [Linda Shelton's daughter]

**To:** [Dr. Arild Abrahamsen]

**Date:** Thu, 6 May 2004 17:21:55 -0700 (PDT)

...

You know how Dan has been searching my car? I've got a little surprise for him. But I wanted to warn you that a brand new rumor may very well make its way to Norway. Tomorrow he's going to find a carefully hidden pregnancy test in it. My only regret is that I won't be there to see his face. Do you think it will be worth the rumors?? I think so!!

...

LS

## Is May 7 the Correct Date?

It is quite important that we nail down the exact date the pregnancy test was found. Danny's email of Sunday, May 16, 2004, a reply to Linda's "Corrections" email sent earlier that day, does that well, for it confirms that the pregnancy test had to have been found on Friday, May 7, 2004, a week before Friday, May 14.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Danny Shelton

**To:** [Linda Shelton's daughter]

**Subject:** Re:

**Date:** Sun, 16 May 2004 13:29:09 -0500

Linda, you need to get honest with yourself and everyone else. When your relationship first started with the doctor it may have been professional ....

...

Linda, the very fact that I have proof of your vacation plans alone with him in several different locations, will tell anyone this is not about professional anything----except maybe ADULTERY. The pregnancy test kit a week ago Friday pretty well confirms that.

[We've deleted certain information about biorhythms that Danny elaborates upon to "prove" that Linda thought she might be pregnant, and thus that that is why she bought the pregnancy test. Frankly, we can't see how we wouldn't get criticized by nearly everyone if we included that. ]

...

Love,

your husband

Please leave the "professional relationship stories" for the uninformed and unsuspecting. Your wasting your time to try to talk to me about this "lie"

## **Does Linda Stand by Her Story?**

In March 2007, Linda updated the "[Questions](#)" page of [her website](#). Here's what she said about the pregnancy test at that time.

### **q. What about the pregnancy test?**

**A.** Let me clear up the situation here. Did I buy the pregnancy test? My daughter, Alyssa, and I bought it together, chuckling all the way out of the store. Did I have

personal fears of being pregnant? Absolutely not. What was your motive in the purchase? My motive was twofold. I was bewildered about Dan's behavior. He was searching my car and my personal belongings behind my back. I would be able to expose this activity with him coming forward with such a "find." I also wanted to lighten up a situation that was bizarre and ridiculous, never thinking my husband would grab it declaring he had "proof."

## Last Contact with Dr. Abrahamsen

In perusing various emails from Danny, we have yet to see him accusing Linda of being in the same location as Dr. Abrahamsen anytime between February 6, 2004, and late May 2004. Here is the email nailing down when Linda left Norway in February to return home:

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Arild Abrahamsen

**To:** [Danny Shelton]

**Date:** Thursday, February 05, 2004 5:47 AM

Hi Hon,

Sorry I've been unable to communicate before now...our sleeping schedule and activity schedule and the international phone not working has conflicted with getting through to you. But I'm sure you've been busy too.

Norway is gorgeous, but what makes it the most special is that I'm seeing a miracle happen right before my eyes with Nathan. The transformation is incredible. He looks great. He's gained weight, He's quit smoking and his attitude has been great. He's developed a real trust and friendship with the doctor, and he'd like to come back in the summer. I'm hoping you will allow Nathan to stay in the apartments for a couple of weeks when he gets home so his drug friends won't have easy access to him. Please pray about it.

We leave tomorrow and I look forward to seeing you in Atlanta. Should I meet you outside of customs You can e-

mail me back at this address if you have a chance. Well,  
gotta go.

Love you,

LINDA

## Did Linda Think She Might Be Pregnant?

Let us summarize:

- Linda left Dr. Abrahamsen's clinic in Norway on February 6, 2004.
- Linda warned Dr. Abrahamsen that she had gotten a pregnancy test for Danny to find on May 7 when he searched her car.
- The pregnancy test was indeed found by Danny on May 7, 2004.
- There are no known accusations of Linda and Dr. Abrahamsen meeting between those two dates.
- They did converse on the telephone a disputed number of times for disputed lengths of time.

Given the facts, there are essentially only two ways that Linda Shelton could have thought she was pregnant:

- Linda thought she might be pregnant because she had talked on the telephone too much.
- Linda thought she might have become pregnant on or before February 6, 2004, which would make her about 15 weeks pregnant on May 6 (gestation would have started two weeks before February 6). But she couldn't tell for sure.

We have heard it said repeatedly that Linda is naive. Is it at all possible that she is so naive that she thought that she had gotten pregnant over the telephone, or that she couldn't tell that she was 15 weeks pregnant without a pregnancy test?

Yet isn't the second option what Tommy Shelton was suggesting in his August 2006 email? Linda bought a pregnancy test in May because of a trip to Norway that ended February 6? And how is it that Walt Thompson, MD, would be spreading this story when it seems so unlikely from a medical point of view?

It is said that some women carry babies to full term and never figure out what is going on. April Branum is one recent example, but then, as the article points out, that was due to her weighing 420 pounds, and Linda doesn't weigh anywhere close to that.

We have to conclude that the overwhelming evidence is that the whole

pregnancy test incident was a stupid prank. And it was incredibly stupid, because if you have a paranoid, jealous husband whom a doctor has concluded is "psychotic" and "out to lunch," to quote Danny's terminology about Dr. Abrahamsen's conclusions, you don't go buying a pregnancy test. Especially is this the case when your husband has already told your family 9 days earlier that the marriage is over because you've hidden his gun.

## Danny Corrects Gailon

We'll include just two more emails on this web page. In Gailon's answers to the questions raised by Tommy Shelton, Gailon claimed that Linda's daughter was the purchaser of the pregnancy test. Danny claims to have proof that Linda was the one who bought the pregnancy test instead, but he makes quite clear to Gailon that he won't be showing that proof to him:

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Danny Shelton  
**To:** AUReporter  
**CC:** [Walt Thompson]  
**Subject:** RE: Answers to your questions - part 2  
**Date:** Wed, 8 Nov 2006 11:04 AM

Linda and Arild must be belly laughing you! They could have only dreamed she could find someone to believe all of her stories! You continue to amaze me at how unprofessional you are by printing her stories without any documented proof. This does make you equally liable.

Example:

Did Alyssa show you the receipt in which she bought the pregnancy test kit? Where is the proof? You boldly print that the receipt holder is Allyssa. There is none! How do I know?

I have the receipt listing the pregnancy test kit but it was purchased on Linda's credit card! Therefore Gailon, Linda is the purchaser on record! I have witnesses to this fact. I have long ago showed it to church leaders. It's these kind of statements from you that discredit you.

It's this kind of wrong info that you have bought hook line and sinker from Linda this whole time. You want me to show you all my proof but Linda only gives you words and you buy it. Why make her document what she says to you?

That's why you are not in the mix anymore. Because you are obviously on a mission to destroy, not find truth.

This situation is now in the hands of respected Church people. They will see the receipt, not you.

...

So, where is your proof for all of these things except Linda's words to you. Once again, why do you believe her without any proof?

...

It seems obvious that the finding of the pregnancy test is a big thing to Danny. Does he really think his ex-wife thought she had gotten pregnant over the telephone, or that she needed a pregnancy test to tell her that she was 15 weeks pregnant?

## Gailon Replies to Danny

Gailon points out that Linda is not necessarily the source of his information, and that it is difficult to figure out exactly what happened if Danny persistently refuses to cooperate in the investigation.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** AUReporter

**To:** [Danny Shelton]

**Subject:** Re: Answers to your questions - part 2

**Date:** Wed, 08 Nov 2006 11:49:36 -0500

What church leaders were shown the receipt...I could always confirm your statement by interviewing respected church leaders? Right?

You and Mollie have made it clear you will not show any "documentation"...therefore, statements are the only recourse. Put your evidence where your mouth is... show to those of us that can track it out and get responses. Proof is only proof if it can be sourced and verified without a reasonable explanation, explanations you clearly do not want heard!!!

Danny, it is you that continue to hide behind the supposition that you have documentation but fail to show anyone. When board members have not seen these things then one must assume they are fiction. Roll em out or suffer from fictionitis!!!

Further, you keep referring to Linda as a source...Linda apparently had little to do with the finances, therefore Linda was not the source/sources in the subject case.

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Gailon Arthur Joy  
AUREporter

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**By May 16, 2004:**

## **"I Want to Buy Your Half of the House"**

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One thing that is interesting about the email below is that it documents that by May 16, 3ABN president Danny Shelton was moving toward divorce by talking about buying out Linda's half of the house. Linda thinks that he may have been talking about this already in April, and she claims that in her and Danny's March 9 meeting with Pastor John Lomacang, Danny was already talking about divorce.

Other aspects of the email below may also be of interest.

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----- Original Message -----

**From:** [Linda Shelton]

**To:** Danny Shelton

**Subject:** Re:

**Sent:** Sunday, May 16, 2004 10:13 AM

Quoting Danny Shelton ...:

Linda,

You keep saying that I trash you to people, but I am shocked at how many people you have trashed me to.

For instance, talking to D\*\*\*\*\* S\*\*\*\*\*, (your ex mother in law) is like putting it in the newspaper and I'm sure that's what you had in mind. But you should know this plan is not working.

**Correction:** I've said nothing to D\*\*\*\*\* S\*\*\*\*\*.



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When people in town call me and tell me what they've heard, all I have to do is tell them that you think it's ok to have a phone relationship with another man with conversations from 1-4 hrs at a time, several times a week. They all are shocked that you believe this is ok to do. I don't talk to them about adultery, I don't bad mouth you, I simply tell them that though you have promised many times in the last 3 months or more to stop, you now are talking to him several times a week.

**Correction:** Once again you are giving them a partial story, (as you have done all along)...additionally, if you told them what you have done: trashed my name and reputation to 3ABN workers, the SDA Church and the WORLD completely ruining my ministry, they would have a much different perception of you. No matter how you want to sugar-coat it, this is nothing short of vicious and demonic...especially since when this thing started you had no proof and your "guesses" about this relationship were completely wrong!!

The ones who have called me from learning about this through the D\*\*\*\*\* S\*\*\*\*\* system, immediately say they cannot believe that you, as a Christian and 3ABN Vice President can think this is ok. I don't even have to tell them about your planned vacations together, while we're still married. That would be too shocking to them.

Any married person knows that it is wrong to have this kind of relationship with another person of the opposite sex, over your husbands or wife's objections.

**Correction:** Again, you fail to mention the professional

relationship we have had beginning first with Nathan, and then progressing to this incredibly high stress and destructive circumstance that you have personally orchestrated. There are good and bad ways at looking at a subject. Normally men who love their wives will try to portray their "loved ones" in the most appealing light, even if they are experiencing communication problems. You have most decidedly with great determination showed me that you DO NOT LOVE ME since you have chosen to portray a picture of your wife in the worst possible light...taking 25% truth and mixing it with 75% error.

The people who have called me locally, after hearing about this through the D\*\*\*\*\* S\*\*\*\*\* system, are not even Christians, yet they immediately respond, "I can't believe Linda can believe it's alright to talk to another man over your objections. I wouldn't have put up with it this long, I would have booted my spouse out.

B\*\*\*\*\* E\*\*\*\*\* is not the only one hearing it through the D\*\*\*\*\* S\*\*\*\*\* system. Guess how it could have gotten to city hall? Who would have ever guessed you would be using ... to spread false rumors about me.

**Correction:** None of this has been initiated by me.

I think you remember that last time you and me and your ex in laws were all at city hall, I was rescuing you from .... Fortunately, I was your knight in shining armor at that time and was able to help ....

My how things have changed in our relationship...now you're the one firing the shots instead of trying to protect me...under the guise of "standing for principle." How does

your actions fit with the principle of "Husbands, love your wives as Christ loves the church?"

Your trying to gain support from the world is only backfiring for you as even the world knows there cannot be 3 people in a marriage relationship. Please get on your knees to God and give up your foolish pride and ask God to forgive you of this terrible sin. Once you've given it to God, I'm willing to forgive you as we're still married and I love you very much.

I already have asked God to forgive my known and unknown sin. As far as the marriage is concerned, I will need to see you give up your foolish pride and make right the sins you have committed against me. The fact is DAN, that my reputation and ministry are DESTROYED! The question is "Who started the rumors?" "Who altered the facts to where people all over think "Linda has been unfaithful to her husband and as a result is getting fired from 3ABN?" Who, as President, tolerated my own workers getting interviewed in an attempt to find reason to fire me...since talking to a man on the phone was not enough??"

Once we're divorced, or once I know that you've met him again, somewhere to physically be with him, it will be too late.

He has you right where he wants you, totally, in your own words, "trusting him". He is not a Christian, he's being used by the devil. I'm amazed at how quickly the world recognizes this fact that he has been a snake in the grass, yet you claim to still see him as your piece of chocolate cake, that you intend to have.

**Correction:** Once again, as always, you are drawing conclusions without acquiring the facts...from me.

I also am aware that you have talked to B\*\*\*\*\* D. That also has failed, as Walt has brought her son, who as you know is a 3ABN board member, up to date, on the truth of this relationship as well as your position and work relationship here at the ministry.

**Correction:** I am not interested in searching out people to tell my story. But if they come to me and ask me about it, I will tell them the truth. B\*\*\*\*\* came to me.

I think I will always love you, but I won't always be here to take you back in the future. I have to go on with life. I can't worry about all the places that you're planning to meet this doctor for vacations and time alone together anymore. Yes, I think I'll know about the when's and where's, but I have a ministry to run and need to concentrate on that.

**Correction:** Love?? I don't believe, under the circumstances, you even know what it is. However, I am still praying that God's will may be done in this situation. Considering you are insisting in buying out my half of the house, this (once again) sends a strong message to me that you want a divorce. This combined with your e-mails to my family, the typed document of how you want to divide our property, your insults, condemnation and continued negativity, your actions putting down your wife, ETC., ETC., ETC., sends a strong message to me that you want a divorce. Although I have not initiated this action, I will grant you the divorce you are seeking with great determination... and although it will be VERY DIFFICULT for me under the circumstances, I will go on with my life too.

If you want to talk please give me a call, otherwise I'll try not to bother you anymore.

Friday evening and Sabbath morning, May 14 and 15, was just one more time that I had my hopes up, but you, once again had to talk to the doctor and let him discourage you from staying in your marriage and ministry. I would hate to be him on judgement day.

**Correction:** This is so laughable it doesn't even deserve a reply. "Your hopes up??"

Even if you decide to divorce me, which you've said your going to do for the last several weeks, I still would like to part friends. Who knows, we might need each other in the future.

I still love you very much

Dan

**Correction:** LAUGHABLE!!

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### **"Linda, I Still Don't Have Proof of Fornication"**

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### **"God and Me Will Always Know the Truth!"**

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#### **July 17, 2004: "If You Have Not Already"**

In the email below, 3ABN president Danny acknowledges that as of July 17, 2004, nearly a month after their divorce was final, he still has no proof that Linda had committed fornication, the only biblical grounds for divorce (Mat. 5:32). Yet his fear is that when Linda goes to Norway for medical reasons and to see Elder and Mrs. Thorvaldsson, the latter who was suffering from bone cancer, he will finally have biblical grounds, after the fact.

As in other communications, Danny refers to allegedly lengthy and frequent phone calls and multiple alleged planned "vacations." Linda continues to dispute these allegations.

Since current phone card rates to Norway are 7 or 20 minutes to one depending on whether you are calling a land line or cellphone, not counting surcharges, the 4 hour 9 minute phone call Danny refers to below is likely but 12.5 to 35.5 minutes.

Oddly, Danny in this email only claims to have the phone cards to prove the call, not the phone card phone records as he claims elsewhere.

Also rather odd is Danny's assertion that Linda spent long hours with Dr. Arild Abrahamsen during the 3ABN camp meeting, as if the two of them were alone together. Why didn't Danny also clearly mention the fact that Elder Johann Thorvaldsson was present?

Danny's comments about having video of Linda and Dr. Abrahamsen during camp meeting are interesting in light of Danny's May 31, 2004, email to Elder Thorvaldsson. It appears that Danny may have intentionally gotten video of only Linda and Dr. Abrahamsen, not Elder Thorvaldsson, in order to make his

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case as strong as possible against the woman of which he says below, "I love you very much."

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Danny Shelton

**To:** Linda Shelton

**Date:** Saturday, July 17, 2004 9:12 AM

Linda Sue,

yesterday when we were leaving the Cracker Barrel, You referred to your relationship with the dr. and said, "the crime doesn't merit the punishment". The truth of the matter is, it does.

Think about it. Thousands of people looked to you and me as the Perfect couple. You gave your heart to another man. But because you hadn't had s\*x with him as far back as Feb, you seemed to think everything was innocent.

To the contrary, when you bought a secret cell phone and bought prepaid phone cards, you had already crossed the line of violating your marriage. When I told you your long conversations with this man were wrong and had to stop, you said no. When pastor John pulled his chair directly in front of you in early March and said, "Linda, if you don't stop this relationship with this man, it will destroy your marriage and ministry", you ignored him too. In April, when the Nazerine counselors told you to stop this relationship with this man because you were committing spiritual adultery, you ignored them too.

You tried to make me and everyone else involved believe that as long as you hadn't had s\*x with this man, everything was ok.

Of course it was not ok. After you began having conversations as long as 4 hrs. and 9 minutes, in the middle of March, (which I still have the phone cards to prove it), you were no longer taking the "Higher Road" as the song you wrote, says to do.

None of your actions with this man, were acceptable based of the fact that 1. You claimed to be a Christian following the bible promise that you made during our wedding vows, to forsake all others, for me. This man had you under his

complete control from the time you came back from Norway and taped your now famous intro, looking into the camera and saying, "I've met this person who has become my burden barrier.....".

2. The fact that as a Christian having a TV program exemplifying, a happy family and marriage relationship, you could not afford to let another man come into our relationship. Everyone had a right to expected that you or I would never allow a relationship with another person to come in between each other or our marriage. ... Linda, as you look back your own words ought to be screaming out that this relationship came about as a result of the Devil wanting to destroy our marriage and 3ABN.

The fact you continued this relationship against everyone's counsel, made it impossible for you to stay in your position at 3ABN. Had you stopped and truly repented of what you had done, everything would have been forgiven, I told you that many times. But you continued out of control planning numerous vacations with this man while we were still married. The phone calls became more frequent and the planned trips together became more frequent. Yes, I foiled some of them, but the point is, your heart wanted to be with him all along.

No, the board nor I ever had any other choice but to let you go. Me, out of the marriage, and the board out of ministry.

The several days and long into the nights, spent with him during 3ABN campmeeting was totally unacceptable. As you no I have video tapes to prove all of this.

There is no way you can justify this continued sinful situation. Even Mark Finley has counseled you, that even if you were unhappy with me, you had no right to go to another man, with your emotions (your heart)

All professionals agree that spiritual adultery end with physical adultery if not stopped in time. It's not a matter, if it will happen, it's a matter of when.

After two vacations with him in Springfield, the second one without Johann tagging along, and now a several week vacation with him in Scandinavia as well as possibly here in the USA, you will, if you have not already, end up in bed



with him. That's all he's been after since the beginning.

He too, has defied all counselors. Somehow you seem to think everyone buys your story of justifying sin. They do not.

You told me yesterday, that after people hear your side of the story they all take your side. This is absolutely not true. There are several people fairly close to both me and you, who after hearing your side of the story, came back to me and questioned me. When I tell them the truth about how this relationship quickly went from Nathan to you and your "friendship" with the dr. they have all understood that a husband or wife cannot have that kind of relationship with another person of the opposite sex and still have a happy marriage.

God knew you were going to fall into this temptation with this man and gave you several songs to minister to you to keep you focused on your marriage and ministry, but instead you didn't take the "Higher Road" as the song that the Lord gave you, says to do. Also, the song he had write just for me that you entitled, "You Are the One", the devil made a mockery of you on that one. That song had the potential of blessing millions of people and Satan knew it. Now everyone knows, I am not the only one, and have not been for well over six months.

Linda, it's still not too late for you to turn your life around and begin restoration of the marriage with the only man who really loves you, and reconciliation with 3ABN, so that you can do what the devil has tried to rob you of doing, Minister to a lost and dying world on 3ABN.

Please don't take this trip with this man and please quit taking the advice of fools. Hooking up with person like Derrell Mundall that we both know is [disputed allegation against ex-son-in-law omitted], is a grave mistake for anyone wanting God's blessings on their new ministry, such as you.

Hiring a non Christian attorney, to handle you spiritual affairs for you is a mockery to God. This man will only be used by Satan to destroy any chances of restoration. Planning a business venture with the dr.(the other man) will never succeed. It will only keep you more under his control.

Please ask God to help you by giving you real Christian people to help you make decisions surrounding your life and ministry.

I was awake much of the night last night, worrying about your future in the next couple of months, while traveling. The devil will try to take your life. He would love to take my life. He does not want to see reconciliation, because he knows we would be a stronger team than ever before.

I told you that I am uneasy about your traveling all over the world. I will continue to pray to God to put a legend of angels around you to keep you safe.

Linda, I love you so much, yet in our present circumstances, I know it doesn't seem like it to you. I know you think I brought all of your problems on you. But the bible doesn't say we reap what someone else brings on us, it says we reap what we sow. I only wish you could take some responsibility for your actions rather than blaming them all on me or anyone else.

Forgiveness comes by first acknowledging our sin and then giving it to God. We can't ignore wrong doing in our lives. Yes, I know I'm not perfect either. I'm seeking God to show me truth also.

Any way I love you very much. If you do go on this vacation with this man, I'm praying God will open your eyes to see him for what he really is, a man who knowing cost you your marriage and ministry, just to satisfy his own selfish lust of wanting to get you in bed!

Love Always

Dan

### **July 17, 2004: "Dan, Your Perception Is Totally Wrong."**

3ABN ex-vice president and ex-co-founder Linda Shelton responds to Danny's charges above. For convenience we include below her email response which is also found on our page, "[Marriage Demise: Was Adultery Involved?](#)"

Linda's reference to an April "e-mail to my family saying our marriage was

over" concerns Danny's decision to end the marriage because Linda had hidden his gun.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Linda Shelton

**To:** Danny Shelton

**Subject:** Re:

**Date:** Saturday, July 17, 2004 10:34 AM

Dan,

Your perception is totally wrong. When I was accused on March 7 I was completely innocent. I tried to correct the problems by quitting contact with this doctor. It didn't help. You accused, you condemned, you demanded confessions (that I could not in honesty confess.) You were out of control. Your big mouth starting going from one to another and in a very short time it was too late. My reputation was already gone by the end of March. In April you sent the e-mail to my family saying our marriage was over. The only way at this point that you could have redeemed the situation is if you made a public confession that you over-reacted and things were not as they appeared to you. But your ego would not let you do that. That's why we are where we are today. Even the divorce was an over-reaction. A 19 year marriage should not go down the drain in three months.

I had a lot of hope for reconciliation for a long time. I prayed, I cried, I begged God to help you see the truth. But I don't see any hope right now. The trust factor is demolished. But I don't hate you. I am praying that God will help me to REALLY forgive you because there is still resentment lurking in my system over this. The best thing we can do right now is just go on with life. Perhaps time will help heal the scars more effectively. Right now I NEED the support of my friends and family. This has been extremely devastating and I need time to heal. So I hope you will STOP with all the P.I.'s and phone bugs and whatever else you are doing and just let me heal. I hope that the Lord will continue to bless 3ABN and that it will not be adversely affected by all of this. I will always love this ministry. And I will always care about you too!! ( I've told you that many times!) But right now I have to care about my broken spirit...and I believe the traveling will help. Bless you!!

LS

## July 17, 2004: "God and Me Will Always Know the Truth!"

In Danny's reply below, we find him pushing back Linda's alleged broadcasted announcement from February 7 to January 7.

The way Danny deflects Linda's accusations of continued private investigators and eavesdropping on phone conversations is quite interesting.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Danny Shelton

**To:** Linda Shelton

**Subject:** Re: Re:

**Date:** Saturday, July 17, 2004 1:33 PM

Linda, I can't help but respond. You had already made this guy your burden bearer before Jan. 7. That's when you publicly confessed it.

You did not really stop talking to him. In case you've forgotten, I exposed you several times for saying you had no contact with him, when I had found your phone cards proving you never stopped.

Since January you have never let over 2-3 days go by without contact, except maybe one ten day period.

Now of course, you guys talk 2-3 hours everyday. There is no amount of excuses in the world will make the sin of falling for another man while married to me, right before God.

You may fool some of the people, maybe even yourself, but God and me will always know the truth!

I suppose I'll love you forever. Right now I'm wishing I didn't, but I do.

I saw this long vacation with him coming for a long time and even overheard you planning it.

ps

I've never bugged you trailer. You believe I have because I know so much about what you and he are up to.

You forget I know you better than anyone else in the world.  
You are very predictable to me.

Your heart left me way before you finally admitted that it did.

You took your heart to Norway and never brought it back to me till this day.

I'm praying the Lord will break this spell that all our friends and counselors feel he has on you, so that you may see the truth before it's too late for restoration.

I don't believe God will bless this new ministry the way He wants to until you ask Him to forgive the sin against me and 3ABN.

your 2nd X

If you don't see the wrong you've caused in this marriage I predict you'll eventually have a 3rd X husband.

After two failures, it seems you would start to look for the problem on the inside.

[Insult about Linda's mother deleted.]

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### **What Should Linda's Last Name Be?**

## **"Linda Sue Shelton for Eternity!"**

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### **Wooing Linda Shelton Back**

We reproduce for you in this series some of Danny Shelton's efforts to woo Linda back, using all the talents he has at mending broken people.

We have to admit that some of the language he uses to refer to Dr. Abrahamsen does concern us, language that will be more apparent in later emails in this series.

Another item that jumps out at us as we review the voluminous correspondence is Danny's eagerness to settle their affairs quickly without a court case, and at times without a lawyer. The frequency that this topic comes up does at times give the impression that this was a major motivation for writing some of these emails.

It is clear from this email that Danny says he wishes to remarry Linda. Why then did he divorce her just two months previous to this communication?

In case anyone is wondering, we did not obtain this email from Linda.

### **"Linda Abrahamson? Yuuuuuuk! scary! pooppy! laughable! nasty!"**

----- Original Message -----  
**From:** Danny Shelton  
**To:** Linda Shelton  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2004 12:55 AM

Hi Shelton,

Did you talk to your lawyer today? I'll be around tomorrow and Friday until about 4:00 pm. If you want to sign

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something.

The name Shelton sounds good on you. I guess you'll never be able to marry anyone else. A lot of other names would sound goofy on you.

Take for instance, What if you name was Linda Abrahamson! Yuuuuuuk! scary! pooppy! laughable! nasty!

Think about it, your in some Doctor's office and the secretary comes out and in front of all the other patients she calls out, MRS. ABRAHAMSEN! Gag! and then she looks at you. You want to run and hide, but you have to get up with everyone staring at you, and walk across the room! As soon as you leave the waiting room, you hear in the background what at first sounds like little snickers, but then quickly escalates into roars and then giant belly laughs!

Humiliating!

You find yourself suddenly darting out a back door not even waiting for the Dr. All you can think about is getting out of there and rushing home and hiding under the sheets.

How terrible, you never want to go out in public again!

No, I think the name Shelton, was the name God designed you to have for eternity. LINDA SUE SHELTON! Yes!

Your other half

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# "You Were Innocent, the Doctor Wasn't"

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## Linda Innocent?

Very intriguing in the email below is Danny Shelton's condemnation of Dr. Abrahamsen, not Linda, for what was going on in February and March. This suggests that he acknowledges that Linda herself was innocent, something he alludes to in his email of September 8, 2004, as well.

Danny also indicates that he is going to fight to remarry her, since "the battle for you for marriage and ministry and your soul is not over." We wonder once again why he divorced her so quickly if he is so soon after his divorce talking about remarriage.

## Choice of Wording

One book that Seventh-day Adventists really appreciate is *Desire of Ages*, a book on the life of Christ. Here is a quote from it that seems pertinent when considering certain language used in this series of emails.

"The disciples of Jesus were noted for the purity of their language ...."

*(Desire of Ages p. 712)*

## Vacations

In the email below Danny refers to Dr. Abrahamsen's offer to Brenda Walsh and Linda Shelton to stay at his condominium in Florida. For some odd reason, Danny refers to the incident as if Linda was the only one who was going to go.

Danny also refers to Linda's travels to Norway after their divorce without mentioning that:

- She was going for medical treatment.
- She was going to visit Irmgard Thorvaldsson who was struggling with



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- cancer. (How long would Irmgard still be living?)
- On one of those two trips she was to be accompanied by her son, Nathan.

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## Danny's Email of September 1, 2004

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----- Original Message -----

**From:** Danny Shelton

**To:** Linda Shelton

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 01, 2004 12:40 AM

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Linda Doll;

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You made a statement late this evening that during Feb. and March you were innocent of being too involved with the Dr. Linda the problem was everyone involved knew the Dr. was not innocent. He knew exactly where he was going with this relationship and was able to successfully mold you the way he wanted. Even to the point of him convincing you that it was ok for you to go on a vacation without your husband to his condo.

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All pastors and counselors to this day will tell you that he was a snake in the grass all along. We could see it but you couldn't. That's why I fought so hard for you. The snake won round one. But the battle for you for marriage and ministry and your soul is not over. I believe the Lord will ultimately win out.

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Your continued relationship with this man is living proof that his plan for you succeeded. These trips to Norway and his to the states so you guys can be together is not sanctioned by God and will be the death of your new ministry.

He's not and never has been a piece of chocolate cake to you. He's been a pile of poop that you ate because it had chocolate covering. But the chocolate coating is about to fall off. Too many people are praying for you to see the truth.

Love is Forever!

Bro. Dan

Make plans for January!

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**Danny Shelton Says,**

**"Linda, You'll Be Back on 3ABN!"**

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In the email below, Danny Shelton states his conviction that Linda will be back on 3ABN.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Danny Shelton  
**To:** Linda Shelton  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 05, 2004 10:21 PM

I need to assure you that me nor anyone else can destroy God's #1 plan for your life. God is bigger than all of us.

What you believe is God's plan for your life and what He apparently knows is His plan for your life, are obviously two different things.

You are going through the fire to come out purified and eventually, and I think the decision is yours, you will be a much stronger worker for the Lord reaching more people than you ever reached before.

3ABN is growing by leaps and bounds. I have to believe at some point that you will have the opportunity to be back on.

Nov. is the new deadline to be on cable in Washington DC. In 10 days we will be officially on cable in Nashville Tn. to an audience of several hundred thousand people. We are going on in Memphis Tn. and Dayton Ohio and Seattle Wa. all on cable in the next few weeks. This will be at least 1,000,000 new subs besides Washington DC. Atlanta, one of the biggest markets in the USA should be on in about 6 months as well as Knoxville Tn.

Maybe God's plan is for you to be on another network, but I

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have to believe that if not all the bridges back to 3ABN are burned that you will be back on.

I know a lot has to change. I'm sure both of us need to change in many ways.

I believe that in the not to distant future you will see that this Dr. has been a pile of Manure that you have bit into, instead of chocolate cake. When that happens, I think it will be the beginning of a new road back to ministry with 3ABN.

I could be wrong. Maybe you can talk him into marrying you. If so, I believe that is the quickest way you will really see what he's all about. He wants a suzy homemaker. You are not willing to be a suzy homemaker. At some point, when the rubber meets the road this relationship will fizzle. Right now it's all happening in a bubble for you guys. Vacations are always fun. But when the honeymoon so to speak is over, the bubble will burst!

That's my prediction. Time will tell if I am right.

Love is Forever

Dan

Linda Sue, remember, you told Alyssa and me that I will always be the #1 love of your life .... Only # 1 could make you happy. Please don't settle for 2nd best. Fight hard for #1! And please don't burn all your bridges. Let's save a few in case of an emergency or two!

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**Danny Indicates,**

**"Linda Was Pure Through April 15!"**

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**April 6, 2004: "You Need Marriage Counseling"**

Before we look at Danny Shelton's email of September 8, 2004, we're going to backtrack just a little to April 6, 2004. It was on that date that Linda's brother-in-law wrote Danny and recommended the counseling services of Larry Ryan. Notice that Larry Ryan was from an area code that corresponds to the Wichita, Kansas, area. He also served at some point as a pastor of West Valley Church of the Nazarene in Yakima, Washington.

----- Original Message -----  
**From:** \*\*\*\*\*  
**To:** Danny Shelton  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 06, 2004 10:14 PM

Your ministry and marriage are in trouble at this time. \*\*\*\*\* and I have a strong desire for you to call Larry Ryan at (home 316-\*\*\*-\*\*\*\*) (cell 316-\*\*\*-\*\*\*\*). He is more qualified than anyone to help the two of you work through this. Your marriage and the ministry is worth saving. I will check back with you to ensure you and Linda have followed through. Be vulnerable and open your heart and listen to the "still small voice" which is our Lord Jesus Christ. To do this you MUST BE QUIET.

**April 15, 2004: Trip to the Marriage Counselors**

When did Danny and Linda go to see the Ryans? The following email tells us that it was on April 15.

Bear in mind that Danny and Linda differ in their accounts of what exactly the Ryans said.

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----- Original Message -----

**From:** Danny Shelton  
**To:** Linda Shelton  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 24, 2004 8:19 AM

Linda Sue,

...

Remember, the Nazarene counselors to you that you have no right to tell this man bad things about me and our marriage because this was spiritual adultery. You agreed and said you could see that this was wrong.

On the flight home April 15, you promised not to talk to him again for two weeks, all the while planning on calling him the next day to tell him everything that went on. I have the phone records to prove it.

...

Love is forever!

Danny

## Danny Shelton's Email of September 8, 2004

Okay, now we are ready for Danny's email of September 8, 2004. In that email he appears to acknowledge that Linda was "innocent" up to at least the time that she spoke with Larry Ryan and his wife Gayla on April 15. Thus we have Danny on record as saying that Linda was "sure" that her "intentions were pure" up through at least that date. His gripe is not that Linda was immoral prior to April 15, but that Dr. Abrahamsen's "intentions for you were selfish."

Also in this email:

- Danny offers to resign "in a minute" from 3ABN if it would prove to Linda that he didn't "get rid of" her "for personal reasons."
- Danny states his conviction that God wanted them to reconcile rather than marry someone else.
- He again speaks of Linda's traveling to Europe after the divorce without mentioning:
  - Her medical reasons for doing so.
  - Her going to see Elder Johann and Irmgard Thorvaldsson.
  - Nathan's intention of accompanying her on one of those trips.

- Danny admits that he may have been talking and acting inappropriately prior to April 15, which is one of the reasons Linda claimed that she needed to make the phone calls.

As far as his claims of wanting "nothing to do with anyone else at this point in my life," that apparent resolution was short-lived, as we shall see later.

Again we want to say that we believe that Danny's likening Dr. Arild Abrahamsen to chocolate-coated horse dung is totally inappropriate.

None of the emails on this page were provided to us by Linda Shelton.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Danny Shelton

**To:** Linda Shelton

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 08, 2004 12:11 PM

The Lord impressed me to write you this early this morning.

"The deception is in your perception!"

Think about it. Just because you perceived this relationship with this man to be innocent in the beginning, doesn't make it so.

While others, wise in years, and spiritual discernment, could see this man's intentions for you were selfish, you could not.

That's where you should have listened to the multitude of counselors, that the bible talks about.

You were so sure that your intentions were pure, that you ignored unbiased counsel like that from Larry and Gaila Ryan, who told you this relationship had to stop. The bible says the "HEART IS DECEITFUL ABOVE ALL THINGS". Linda, your heart deceived you. It still is. You have to know in your heart that even though we are divorced by man, that God would not have you in a relationship with another man that you are so close to that you would never look back at reconciliation. Without this man in your life, it is still possible that it would happen.

After the last two trips to Norway with him traveling all over Europe together, even your most ardent supporters now believe this has turned into a boyfriend girlfriend sexual

relationship between you two. Why would anyone ever be able to feel differently.

Linda, if you had really planned on being in ministry you should have taken the higher road as your song says. You should be above reproach.

"The deception is in your perception"!

Please don't burn all your bridges back home, I believe that you are going to need them later, when the deception is broken.

I love you with all my heart. There is just nothing I can do for you right now to prove it. I cannot compromise 3ABN. It's bigger than us. If resigning would prove to you that this was not just a move to get rid of you for personal reasons, I would do it in a minute. But at this point I don't think that would help either.

When your perception of the deception is broken by God, you will see this relationship that you have bit into as a pile of horse dung that had chocolate coating. He was never a piece of chocolate cake for your life. He deceived you with words just like Satan did Eve in the garden of Eden.

Love is Forever!

Dan .

ps. Linda, I've said all along that you would eventually have a physical relationship with this man. The Wichita counselors told you that too. You know the truth. You will deny it to man, but you cannot to God. Even if I had failed you, you should have gotten out of this relationship and tried to put ours back together. Instead, by early May, I heard you and he on the phone planning your vacations together to Scandinavia, and Las Vegas, and New York. I also heard you ask him to come across the ocean and rescue you from me. I also heard you tell him that you completely trusted him and I also heard you tell him that you were glad that he didn't dump you when you sent him an email telling him that you were breaking off your relationship with him. Linda, all of that was sin. Even if you thought I was wrong in how I was treating you, you had no business in keeping that relationship alive. By all rights, you should have broken



off that relationship to take the higher road regardless of what I was saying and how I am acted.

I am doing that now. There are already a number of women who have heard that we are divorce and want to get in the picture. But even though I believe with all of my heart you are in the wrong. I want nothing to do with anyone else at this point in my life. I have to give God time to work a miracle! Can't you see that. You should not be traveling around the world with this man. Rumor has it that he is planning on being back in the US and traveling with you in Oct. Anyway you and me should be spending time alone like your web page says that you've been doing the last several months.

I may have wasted my time, but I felt the Lord impressed me to write this. If there is truth in what I have written I'm asking God to prick your heart when you read this and help you to be miserable your last week in Norway with this man! Yes, you can swallow these feelings in you chose, but I believe that God will prick your heart!

### **Between April 15 and April 27: Biblical Grounds for Divorce?**

Just 12 days after the counseling session of April 15, Danny declared that Linda "no longer has a chance ... to ... save her marriage" since she had hidden his gun. What sort of chance is there that Linda committed fornication between April 15 and April 27, and thus gave Danny biblical grounds for divorce?

If Danny was willing to resign "in a minute" from 3ABN to prove to Linda that he didn't dump her "for personal reasons," is he willing to resign for the much graver allegation that he dumped her without having biblical grounds for doing so, and lied about it all?

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### **Linda Says, "You Admit to No Wrong"**

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#### **September 24, 2004: "Happy Sabbath!"**

This series of communications begins with the following short email from 3ABN president Danny Shelton, "the love of [Linda's] life." He writes to his ex-wife of three months, and his ex-vice president and ex-co-founder of perhaps not quite four months.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Danny Shelton  
**To:** Linda Shelton  
**Sent:** Friday, September 24, 2004 8:37 PM

Happy Sabbath!

from: the love of your life!

#### **September 24, 2004: "Therapeutic for Me to Vent"**

Three months after the divorce, Linda tells "the love of her life" her perspective. She feels Danny overreacted, and she remembers his many tears, but she claims that he admits to no mistakes.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Linda Shelton  
**To:** Danny Shelton  
**Subject:** Re:  
**Sent:** Friday, September 24, 2004 10:29 PM

I know this has never sunk in when you've heard it before. I know you're more concerned about how you feel as opposed to how I feel. But I guess it's therapeutic for me to vent and

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let you hear it one more time. But you not only destroyed me, you killed me. You used me to try to cover your mistakes. You over-reacted, you had a pity party with too many people which inevitably destroyed my character in this church. Bad news travels fast. I think it shocked you that it happened so fast...in fact, in about 3 weeks I was done. I remember your tears. Many tears...but it was too late. And now you continue to use me as the scapegoat. You know, I know and God knows that you can never, ever backtrack from what you've done or what you've said. The damage is repairable, but only at your expense...and you're not willing to put your neck on the line, even if it means making things right. You know Dan, like I said recently, I admit and have publically admitted that I could have exercised better wisdom during the time of crisis. But you admit to no wrong. I think if I were you I'd be concerned about this. Although you see things your way...maybe, just maybe you're wrong. Maybe you did over-react and stick your foot in your mouth. Maybe you did act in anger not knowing what the results would be. Maybe there is a bit of blood on your hands. As sinners born with carnal natures, we can never be too sure. Can we??

No, I probably will never get over this. It's been worse than a nightmare, because it goes beyond what a human mind can imagine. But I'll always know the truth. No matter how you try to sugar-coat it, I know the truth. I guess I am an extremist when it comes to positive thinking because somehow I think you can't really be that bad. You can't really have done what you did. You can't really continue to do what you do. And really someday you will make things right. But I suppose I'm delusional. My mistakes were mistakes but your mistakes were vicious attacks. May God have mercy on you. Many really miss my ministry that God gave me to do. Can man mess up God's plans at times?? Ask John the Baptist. Ask Peter. Ask the martyrs. Does God have plan B?? Sure He does and I'm asking Him to put me there. Dan, it's a crying shame!!

Have a nice life.

**September 24, 2004: "You Have to Acknowledge All of the Above and More Was Wrong"**

Linda very clearly in the above email accused Danny of not admitting to any mistakes even though she had. Below is his reply in which he has an excellent opportunity to prove her wrong.

As mentioned previously, we do not condone Danny's choice of language in the first paragraph.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Danny Shelton

**To:** Linda Shelton

**Subject:** Re: Re:

**Sent:** Friday, September 24, 2004 11:33 PM

Linda Sue, You sound so much like Kenny when you say you made some mistakes. I've yet to hear you say that this Dr. situation has been a pile of poop in our life. Not a piece of chocolate cake that you desire but can't have. Let me hear you say specifically what you have done. What mistakes do you admit to? Let me tell you a few important ones, as I see them.

[80 words about phone calls and Linda's February 7th broadcast.]

3. Buying tickets behind my back and planning on going on vacation to Florida with him behind my back. It doesn't make any difference whether Brenda was going with you or not, it was still wrong. ...

[339 words regarding allegedly planned trips, phone calls, phone cards, and a cell phone, bringing the mistakes Linda has to admit to up to 7.]

Linda, I could go on and on but I've said enough for you to get the point that at some time in your life you will have to confess these sins to the Lord if you want his blessings on your new ministry. And at some point if you want to come back and start over with me, you have to at least acknowledge all of the above and more was wrong. You gave your heart to that man a long time ago.

Linda, your sins are destroying your ministry that God called you to do. Not mine or anyone else's but yours. You need to understand that.

I did not over react. I did the only thing that I knew how to

do to keep you from going into the arms of another man and destroying our 20 yr marriage and ministry together. Had I slapped you around it would have been wrong. Had I done nothing but watch it all, I would have been wrong. I tried to intervene by getting spiritual counselors that I thought you would listen to. You did not and still don't.

Mark Finley told you the FIRST thing you had to do to start restoration was to drop the Dr. and you have refused. I will not be in a relationship with you as long as you think that this man is your friend and you want to run to him everytime something doesn't go your way.

Before I will let that happen, I am willing to stay away from the woman I love more than anything in the world, for the rest of my life. I could not live under those terms.

I have to see some actions on your part about dropping this Dr. first. Otherwise don't call and ask me questions about how it's going to be if you come back to 3ABN. I will NEVER take you back as long as you're so deceived that you think this man is your friend. He, not me, will ultimately be your destruction here and possibly in the eternity.

Please quit pointing your finger to me and ask God to show you the truth about what you have done. This man is not going to marry you. If he did, he will not treat you like a queen, making over your beauty and giving you back rubs and foot rubs, and allowing you to run freely with his money. He wants a Suzy homemaker. This relationship will end one way or the other. It will not last as it was spond by the devil. He knew your price, to get you to give your heart to another man.

It may have started innocent enough on your part, but it has become a far cry from innocent many months ago. As a Professional, he knew he was destroying your relationship with me all along. He coveted you and has now deceived you.

I've thought about this too Linda. I'm not willing to go back to that misery of always knowing you were driving around talking to him for hours at a time planning ways to be together all behind my back. I can never take anything like that again. It nearly tore my heart out. I truly hope it never

happens to you!

I'll always love you. You are the love of my life. If we get together again, there will never be room for the Dr. or any other man in our life, the rest of our lives. The marriage counselors told me privately that 10 men can't fill the emotional needs that you have now. They said this Dr. will never satisfy you when it's just you and him. You will never satisfy each other. You two would never trust each other either because down deep, you both know what you have done, and you know it is wrong and sin.

Love is forever!

from the love of your life  
to the love of my life.

ps. I miss the old Linda terribly. Please do the right thing.

If it doesn't work for us, please let's don't be enemies. God could not bless either of us if we hate each other. We have to forgive. Linda I have already forgiven you. That's why I'm able to help you for the last several months. I just want to love you.

My oh my! Just imagine what his emails would be like if he had not forgiven her!

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# **"I've Abused You? I'll Remarry you Anyway"**

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## **February 8, 2005: Linda's Story As Told by Danny**

Due to Linda's one-way "gag order," documents illustrating her position in those early days are few. The following email of February 8, 2005, from 3ABN president Danny Shelton gives a glimmer on what might have been her position at that time, assuming that Danny is accurately stating what she, Larry, and May were saying.

It is really odd that Danny, who has allowed people to call him the "Lord's anointed," would accuse Linda with these words: "Let alone travel to meet them and go on dates to restaurants and visit in their hotel room late at night like you and this man did while we were married." This is an obvious reference to Elder Thorvaldsson and Dr. Abrahamsen's visit the end of May 2004 to tell the board their side of the story. Reading Danny's words, you would think Elder Thorvaldsson was nowhere around.

Other items of interest include:

- Danny's placing Linda's February 2004 trip to Norway in January instead.
- Linda's claims of abuse by Danny.
- Dr. Abrahamsen's conclusion that Danny has a mental problem.
- Danny's professed willingness to remarry Linda and have her back at 3ABN.

We think Danny's repeated likening of Dr. Abrahamsen to excrement to be entirely out of line.

----- Original Message -----  
**From:** Danny Shelton  
**To:** Linda Shelton  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 08, 2005 10:24 AM

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Linda, I just spoke with Larry W. He like the rest of us feel badly that you have been deceived by the Dr. He told me what you are saying. He says that you told him that May Chung basically called you a Hussie and hung up on you. I talked to May and she didn't say anything to that effect.

He did say that you are running down Melody and me. He also said you tried to get him to believe that I have abused you. He told me that he had been around us for 20 years and knows better. He said you wanted him to believe that there were two Dan's. The public one and the home one. He doesn't believe that either and you know what, down deep you don't either. He did tell me that he wouldn't have put up with you and this Dr. as long as I did, if it had of been him. He said that if his Linda had a relationship like you and the Dr. had while we were married, you would have been out the door very quickly.

Linda, people are going to listen to you, but that does not mean they agree with you. When it comes right down to it, no married person would endure the kind of relationship that you had with this Dr. while being married. Linda you wouldn't have allowed me to have a girl friend that I talked to on the phone every day for two hours at a time against your will. Let alone travel to meet them and go on dates to restaurants and visit in their hotel room late at night like you and this man did while we were married.

Your heart left me and never came back to me after your Norway trip in Jan. of 2004.

No one would put up with another man trying to convince his wife that he was crazy. He and Johann have gone too far. The trouble is, you are the one paying the piper. He has been a pile of poop in your life.

Was your life better before you met this man or worse. If you say worse, then you should be happy right where you are. If you say your life was better before you met him, then you surely see he is a pile of poop for you, not a piece of chocolate cake.

If you wake up, it may not be too late. I'm willing to talk to you about reconciliation of marriage and ministry. Linda, no one else can help you achieve that. I am the only one who can help bring you back to marriage and 3ABN, but I have



to know that you see the Dr. as a pile of poop in your life. If I see a change in you, I can go to bat for you, but not until then. I haven't changed over the past year. I am still saying the same thing. Of course if I'm psychotic and such an abuser, then you wouldn't want to get back with me. But after all, it was the Lord who impressed you that your relationship with this man was wrong and that you should be with me and not him. I would have thought that you would have listened to God, but according to your own testimony you have written Him off too. That's a shame!

Danny Shelton

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# **"None of Your Business If I Have a Girlfriend Named Brandy"**

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## **February 8, 2005: First Email About Brandy**

The following email by 3ABN president Danny Shelton is the earliest documentation we currently have of Danny having a new girlfriend named Brandy, the young lady he eventually married. There are reports that their relationship may have become noticeable at 3ABN around October 2004. Additionally, Danny himself informed a pastor at the ASI Convention in Grapevine, Texas, at lunch on Sabbath, August 5, 2006, that Brandy had been chasing him for 17 years, and that he finally gave in by marrying her.

## **9 Hours 4 Minutes Before the Carrot**

The significance of the following email is that it was written just 9 hours and 4 minutes prior to [Danny's email](#) that held out a carrot to Linda of remarrying him and coming back to 3ABN.

At 1:20 AM: "... if I wanted to have a girlfriend now whether it would be a Brandy or a Jane Doe, it would be none of your business ...." At 10:24 AM: "I'm willing to talk to you about reconciliation of marriage and ministry." Now if you were in Linda's shoes, is it at all possible that your brain might become mush? And what if this kind of thing went on for 20 years?

We admit, some of Danny's accusations, allegations, and trashing leave unanswered questions, and some may wonder why Linda apparently hasn't had the sense to address some of these concerns in a forceful, direct, determined, concise, well-articulated, and convincing way. But then again, there are likely those who have been in similar situations that can guess why she hasn't done much of that at all.

## **Other Points of Interest**

We can add a few comments about the accusations below:

- Linda has had concerns about her future financial security, compounded by fears that she may have trouble being employed in a ministry due to

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being branded as an adulteress. If Danny's accusations about her wanting more money from 3ABN are true, this might be the reason for her enquiry about getting a larger settlement.

- Danny admits that there are others than Linda who have felt wronged by him over the years. He mentions a gentleman named Steve in particular.
- Sometimes people assert that Danny doesn't run 3ABN, that the board does. In this email Danny thrice states that the board will not approve something unless he agrees to it.
- Danny asserts that he is ready to make public all his evidence against Linda. Yet even though it's been 47 days since Linda asked on February 15, 2007, that he do that very thing, he still hasn't done so.

And perhaps that last point is one of the best ways to look at Danny's oft repeated allegations of vacations for now. If he really has so much proof and evidence of such things, and of Linda giving him biblical grounds for remarriage, even though he admits that he had no such grounds for divorce, why is he so hesitant to release that evidence, especially when Linda has requested that he do so?

Now if he finally delivers on what he so often claims that he has, then maybe we can take a different position.

## Danny's Email

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Danny Shelton

**To:** Linda Shelton

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 08, 2005 1:20 AM

Linda, if you have something in mind you should let me know. If you want more money, you need to give me a reason why. If 3ABN gives you more money and you promise not to sue again, what's to make us think you won't turn around and sue after you spend that money also.

You should know that I don't think that this board is going to give you any kind of second settlement unless I agree to it. I know you would like to work around me, but my educated guess is, that it's not going to happen without me in the loop, and rightfully so. I am still President and CEO.

My board members tell me you are spreading pure smut about me and telling them that I have been a con all along. You have the same problem as Steve. That same demon has jumped on you too. If I've been a con all along, then why

did you go along with it? You tell people the FBI and whomever is investigating me and you don't want me to go to jail, ect, ect. But the truth is, first of all, my accountants will confirm I've done nothing wrong, and secondly if there had been mismanagement going on, you also would have to answer as you were the Vice President all along.

You surely can see the similarities between you and Steve now! You have become a garbage collector just like him. And you know what? My board members aren't buying any of your garbage! They can see that you are only out to try to destroy me and this ministry.

The only chance of you ever getting back in this ministry is when you realize that this man has been a pile of poop in your life and not a piece of chocolate cake. I told you that from the beginning. You didn't listen then and you are still not listening. Please quit doing what you have seen so many others before you do, and that is trying to fight God's channel of blessing, 3ABN, and thinking that you are really fighting me.

If you want to talk to Nick along with your lawyer that's OK., I've encouraged him to talk to you both. At this point I am ready for you to break your word and contract and sue, so that I can make all info public as you will have forced my hand by taking me to court. I've talked to several people who have talked to you and thought that you got a raw deal. After I spend 15 to 20 minutes telling them the real truth, they virtually all apologize to me. I'm not scared to take everything to court. You will not get your job back or win a settlement because you were let go from 3ABN. I have many witnesses as to your "bad" management practices. Some have even told me that you made them lie for you from time to time.

Again, I also don't believe that by going to Larry W. that the board will somehow decide to give you another settlement, unless I agree to it.

If you think you should have more money coming I would suggest that you put it in writing and tell us why that it's ok to break your other contract and ask for more.

May says you are telling her things about me and Brandy. First of all you don't know, anything about what me and

Brandy are or are not doing. And secondly, if I wanted to have a girlfriend now whether it would be a Brandy or a Jane Doe, it would be none of your business as you have now refused for over a year to let this Norwegian man go. You have refused all counsel that told you he must go, yet you and he still travel together and stay in each other's homes for up to two weeks at a time. I told you a long time ago that I can document all your travel schedule and I have. May says you told her that you have only been to Norway once and that was a year ago January. I told her that if she wasn't mistaken then you told her a big lie as I can document all your trips there. Surely she got that part of your conversation mixed up. I don't think you would think everyone is such simpleton's that we don't know the truth about your solo trips to Europe.

Anyway, we've been divorced for nearly eight months and we all know that I have biblical grounds. If I want to date someone else I am free to do it. You dated this man for months while we were married. That is called sin, anyway you want to cut it.

You shouldn't worry anyway. Remember, you told me that the only thing I would ever get compared to you was "An old used dirty dish rag".

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### **"Linda, You Lost the \$1000 Bet!"**

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While on July 17, 2004, 3ABN president Danny Shelton had no proof that his ex-wife Linda had given him biblical grounds for divorce the previous month, his opinion had definitely changed by September 6, not 8 weeks later. He was so certain of this that he tried to collect on his \$1,000 bet.

What was so convincing to Danny was that Linda had gone to Norway for medical treatment to Dr. Abrahamsen's clinic, and to visit Elder and Mrs. Johann Thorvaldsson, the latter of whom was battling bone cancer. And Linda had gone not once, but twice.

But we do wonder, how was Danny so certain? And if he really had evidence to that effect, why hasn't he made it public as requested by Linda on February 15, 2007, 47 days ago?

### **September 6, 2004: Danny Says, "Pay Up Time!"**

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Danny Shelton

**To:** Linda Shelton

**Date:** Monday, September 06, 2004 12:17 AM

Kim Smith just called me. Herb's son just killed himself tonight. Please pray for them. He was a little older than Melody.

Melody said Lisa fell off a ladder and broke her arm in 3 places. The doctor said it was really bad. It needs some pins in it but the dr. said the bones were broken too badly.

Alyssa said you wanted to move on Sunday the 19th.

I have a board meeting that day so it won't work to get the rest of the furniture out of my house. You have lots of books too that need moving.

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I guess if they took everything early in the day on the truck that's already loaded maybe they could load up the furniture at my house late in the day.

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I'd like you to pay off your \$1,000.00 you owe me from our bet. You know and I know and God knows, you lost that bet. It's a good thing you don't have to pay me one grand for each time you failed. I'd be rich by now. I hear viagra can really help a 61 year old. Of course I'm sure he's denying having to use it.

According to Johann, it seems you and the Dr. must talk a lot about s\*x. If you are talking about our past s\*x life, you must surely be talking about yours and his now.

By the time you get back you will have spent 5 out of the last 8 weeks with him. Shameful!

Anyway, I take cash or even a check will do!

## Seventh-day Adventist Position on Gambling

Seventh-day Adventists do not believe in gambling. In fact, the *Seventh-day Adventist Church Manual* lists as one of the "Reasons for Which Members Shall Be Disciplined":

2. Violation of the law of God, such as worship of idols, murder, stealing, profanity, gambling, Sabbathbreaking, and willful and habitual falsehood.

*(Church Manual, p. 195)*

Church discipline may take one of two forms:

- **Vote of Censure:** One loses one's church offices and cannot have a voice or vote in the affairs of the church for a stated period of time.
- **Disfellowship:** One ceases to be a member of the church.

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**Email from Callie Marie Wahl to Char Wahl, □  
dated April 3, 2007, with a DOC attachment of an  
academic calendar, referring to Char Wahl □  
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# **Dr. Walt Thompson Admits on March 7, 2005, "I Have Never Had Evidence That Linda Committed Adultery"**

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In this remarkable series of emails, we have an admission by 3ABN board chairman Dr. Walt Thompson that he still has no evidence that Linda committed adultery. Note that this admission comes:

- One year after the crisis began and 8½ months after the divorce became final.
- After Linda's allegedly numerous trips to Norway to see friends and receive medical treatment since the divorce.
- After the numerous rendezvous Danny claims Linda had with Dr. Abrahamsen in the U.S. and abroad.

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We first look at Elder Thorvaldsson's plea to Walt, and its recounting of a phone conversation in which Elder Thorvaldsson says that Walt claimed that he wasn't accusing Linda of adultery.

His reference to Melody concerns Danny's daughter by his first marriage, a popular 3ABN personality.

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**From:** Johann Thorvaldsson  
**To:** Walt Thompson  
**Subject:** Rumors  
**Date:** Sunday, March 06, 2005 11:32 PM

Walt,

It was very interesting to hear you talk about rumors - or against rumors. I have read a number of your private letters to people who feel that you are merely telling rumors, so

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they write to us to find out what is the truth. I know from personal experience and research that a number of things you tell people are mere rumors or things that took place at a time that has no significance to this case. I sensed that your chronology of events is quite confused. In my way of thinking it is significant if you bury a person before or after he is dead. Would you give your patients anesthetic after the surgery? But in some of your statements of event it appears as if chronology is of no importance. Is that telling the truth? When I pressed this in our talk you indicated that it had no significance. Does your conscience permit you to make such mistakes when it comes to the reputation of a person who has meant so much to 3ABN? Read through your own statements and discover what I mean. If you don't see it I'll point it out to you.

About rumors: I do quite a bit of research. When I hear a rumor of something that seems substantial and has to do with this case, I do not pass this on before I have proof, such as first-person accounts. This applies to such things as Melody's smoking. I first heard of it second hand. I could hardly believe it, so I wanted to be sure it was not true. I personally questioned a witness, to be sure that it was not a mistaken identity, and I was not satisfied until I had it from two different sources, who had not merely heard it, but knew it from first-hand observation. It was then I wrote about it to you, because it seemed that you were the right person to handle it, especially since it concerns 3ABN's credibility.

You seem so quick to call things rumors when they apply to Danny Shelton or those close to him, while any story about Linda you accept as verified. That seemed the gist of our conversation. So what chance does Linda have in a group of so-called believers when they do not act as Christians at all in the way things are handled - through what I have been able to observe personally.

You did state in our conversation that you are not accusing Linda of adultery. It would be nice to have this in writing, because that is what most people understand from the statements you have issued. Now you state that you are merely accusing Linda of having had a relationship with a man. How about all of those accusations of adultery that Danny has made and broadcast around to the world? There is something strange in your whole handling of this case.

Something that does not make sense. You mean that a whole board of Christian people have been discussing that since this might lead to adultery you might as well let the world know she has committed a great sin, so she had to be dismissed from 3ABN, nobody could talk to her, and you approved that Danny should remain as president of 3ABN even though he demanded a divorce from his wife. This is not mere rumors - I have all the emails from Danny from that period to prove it. He was not the least interested in saving his marriage, but did everything in his power to get her out of the way, even while publicly asking Mark Finley and others to pray for her return. I have scores of email from Danny to prove this, so - again - this is not rumors. And because both Danny and Linda provided me with daily insights in what was going on, I was not 6,000 miles away, but no further than the screen of my computer. Besides that I talked to both of them on the phone through this period. But you were so afraid that Danny would be accused of lying about the whole case, that you made it impossible for us to testify before the board on June 1, 2004.

Do you think this case will soon be outdated? Not as long as the Lord has called me to give my testimony, because it is no honor for the Church of God to have such falsehood linger. So you might as well do something about it before it is too late. Before it breaks 3ABN.

With great concern,

Johann

## **Walt Thompson's Reply to Elder Thorvaldsson**

Walt makes the following admissions in his reply. We quote his exact words below:

- "I have never accused Linda of adultery."
- "I do not know whether or not that has taken place ...."
- "... it is has never been a factor in my decisions or recommendations."
- "The letter ... I wrote to the 3ABN family does not accuse Linda of adultery."
- "But that idea was not written into the letter, nor was it intended to be implied."
- "... frankly, I have never had the kind of evidence needed whereby to make such an accusation."

If the 3ABN board chairman has **never** had evidence that Linda committed adultery, how did the board ever permit Danny to remarry and still retain his position as president of 3ABN? If Linda was dismissed for a non-adulterous doctor-patient relationship, how can Danny still be in power an entire year after committing adultery by getting remarried without biblical grounds?

Dr. Thompson claims that Linda's doctor-patient "relationship ... was destroying the ministry," and that's why she had to be let go when she wouldn't comply with his demands. In what ways is Danny's remarriage not destroying the ministry of 3ABN more than Linda's doctor-patient relationship ever did?

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Johann Thorvaldsson  
**To:** Walt Thompson  
**Subject:** RE: Rumors  
**Date:** Monday, March 07, 2005 5:21 PM

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Walt Thompson  
**To:** Johann Thorvaldsson  
**Subject:** Re: Rumors  
**Date:** Monday, March 07, 2005 3:36 PM

Good morning Johann,

Thank you for your phone call and e mail. Please know that you and your dear wife are in my daily prayers - as is Linda. It is not for anger or retribution that I have taken the actions that I have taken.

[Johann Thorvaldsson] Thanks for writing, Walt. For heaven's sake, why does a Christian gentleman act the way you have if it is not for anger or retribution?

Everything I have done has been done honestly,

[Johann Thorvaldsson] Perhaps you did, but why not have your honesty adjusted with the religion we were taught at old

EMC? I must search deep and wide for the smallest grain of honesty in your actions in this case, Walt. Your integrity is not impressing denomination leaders in this part of the world. One of the Union presidents told me today that they have decided to reject any cooperation with 3ABN, in spite of Claus's claims and Danny Shelton's offer of financial aid to the European 3ABN. Honesty does not seem to be a 3ABN trademark.

prayerfully, and with the only wisdom that I have.

[Johann Thorvaldsson] I can see that! May the Lord have mercy! Danny has now sent me all those arguments you refused to give me on the phone - those "proofs" with which he thinks he is going to crush Linda. If those are all the arguments with which you have made your decisions, they are a very thin dish of soup. I guess you were never aware of this. A surgeon, a pastor, and a lawyer should have more sense than a fifth grader with a calendar and a list of events, but that is all it takes to see how ridiculous your arguments are. Since you lack the wisdom to see this, I hope the Lord will eventually forgive you, after you have come to your senses, and made restitution for the evil you have done.

If I have failed anywhere along the way I am truly sorry, because it has not been my intent to hurt any.

[Johann Thorvaldsson] Why do you then? My phone conversation with you gave me a picture of how you treated Linda, it you talked to her in the same condescending drone as you talked to me, I can well understand where your honesty failed and you need more prayer. Why do I say "condescending

drone?" Because in your whole way of talking you clearly assumed Linda's guilt - based on those ridiculous assumptions. It was the same drone I heard from John Lomacang and Nick Miller at that meeting we had.

In all of your actions you made the most ridiculous demands of Linda, regardless of how you interpret it. Since you managed medical school you should have sense enough to see this, Walt. With a man of your education there is no excuse, neither is there for the pastor nor the lawyer. Can't you fathom it?

Linda was cut off from access to any of her friends. Brenda had lied on her. Danny cut off every avenue she had to friends. You kept droning on her that she had better admit the sins she had never committed. Be honest, Walt, even though you claim you never accused her of adultery, that was what Danny was continually accusing her of, as attested by the email I received from him. How could she at this stage perceive that your accusations did not include what Danny said?

Again, you kept droning on her that she must seek counsel. Counsel for what? Danny made it clear in his email that the only counsel she needed was to be told and admit that she was a great whore. This can all be verified, so this is not based on rumors.

In this situation Linda saw there was only one person who could verify her innocence. But you kept condescending the drone that she must not talk to the only person in this world who knew

exactly what had happened.

Is it possible for a person to show more disdain for another human being than what you displayed through this whole process? Is it strange that Linda now seeks restitution through a court for the lack of understanding that was never displayed by her fellow believers?

Feeling sorry for your action is good, but is it sufficient? What have you done to Linda through these actions?

I am all for justice and mercy in this case and that all be done to the glory of God. [Johann Thorvaldsson] Actions are worth more than words in this case. How can you honor God by bringing such disgrace on 3ABN?

I have not acted on theory nor heresay, but only upon the convincing evidence that I have had, much of it personal experience.

[Johann Thorvaldsson] Your words alone are not very convincing.

I have been very close to 3ABN through the years and especially so during this past year. I am pretty much aware to what is truth and what is not. And yes, there are many things that I am not aware of, but I have not based any of my decisions on those things.

[Johann Thorvaldsson] Could there be too many things you are not aware of for you to make an honest decision? Any decent, honest leader has to see a matter from all sides. This is what you have stubbornly refused to do, as far as I can see. You depended way too much on internal evidence, and on counsel from



those who were being inundated with false proofs of Linda's guilt. This can never be tolerated in a Christian society, the way I was brought up, including EMC.

So far as accusing Linda of adultery, I will say here again in writing that I have never accused Linda of adultery. I do not know whether or not that has taken place, and it is has never been a factor in my decisions or recommendations.

Linda was given opportunity over and over again to break off a relationship that was destroying the ministry, and to remain with 3abn. She was furthermore told by myself and others where her decisions were leading, yet she refused to listen to our advice.

[Johann Thorvaldsson] Inhuman advice in this situation. Why can't you see it, Walt?

Only when it became evident that the ministry was at stake did we take the issue to the board for definitive action.

[Johann Thorvaldsson] Yes. All because of Danny Shelton's stubbornness, and not based on common sense wisdom - because you made it impossible to let the board listen to our testimony.

The letter that you refer to that I wrote to the 3ABN family does not accuse Linda of adultery. If any have interpreted it to say that, perhaps you may accept a bit of the credit for reading that element into it. But that idea was not written into the letter, nor was it intended to be implied. In fact, the specific effort was made to avoid making such an insinuation since frankly, I have never had the kind of evidence needed whereby to make such an accusation.

[Johann Thorvaldsson] From the wording it was sorely difficult to discern your intentions, even if you claim you can legally hide yourself behind the jargon used. And how about what you sent to Adventist Today? You will find my response to that on Club Adventist. Thus far I have only received appreciation for the clarification I gave to your thwarted statement, again based on your application of false facts, because there were several aspects you refused to consider. The Lord says, "Come, let us reason together." How can you reason when only applying evidence from one side? How Unchristian!

I hope this will be helpful to you.

[Johann Thorvaldsson] Yes, it really has - to show me how inhuman you have treated Linda. It gives me a deeper conviction that my work is barely started yet. It is so difficult to get through your ingrained bias.

Please give Irmgard my best regards.

Sincerely in the blessed name of Jesus,

Walt T  
Walter Thompson MD

### Walt Thompson's Reply to Elder Thorvaldsson's Reply

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Walt Thompson

**To:** Johann Thorvaldsson

**Subject:** Re: Rumors

**Date:** Tuesday, March 08, 2005 3:51 AM

Thanks Johann

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Walter Thompson MD

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### **A Battered Wife Asks Questions:**

## **"What About the Home Loan?"**

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### **Initial Query**

Troubled by the note 3ABN president Danny Shelton sent her friend, this formerly battered wife asks Danny if it is true that Dr. Abrahamsen and Linda bought a home together.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** \*\*\*\*\*

**To:** [Danny Shelton]

**Subject:**

**Sent:** 8/22/2006 8:07:00 AM

Hello, Danny:

My friend \*\*\*\*\* shared with me the note you sent her yesterday stating that Linda and the doctor had each contributed \$100,000 toward buying a home together. Just like so many other people, I'm struggling to hang onto my faith in 3ABN, and with so many stories circulating and all of them different, it's hard to know who or what to believe. If they indeed bought a house together it would be a matter of public record, readily available from the county assessor's office. Please tell me what county and state this was in so I can verify it. Thanks.

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### **Danny Shelton's Reply**

Danny acknowledges that Dr. Abrahamsen's name cannot be found on the deed, but he makes the situation sound as sinister as possible. Additionally, by saying, "The sin of it all is that when one is married ...," Danny leaves the

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impression that Dr. Abrahamsen's loan occurred while Danny and Linda were still married.

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----- Original Message -----

**From:** Danny Shelton

**To:** \*\*\*\*\*

**Subject:** RE:

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 22, 2006 7:22 AM

It is in Springfield Illinois. Her name is the one on the Deed, But when I was in court with her she had to show where her money came from to pay for the house. It was Arild Abrahamson. He put up \$100,000 . Apparently, they didn't want people to see what they had done. So they kept her name on the deed.

Actually though, that is a small thing. The sin of it all is that when one is married they have no right to go to the arms of another. We don't talk about it publically but we do, at times, to honest supporters. I don't want to spend time defending myself, but my 3ABN board and my local church and my Conf. Pres. and other leaders, have all seen the "proof" of their affair. Without exception after knowing the facts, not hearsay, they have supported me and the 3ABN board.

God Bless!

Danny

We are leaving this moment for Russia. Please pray for us!

### Formerly Battered Wife Is Unconvinced

Since the enquirer was in a less than ideal situation in her own past, she still has questions, and so she decides to do the biblical thing and ask Linda for her side of the story.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** \*\*\*\*\*

**To:** [Linda Shelton]

**Subject:** Note to me from Danny

**Date:** Tue, August 22, 2006 7:49 am

Hi, Linda:

After reading this, I'm still not convinced. I was a battered wife and I stayed because I had small children and nowhere to go, and I was too embarrassed and ashamed to turn to my family. If I'd had a friend who could have helped me get a new start, I would have left in a heartbeat. I finally left after he gave me a concussion and was threatening to kill me and our children – and he would have been entirely capable of doing just that. The point I'm trying to make is that getting a loan from a friend is a whole lot different from going "to the arms of another," as he is here accusing you. Is any part of his statement correct?

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## Elder Thorvaldsson Responds

In his reply to the formerly battered wife, Elder Thorvaldsson raises an intriguing issue: Did Danny really "get rid of Linda so he could marry his young girlfriend, Brandy"? We are unprepared to go that far. Yet it should be stated that on August 5, 2006, Danny Shelton told a pastor that Brandy had been chasing him for 17 years, and that he had finally given in.

Elder Thorvaldsson also reacts to the impression Danny had left that Dr. Abrahamsen had loaned Linda \$100,000 while she and Danny were still married.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Johann Thorvaldsson

**To:** \*\*\*\*\*

**CC:** Linda Shelton

**Subject:** FW: [FWD: Note to me from Danny]

**Date:** Tue, 22 Aug 2006 20:51:09 -0000

Dear \*\*\*\*\*,

Linda is having too many letters to reply to herself, so she is asking me to tell you what happened here. Let me first introduce myself. I am a retired pastor who was volunteering for 3ABN until Danny fired me because I was unwilling to back him up with the false statements he used to get rid of Linda so he could marry his young girlfriend,



Brandy. Before there were any problems between Danny and Linda, my wife, Irmgard, and Linda became very close friends. So when Irmgard died last year Linda got up at the funeral and expressed her appreciation that Irmgard had remained her friend when all other friends deserted her because they believed all the evil lies and accusations hurled at her.

Danny's statements are downright ridiculous. When Danny chased Linda out of his house she bought a mobile home in Marion. I have been there. It was too close to 3ABN for comfort because Danny was continually making life hard for her. Danny managed to get a quick divorce from Linda which went into effect on June 21, 2004.

Several weeks after the divorce was final Linda found a suitable home for herself and her daughter in Springfield. Before the divorce Danny had fired her, so she had no employment. This meant that she had no more health insurance, and no bank would issue her a loan. Wasn't she fortunate that there now was a friend who would issue her a 10-year loan, so she could have a comfortable place to live?

Through this whole process Danny and his gang have been twisting every thing Linda does so that people get the impression she has done something completely wrong. Doesn't this tell you how desperate he was to get to marry his Brandy with her two daughters from two previous marriages?

Yes, if Linda had done this while she was still married, some would have questioned the appropriateness of Linda getting a private loan. The fact is that by now she was all alone and in a desperate situation, She had no husband to help her. Would you not say that only an evil mind could twist the facts to let you think she was still married to Danny Shelton and then using this as a reason for the divorce? And then Danny and his gang claim they are the only ones who know how to proclaim the TRUTH? Which truth is that? Does the Lord bless a preacher who lives a life based on such lies?

I know your morals are higher than that, \*\*\*\*\*.

Blessings,

Johann Thorvaldsson

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**3ABN Employee Handbook Disregarded**

The following highlighted excerpts from the 3ABN Employee Handbook were sent to us by some former 3ABN employees. It is their contention that the current administration of 3ABN flagrantly violates these selections from their own Employee Handbook. As the letter we received states,

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----- Original Message -----  
**From:** \*\*\*\*\*  
**Subject:** employee handbook of 3abn -  
**Date:** Tue, 6 Mar 2007 1:30 PM

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It is obvious that 3ABN, while claiming to promote the "undiluted" three angels messages, is engaged in the systematic practice of *diluting* not only the three angels' messages, but the Ten Commandments, and its own Employee Handbook.

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**Excerpts from the 3ABN Employee Handbook  
 (March 2005 Edition)**

**Employee Relations:**

- Three Angels Broadcasting Network believes that the work conditions, wages, and benefits are competitive with those offered by other employers in this area and in this industry. If employees have concerns about work condition or compensation, they are strongly encouraged to voice these concerns openly and

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directly to their supervisors (p. 5).

- Our experience has shown that when employees deal openly and directly with supervisors, the work environment can be excellent, communications can be clear, and attitudes can be positive. We believe that Three Angels Broadcasting Network amply demonstrates its commitment to employees by responding effectively to employee concerns (p. 5).

#### **Equal Employment Opportunity:**

- Three Angels Broadcasting Network is a religious ministry and desires to foster in its workplace, in a manner consistent with state and federal law, an atmosphere that is in harmony with the religious principles that the ministry promotes. It expects all employees, while in the workplace, and while otherwise representing Three Angels Broadcasting Network, to conduct themselves in a manner that is consistent with the Biblical principles of health, purity, modesty, kindness, courtesy and service, as further defined in this Handbook (p. 6).
- Any employee with questions or concerns about any employment decision, practice or any type of discrimination in the work place are encouraged to bring these issues to the attention of Three angels Broadcasting Network (p. 6).
- Management is primarily responsible for seeing that Three Angels Broadcasting Network's equal opportunity policies are implemented, but all members of the staff share in the responsibility for assuring that by their personal actions the policies are effective and apply uniformly to everyone (p. 6).

#### **Harassment Policy:**

- Three Angels Broadcasting Network is committed to providing a work environment that is pleasant, professional and free from intimidation, hostility or other offenses which might interfere with work performance. Harassment of any sort – verbal, physical, visual – will not be tolerated, particularly against employees in protected classes. These classes include, but are not necessarily limited to race, color, sex, age, national origin or ancestry, medical condition, or any other protected status defined by

law (p. 6).

- **What is Harassment?** Workplace harassment can take many forms. It may be, but is not limited to, words, comments, signs, offensive jokes, cartoons, pictures, posters, e-mail jokes or statements, pranks, intimidation, physical assaults or contact, or violence. Harassment is not necessarily sexual in nature. It may also take the form of other vocal activity including derogatory statements not directed to the targeted individuals but taking place within their hearing. Other prohibited conduct includes written material such as notes, photographs, cartoons, articles of a harassing or offensive nature, and taking retaliatory action against an employee for discussing or making a harassment complaint (pp. 6, 7).
- **Responsibility:** All Three Angels Broadcasting Network employees, and particularly managers, have a responsibility for keeping our work environment free of harassment. Any employee who becomes aware of an incident of harassment, whether by witnessing the incident or being told of it, must report it to their immediate supervisor or to the designated management representative with whom they feel comfortable. When management becomes aware of the existence of harassment, it is obligated by law to take prompt and appropriate action, whether or not the victim may want Three Angels Broadcasting Network to do so (p. 7).
- **Reporting:** While Three Angels Broadcasting Network encourages you to communicate directly with the alleged harasser, and make it clear that the harasser's behavior is unacceptable, offensive, or inappropriate, it is not required that you do so. It is essential, however, to notify your supervisor or, if you prefer, to notify Mollie Steenson, Tommy Shelton or Larry Ewing immediately even if you are not sure the offending behavior is considered harassment. Any incidents of harassment must be reported to a member of management. Appropriate investigation and disciplinary action will be taken. All reports will be promptly investigated with due regard for the privacy of everyone involved. However, confidentiality cannot be guaranteed. Any employee found to have harassed a fellow employee or subordinate will be subject to severe disciplinary action up to and including termination. Three Angels

Broadcasting Network will also take any additional action to appropriately remedy the situation. Retaliation of any sort will not be permitted. No adverse employment action will be taken for any employee making a good faith report of alleged harassment (pp. 7, 8).

**Policy on Sexual Harassment:**

- Sexual harassment may include unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, or other verbal or physical contact of a sexual nature when such conduct creates an offensive, hostile or intimidating environment and prevents an individual from effectively performing the duties of their position (p. 8).
- Three Angels Broadcasting Network prohibits any employee from retaliating in any way against anyone who has raised any concern about sexual harassment or discrimination against another individual (p. 8).
- Three Angels Broadcasting Network will investigate any complain of sexual harassment and will take immediate and appropriate disciplinary action if sexual harassment has been found within the workplace.

**Problem Resolution:**

- Three Angels Broadcasting Network is committed to providing the best possible working conditions for its employees. Part of this commitment is encouraging an open and frank atmosphere in which any problem, complaint, suggestions, or questions receive a timely response from Three Angels Broadcasting Network supervisors and management (p. 36).
- If employees disagree with established rules of conduct, policies, or practices, they can express their concern through the problem resolution procedure. No employee will be penalized, formally or informally, for voicing a complaint with the Three Angels Broadcasting Network in a reasonable, business-like manner, or for using the problem solution procedure (p. 36).

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**Can One Defy the 3ABN Board  
and Get Away with It?**

**"May I Please Meet with the Board?"**

In late 2005, 3ABN's ex-co-founder Linda Shelton had a interesting dialogue with 3ABN board chairman Walt Thompson. Basically, she was requesting the privilege of being able to tell her side of things 18 months after the fact to the 3ABN board. In the end, Dr. Thompson refused to grant her that privilege.

But something Dr. Thompson said in his email of December 14, 2005, is vitally important in the ongoing Danny Shelton Corruption Scandal:

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**From:** Walt Thompson  
**To:** Linda Shelton  
**Subject:** Re: Re:  
**Date:** Wed, 14 Dec 2005 16:22:33 -0600

Linda,

...

I for one, and many other people appreciate what you gave to the ministry. I have told you that before. But I am not aware of any ministry or business the will permit its leaders to defy the directives of the board.

...

Walt  
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Two points should be considered:

- What 3ABN board directives did Linda defy?
- Has Danny Shelton ever defied 3ABN board directives?



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## The Elusive Board Directives

We are unaware of there being any directives by the board that Linda defied, and here is why: The first board meeting we are aware of that had anything to do with the termination saga of Linda Shelton was on May 30, 2004, the very board meeting that terminated her. Thus there appears to have never been any directives given by the board that Linda had an opportunity to defy. (We welcome correction on this point.)

Dr. Thompson may have a habit of mistaking the opinions of a few as constituting an official, voted board directive. In his May 4, 2004, ultimatum, he stated, "This letter is intended to represent the will of the board." Yet at the same time he stated that accepting the ultimatum would allow a resolution "without making the details of this matter known to the full board." If the board did not know the details of the matter, how could the May 2004 ultimatum represent the will of the board?

## What Directives Was Walt Referring to?

So what possible commands was Dr. Thompson referring to?

- 3ABN president Danny Shelton disapproved of the physician Linda chose to treat her son for his meth addiction.
- 3ABN president Danny Shelton disapproved of the marriage counselor(s) Linda chose after she and Danny started having trouble.
- Non-board member and non-3ABN employee John Lomacang sided with Danny regarding Linda's choice of physician and marriage counselor(s).
- 3ABN board chairman Walt Thompson backed Danny's disapproval of those marriage counselor(s).

Something along these lines may have been what Walt Thompson referred to as the directives of the board that Linda defied.

## Does 3ABN Tolerate Defiance of Board Directives?

In the interest of consistency, there are two issues we would like to raise.

### 3ABN Board Directive Regarding Paying Brandy Elswick

Multiple sources indicate that after the 3ABN board voted not to pay Brandy Elswick, Danny funnelled money to her anyway through another non-profit organization.

On March 8, 2006, Brandy became the new Mrs. Shelton.

## 3ABN Board Directive Concerning Tommy Shelton

The following communication sent out in late 2006 (posted in its entirety elsewhere) mentions the 3ABN board deciding in the early 1990's that Tommy Shelton could no longer work at 3ABN, followed by his continuing to work for 3ABN anyway on a contract basis.

Assuming that Danny knew that his brother was still working for 3ABN, if the 3ABN board does not tolerate defiance of its directives, why has it allowed Danny Shelton to continue as president?

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Gailon Arthur Joy

**To:** Directors, Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc.: Walter Thompson, Carmelita Troy, Elder Ken Denslow, Elsworth McKee, Mollie Steenson

**Subject:** Emergency Board Action Required

**Date:** Thu, 07 Dec 2006 15:05:43 +0000

Some of you may have been following closely the saga of revelations relating to issues perceived and defined regarding the administration of Danny Shelton at 3ABN.

Probably none is as descriptive of the malfeasance and mismanagement and failure of oversight as the issue of Tommy Shelton.

During the early 1980's Tommy was serving as pastor at the Ezra Church of God, West Frankfort, Illinois. Several young men made specific allegations regarding sexual molestation of a minor from the Church School at Ezra by the Administrative Pastor, Tommy Shelton. ...

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In late 1991 Melody Shelton Mundall and Derrell Mundall gave several pages of written statements to Illinois Conference President BJ Christiansen.

[That] statement resulted in a board meeting and the board decided that Tommy Shelton could not work at 3ABN. Tommy was severed from the payroll and was given contract work promoting 3ABN with cable companies until he took a media consulting position and assistant pastor for

media ministries with Dunn Loring Church of God, Dunn Loring, Va. in 1993. In 1995 the Senior Pastor left for mission service and Tommy became the senior pastor. During his pastorate 3ABN reportedly contributed a bus to the Dunn Loring COG [that] was not approved by the board of directors.

In 1999 3ABN issued a \$10,000 check to Tommy Shelton in Dunn Loring, Va. This was done without the approval of the board. However, in late 2000 Tommy's own family confronted Tommy regarding concerns related to his adopted son and at least one other minor male child. Danny Shelton declared he had forewarned of this and stated, "I told you so, he's done it again." Tommy suffered a nervous breakdown and went on leave and finally resigned his pastorate in the spring of 2001. He moved his family to Marion, Ky.

Danny Shelton hired Tommy to manage and organize the Tapes and Masters Archives mid 2001 without asking the board of directors and over the objection of Linda Shelton.

In May of 2003 the Chairman received a letter by Certified Mail from a Pastor Dryden of the Ezra Church of God warning them that there were new allegations regarding sexual misconduct, commonly referred to as the Dryden Letter. The Chairman brought the letter to the attention of the entire board in June 2003. Danny is reported to have misled the board and clearly stated the conduct was thirty years old and was over when he knew there were fresh allegations in West Frankfort, Il. as well as in Dunn Loring, Va. Bill Hulsey declared that this was all in the past and they could move on and a letter was sent back to Pastor Dryden telling him simply that the matter was taken up by the board and dealt with when in fact the board simply brushed it aside without investigation or exploration.

Tommy continued in this position until mid 2004. After Linda Shelton was terminated by the Chairman, Tommy was given Linda Shelton's Office and her job, again without the approval of the board. Tommy also began playing the piano for Kids Time and other children's programming.

...

It is imperative that the board needs to meet immediately

and determine if Tommy Shelton should be terminated from 3ABN, [and] determine if Danny Shelton has been sufficiently insubordinate and has deliberately misinformed the board such as to require the resignation of Danny Shelton as president and CEO of 3ABN.

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### **Financial Allegations Against Danny Shelton**

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On January 18, 2007, 3ABN president Danny Shelton and company did yet another special damage-control 3ABN Live broadcast. The participants on the broadcast scoffed at the idea that there was any sort of criminal investigation going on. They stated that board member Carmelita Troy, whose specialty is fraud detection and who teaches accounting at a government institution, had not found anything, and if she hadn't found anything, there must not be anything there.

This appears to be a good argument to use against the financial allegations that have been circulating for a long, long time. However, a source close to the situation has informed us that Troy, as of a couple months ago, had relied upon the auditor's statements, and had not looked at the books for herself.

Of course, there are quite a few things to check for, and thus quite a bit for authorities to investigate in the future, if it really is true that they aren't investigating now. For example, according to sources close to the administration of 3ABN:

- Danny allegedly purchased a three-year-old van using 3ABN funds, and then sold it to a family member for \$10.
- Danny allegedly purchased furniture with 3ABN funds for a 3ABN set, and on the way back to 3ABN had the moving crew put it in his own house instead. His existing furniture was what ended up on the set.
- Danny allegedly purchased furniture for a guest house for E.C. at nearly new prices from his sister, Tammy Shelton Chance, allowing her to get new furniture for her home. But since Brenda Walsh didn't like the furniture, Danny gave it to two different family members instead, and 3ABN bought all new furniture for the guest house.
- A \$10,000 love gift check from 3ABN was allegedly sent to Tommy Shelton in 1999, at a time when Tommy was pastoring the Community Church of God in Dunn Loring, Virginia.

What the love gift was used for is uncertain, but questions have been raised as to whether it was used to pay off yet another Tommy Shelton child molestation victim.

Perhaps there wasn't any problem using 3ABN funds to purchase a van and

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furniture for the benefit of Shelton family members if they worked at 3ABN, and if the benefit appeared on their W-2's. But according to some sources, such things don't end up on W-2's.

When folks have these type of questions of this serious of a nature, it would seem that the logical thing to do would be to just open the books and let everyone see them. To not do so raises the question as to whether these allegations just might be true. And if the allegations are false, and Danny has nothing to hide, he wouldn't have anything to worry about if he did so.

Sooner or later, with allegations of this nature swirling around, one would expect the authorities to join the fray and start asking questions too. 501(c)3 non-profit organizations are not allowed to use donor funds in this manner, and 3ABN could lose its non-profit status if these allegations prove true.

How will allegations of this sort affect the giving patterns of 3ABN's donors? If Danny Shelton continues to refuse to answer questions in a professional, open manner, will donors demand a house cleaning before they give any more?

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## Danny Shelton's Book Deal

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### "Probably Several Hundred Thousand Dollars"

In the early days of the present 3ABN crisis, a former 3ABNer commented on 3AB deals and their significance:

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----- Original Message -----

**From:** \*\*\*\*\*  
**To:** G. Arthur Joy  
**Subject:** RE: MAP  
**Date:** Tue, 19 Sep 2006 17:02:39 -0700

Hello Gailon,

...

I have wondered about the numbers. When I spoke with Danny about a m insisted that numbers were up by a couple of million. But when I spoke w indicated that the finances were not doing well, in part relating to a treme 3ABN put into the "Ten Commandments Twice Removed Book" which v millions during the spring. I am quite certain that Danny received royaltie the tune of several hundred thousand dollars, although he is refusing to di own board members. This is a gross conflict of interest and also an impro that could cause the ministry to lose its tax exempt status if it came to ligh

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### Danny Appears to Confirm the Problem

One concerned individual, after hearing that Danny was not disclosing these profits them with his ex-wife in their marital property settlement, wrote to him directly. D: was indeed keeping these profits a secret during the marital property distribution pr that, unless he really had made a hefty profit?

### The July 13, 2006, Financial Affidavit

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The accounting of 3ABN appears to be off limits to nearly everyone. That is unfort difficult to demonstrate that various allegations of financial improprieties are simple. Affidavit is one piece of financial information that is fairly accessible, having been Circuit Court in July 2006. What follows are questions raised by that affidavit.

### Not Much Money in the Bank?

Danny lists only two bank accounts in the affidavit, one containing \$1,500 and the around 4.5 million copies of his book, *Ten Commandments Twice Removed*, were c and since Danny's personal responses suggest that he did make a lot of money on the \$2,500 in those two bank accounts?

### On the Other Hand ...

The amount declared in the affidavit for charitable contributions, \$500, suggests the royalty payments at all. The declared gross monthly income is \$5,991, and the char of this total.

After subtracting the taxes that got withheld, but before figuring in what the tax ref monthly income is \$4,323. Thus the charitable contributions would amount to 11.5 Seventh-day Adventist teaching on tithes and offerings, it seems impossible that \$5 represent tithe and offerings on both Danny's salary from 3ABN and hundreds of the profits from book deals.

The declared gross monthly income figure of \$5,991 should be about right, since the the year, which is comparable to the annual salary of \$70,944 reported for Danny on Statement 9 on page 4 of the "Supplemental Information" attached to the Form 990

### 3ABN Area: Low Housing Costs

Since we are talking about the financial affidavit, we'll add this one item that doesn't the affidavit, it would appear that right around 3ABN is an excellent place to find it. Danny has declared that his residence is worth only \$275,000. Just how much can c understanding is that his home has the following features:

- 4 bedrooms.
- 4 full baths.
- 1 half bath.
- 5000+ sq. ft.
- 2-car garage.
- Wrap-around porch.
- 18½ acres.
- Large pond.
- Large horse barn.
- Paved driveway.
- Swimming pool.

For comparison, consider the higher-priced area of West Frankfort, not very far aw



that Danny's mailing address is West Frankfort too.) There we have a home being c  
\$204,300, a listing with an MLS ID of 257978. Located at 18297 Lone Oak Terrace  
you just can't get as much for your money as you can next to 3ABN:

### **Description**

**Wooded-Cul-De-Sac-Over an Acre** Beautiful wooded lot in a country location for this lovely, well maintained home featuring a great room w entertain a large group or a cozy family evening, large arched windows, designed kitchen with all appliances, dining room, master bedroom suite separate shower in master bath.

### **Features**

3 beds  
2 baths  
2358 Sq. Ft.  
1.18 Acres

#### **Lot Features**

Lot Dimensions (203x210x235x28)  
Lot Topography (Wooded-Gently Rolling)  
Road Type (County)  
Sewer Utilities (Aerator)  
View (Wooded)  
Water Utilities (City)

#### **Building Features**

Cooling System (Central)  
First Floor Sq Ft (2,358)  
Gross Living Area Sq Ft (2,358)  
Heating System (Geo Thermal Electric)

#### **Interior Features**

Bedroom 2 Dim (12x11.5)  
Bedroom 3 Dim (12.5x112)  
Dining Room Dim (12.5x12)  
Great Room Dim (35x19.5)  
Kitchen Dim (11.4x14.2)

#### **Appliances**

Dishwasher  
Disposal  
Microwave  
Range/Oven  
Refrigerator

**Exterior Features**

Parking (2 car attached)

(Found on [DonnaPrattHomes.com](http://DonnaPrattHomes.com))

**On Second Thought ...**

On second thought, is it at all possible that this financial affidavit does not reflect much more than \$275,000, that he does have a lot more than \$2,500 in two bank accounts, book deal profits and his assets lest he have to fork over more to the lady he divorced he had no proof to that effect? Then that would help make more sense out of comments from Thompsonville and West Frankfort who think Danny is quite wealthy, perhaps even

And should DLS Publishing, Inc., Danny Lee Shelton's publishing company, be listed? Or is it not considered an asset?

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Status	GOODSTANDING	
Entity Type	CORPORATION	Type of Corp
Incorporation Date (Domestic)	11/30/2004	State
Agent Name	DANNY L SHELTON	Agent Change Date
Agent Street Address	2954 NEW LAKE RD	President Name & Address
Agent City	WEST FRANKFORT	Secretary Name & Address
Agent Zip	62896	Duration Date
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## Correspondence with Danny About Royalties

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In this sequence of emails, 3ABN president Danny Shelton leaves the impression that he made an awful lot of money from the 4.5 million *Ten Commandments Twice Removed Books* books that were distributed during the spring of 2006.

Why might that be a problem? See

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### October 30, 2006: "Danny Isn't Disclosing Profits from the Book Deals"

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----- Original Message -----

**From:** G. Arthur Joy

**To:** Bob

**Subject:** Re: Linda's gag order

**Date:** Mon, 30 Oct 2006 05:27:02 +0000

The contract is unilateral and in a community law state the elimination of business assets of closely held corporations cannot be eliminated as they must be included as a process of Law, unless the subject of a pre-nuptial agreement or an agreement is struck in a non-common law state.

Let me simply say that the contract could be abrogated, if Linda was of a mind to press a charge of "wrongful termination," but has made it clear that she will not do that unless Danny decided to sue her first. She simply wants to get back to a ministry and move on with her life and just wants the division of the assets behind them. The problem is that in a divorce case you are obligated to self disclose all financial items, whether assets, liabilities or contras, but Danny has not disclosed bank statements for his personal use that he opened in 2003 and into which went the book deal moneys. He has also refused to allow Ewing to answer

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questions relating to his pay, expenses, bonuses paid, or sums received from self-published books. This is technically "contempt" and will not endear him to the bench.

It will be most interesting to see how Danny handles the issue of their tax exemption and not for profit status as they have a hearing date in November ... my guess is that Danny compromises to get away from the discovery process ... we will see, but he sure does anything he can to keep prying eyes from looking at anything any too closely.

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----- Original Message -----

**From:** Bob  
**To:** G. Arthur Joy  
**Subject:** Re: Linda's gag order  
**Date:** Mon, 30 Oct 2006 07:08:31 -0600

Danny had refused? How can he get away with that in a court of law? Is there no penalty for such?

----- Original Message -----

**From:** G. Arthur Joy  
**To:** Bob  
**Subject:** Re: Linda's gag order  
**Date:** Mon, 30 Oct 2006 14:55:22 +0000

Yes, the court can grant sanctions pursuant to rule 11 and order the payment of legal fees as well as grant an order to compel within a time certain, if the attorney actually pushes it!!!

## October 31, 2006: "How Much Royalty Was Paid, by Whom to Whom?"

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Bob  
**To:** Danny Shelton  
**Subject:** Clarification needed to put rumor to rest  
**Date:** Tue, 31 Oct 2006 08:41:11 -0600

Hi Danny.

I received this recently, and was wondering if you could provide some information that would correct this:

The problem is that in a divorce case you are obligated to self disclose all financial items, whether assets, liabilities or contras, but Danny has not disclosed bank statements for his personal use that he opened in 2003 and into which went the book deal moneys. He has also refused to allow Ewing to answer questions relating to his pay, expenses, bonuses paid, or sums received from self published books. This is technically "contempt" and will not endear him to the bench.

It will be most interesting to see how Danny handles the issue of their tax exemption and not for profit status as they have a hearing date in November...my guess is that Danny compromises [...] we will see, but he sure does anything he can to keep prying eyes from looking at anything an too closely.

Certainly you wouldn't be refusing to allow Ewing to answer such questions if they are really required to be answered by the court. I'm wondering if you could make public as much as possible of these financial records in order to put this allegation to rest. I would be happy to facilitate their being posted.

A related matter has been the question of self-published

books, referred to above. I've heard that the 10 Commandment books cost 70 cents each, cost 25 cents to print, and cost 11 cents in royalties. Could you clarify this? How much was actually paid in royalties, to whom and by whom?

A prominent individual as far as 3ABN is concerned called me yesterday and while we were chatting they told me that they felt for sure that 3ABN was the one that paid Remnant for the printing. If that is really the case, then I think that fact would put to rest once and for all the idea that the 10 Commandment book was self-published, since publishers, not distributors or retailers or consumers, are the ones who directly pay the printer. And if 3ABN is the publisher, then they can decide to pay you whatever ethically appropriate royalty you agree upon.

Or, if you really did self-publish the book, does that mean that you received check(s) from 3ABN totaling 4.5 million books x 70 cents per book, and that you then paid the printing costs and the royalties out of that sum? Or if those numbers are incorrect, what are the correct numbers?

God bless.

Bob

## November 3, 2006: "I'll Pretend You Didn't Ask"

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Danny Shelton

**To:** Bob

**Subject:** RE: Clarification needed to put rumor to rest

**Date:** Fri, 3 Nov 2006 08:18:16 -0600

Hi Bob, I just returned from a great trip to Australia. God is blessing the work of 3ABN there.

I won't go into all the detail but Galion's email to you really is rubbish.

Linda and her attorneys are the ones who have to face the court because they did not make their deadlines to answer court questions. My attorney had to do what I think they call "sanctions" against them to make them answer their questions. I'm not sure of the term but it simply means they did not comply with court order and now it is a record of the court. Anyone has the right to appeal a certain question or questions and let the court decide whether it will have to be answered later, but no one can just decide to defy court timelines such as Linda's attorney's have done without upsetting the apple cart.

This is Gailons problem, he believes anything that Linda or her friends tell him.

Once again Gailon is in left field as this court time has nothing to do with 3ABN or it's non profit status. The court is not asking Larry Ewing to answer any such questions. In the past when the court has asked for any info we have always given it.

We are of course appealing the State of Illinois property tax case, but this has nothing to do with mine and Linda's divorce case.

God Bless,

Danny

### November 3, 2006: "I'll Ask It Again"

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Bob  
**To:** Danny Shelton  
**Subject:** RE: Clarification needed to put rumor to rest  
**Date:** Fri, 03 Nov 2006 09:09:22 -0600

Hi Danny. Thanks so much for your reply.

So have you allowed Ewing to answer the questions Gailon referred to, and has he answered them? Or when you say that anyone has the right to appeal a certain question, are you acknowledging that you have indeed refused to allow



Ewing to answer those questions? I take it from your reply that the latter is the case, but I want to make sure I'm not misunderstanding you.

I noticed that you didn't comment on my other questions that were somewhat unrelated to Gailon's email, since quite some time ago a retired minister I know here in Mid-America told me that there was some sort of issue regarding royalties with the 10 Comm. book, and it was from him that I heard the 11 cents figure. Here are my questions again:

"A related matter has been the question of self-published books, referred to above. I've heard that the 10 Commandment books cost 70 cents each, cost 25 cents to print, and cost 11 cents in royalties. Could you clarify this? How much was actually paid in royalties, to whom and by whom?"

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"Or, if you really did self-publish the book, does that mean that you received check(s) from 3ABN totaling 4.5 million books x 70 cents per book, and that you then paid the printing costs and the royalties out of that sum? Or if those numbers are incorrect, what are the correct numbers?"

Could you comment on these questions?

I was looking at Amazon.com, and it appears that when the book first came out in 2004, it was published by DLS Publishing, but the 2006 edition was published by Remnant, while the copyright was held by yourself and Shelley. I would expect, then, that DLS paid you royalties for the 2004 edition, and that Remnant paid you royalties for the 2006 edition. Would that be correct?

Is 11 cents the right figure? Is that 11 cents to you and 11 cents to Shelley, or was that 11 cents total broken up in what way? And if 11 cents is the right figure, then does that mean that 4.5 million books x 11 cents in royalties were paid as a result of last spring's campaign?

My interest in asking these questions is to find concrete ways to put some of these rumors to rest. There are way too many rumors floating around, and they really need to get put to rest, yesterday.

God bless.

Bob

### **November 3, 2006: "Sorry, That's a Secret Till After the Settlement"**

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Danny Shelton

**To:** Bob

**Subject:** RE: Clarification needed to put rumor to rest

**Date:** Fri, 3 Nov 2006 12:44:56 -0600

Bob, let me explain. No court has asked Larry Ewing to explain anything or answer any questions since our original court date held around 2002 or 2003 I believe.

Gailon is off the wall. He believes everything Linda tells him. It just is not true.

This case has nothing to do with 3ABN. It is a property

settlement case between Linda and me. It has nothing to do with our non profit status. Larry Ewing or no one else is being asked questions except Linda and me personally. We answered most of the questions and objected to a few. She did not respond... period ..in the time frame she was supposed to. The only person the court will be upset with is Linda and her attorneys as they did not respond to any of the info required in the appropriate time the court allowed.

The info Galon or whomever, gave you about royalties and costs of books ect. is a lie also. The book Linda is concerned with was written by Shelley and me after mine and Linda's divorce. It has nothing to do with her.

I will not at this time devulge any more info about this book at this time. I may when mine and her settlement case is over.

I will tell you however that Remnant Publications holds the copyright to TCTR.

Danny

### **November 3, 2006: "Problems I See with Your Reply"**

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Bob

**To:** Danny Shelton

**Subject:** RE: Clarification needed to put rumor to rest

**Date:** Fri, 03 Nov 2006 14:34:05 -0600

Hi Danny. Thanks so much for your reply.

If Remnant owns the copyright of TCTR, why does it say inside the book, "Copyright 2004, 2005 by Danny Shelton and Shelley J. Quinn"? Why doesn't it say that Remnant holds the copyright?

So when you say that no court has asked Larry Ewing anything, are you therefore also saying that not even Linda et. al. has asked Larry Ewing about your salary, benefits,

royalties, etc.? Not even Linda's attorneys have asked this? I'm just trying to pinpoint what exactly the misunderstanding is, and where exactly it might be coming from.

You state that the info that someone other than Gailon gave me about royalties is a lie, which implies that not only is it false, but that it is also intentionally misleading. That is pretty serious if true, and according to the *Church Manual*, if willful and habitual, constitutes grounds for church discipline. So I would like to explore that a little more, since if someone is really willfully and habitually telling falsehoods about you, they should be subjected at least to church discipline.

But how to explore it more is beyond me at present, since you don't want to divulge what the royalties actually were while the case is ongoing, which suggests that you are trying to keep Linda from knowing what your assets actually are. Unfortunately, that is exactly the allegation, that you are trying to avoid compliance with the law by not revealing all your assets.

Do you see a way to look at it otherwise? Does Illinois state law in fact not require spouses to reveal all their assets in divorce situations? If royalties from the book could not possibly have anything to do with Linda, why wait until the case is over before maybe divulging that information?

And since you say that you "may" divulge information about your royalties when the case is over, that means you may not divulge it after all. And thus I don't really know how to combat the rumors blowing around out there about royalties amounting to half a million dollars being paid by someone to someone just for the TCTR book.

The only other pertinent question I can see in all of this that might help you out a bit is, When did you first start working on the manuscript? According to Shelley's introduction in the book, you showed her the manuscript the first day of her visit to 3ABN. When would that have been? Did that visit take place before or after the divorce? If after, when was the manuscript first worked on?

Have a good Sabbath.

Bob

### November 4, 2006: "I Already Answered Your Questions TruthFully"

When Danny says below that "The State of Illinois does not believe that our property is used for religious purposes because they do not accept the health messages presented on 3ABN as part of our religion," he may be misleading. Was this really the only problem brought out by Judge Barbara Rowe in the 3ABN tax case?

Consider the following quotes from *3 Angels Broadcasting v. The Department of Revenue the State of Illinois*:

Applicant failed to produce any evidence that this is not a closely held business with profits inuring to the family. ... This is of import because .... Applicant has produced no evidence to negate the supposition that Danny and Linda Shelton maintain control of this organization. ...

...

I must conclude from the evidence of record, that applicant is controlled by Danny and Linda Shelton, and all final decisions are made by them and not by a disinterested impartial board of directors.

...

Section 15-40 expressly forbids this type of management by barring exemption where the property is "used with a view to a profit." 35 ILCS 200/15-40. Although most of the case law concerning uses for profit has developed in the context of leased property, Illinois courts have uniformly denied exemption to properties primarily used for purposes of providing their owners with some form of return on their investment. ...

The operation of 3ABN on the property in question generates a significant profit for applicant. Applicant broadcasts its programs to a customer base comprised of

persons that purchase applicant's dish systems. The nature of applicant's programming and CDs is the encouragement of a healthy lifestyle, for a price. Although there may be religious overtones in applicant's use of the property, that is not sufficient to qualify for a religious property tax exemption. Were I to recommend a grant of tax exemption for the majority of the property at issue, which is clearly a commercial enterprise, it would give applicant an unfair commercial advantage over other commercially owned and operated radio and television stations.

The issue is really whether 3ABN is operating as a non-profit organization should, or whether it is operating as a for-profit, family-run business. Whether 3ABN's health messages are part of the Adventist religion or not does not appear to be the major issue in the case.

Thus, the book royalty question takes on increasing significance, for if Danny is personally profiting from 3ABN's endeavors, then its tax exemption status could be called into question.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Danny Shelton

**To:** Bob

**Subject:** RE: Clarification needed to put rumor to rest

**Date:** Sat, 4 Nov 2006 17:26:24 -0600

Bob,

Anything rumor retold is a lie. No matter what the intention. That's why Christians shouldn't be involved in the rumor mill.

People also shouldn't assume anything. For instance there is a number of reasons why I don't want to give out certain information to the public. Also because I don't answer your question the way you want it answered doesn't mean that it "suggests" what you think it does.

I have hundreds of emails sent to me. Most of them are very good ones such as praise reports ect. I enjoy hearing them and am glad that people share them with me but there are

times that even answering praise reports begin to take a lot of my time that I should be spending with my family.

At first you asked me a few general questions. I answered them truthfully the best way I know how. But I will not continue to answer one question after another about every terrible thing you read on Black SDA or get from Gailon. Lack of answering does not make one guilty. Jesus showed us this when the bible says He answered them not a word even though they were of accusing Him of things that He was not guilty of.

I believe that He got to a point when He knew for certain that it would do no good to answer anymore questions as the accusers was going to crucify Him anyway.

It seems that is the way it is with those accusing me. They will not believe truth even when it is staring them in the face.

I will just say this, I did have biblical grounds to go along with a mutually consented divorce with Linda, and I have done nothing legally wrong in my administration with 3ABN. The Illinois court case looked at virtually every thing they could to prove such a thing so that it would make it easy for them to deny our non profit status. They found nothing and 3ABN is still non profit. Our appeal currently going on with the state of Illinois is not about financial misconduct or anything else. The State of Illinois does not believe that our property is used for religious purposes because they do not accept the health messages presented on 3ABN as part of our religion. We are trying to prove them wrong.

If the state of Illinois which gathered something like 2000 pages of info in discoveries with 3ABN plus 3 days of testimony in court plus hours of depositions from 3ABN employees including Linda, could find nothing wrong with how our administration of 3ABN including finances, how possibly could some one like Galon who has never been privy to one page of documents from 3ABN that I know of, possibly think he knows more than the state of Illinois.

Here's the difference. The State of Illinois had access to all our records. Gailon has access to a few people who worked there who have an ax to grind and have told him twisted

stories which are lies. He's either not bright or gullible, or is out to prove something himself. It could be other reasons, but I do know this, he does not want truth. There are two sides to every story and He has only gathered info from one side. He is upset because we will not give him the info he wants and believes that if he is accusing enough against us that we will take him into confidence with the truth that we have. This will not happen.

Church leaders will soon be looking at both sides of this divorce and each side will have a fair chance to present truth to them.

Both sides will have to live by their decision whether we like it or not.

Gailon sees himself involved. He is delusional. He is not involved. We will trust church leaders with the truth not some self proclaimed reporter.

God Bless!

Danny

ps. I need to quit answering questions even like yours for now as church leaders as well as my attorneys have said that anything I put in emails will only be used against me, not for me. I guess I should start listening to them.

## **November 4, 2006: "But You Never Answered the Question About Royalties"**

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Bob

**To:** Danny Shelton

**Subject:** RE: Clarification needed to put rumor to rest

**Date:** Sat, 04 Nov 2006 19:59:44 -0600

Hi Danny.

I strongly recommend that you hire some experts that can give you tips on damage control, because currently 3ABN's



damage control really is suffering.

For example, I have essentially asked you about just two issues, namely, whether you are not disclosing what your assets are in accordance with Illinois law, and what the royalties were for the 10 Comm. book. In my first email I asked the following:

"A related matter has been the question of self-published books, referred to above. I've heard that the 10 Commandment books cost 70 cents each, cost 25 cents to print, and cost 11 cents in royalties. Could you clarify this? How much was actually paid in royalties, to whom and by whom?"

In this reply you write:

"At first you asked me a few general questions. I answered them the truthfully the best way I know how."

But I still don't have a clue what the answer is to this, and thus from a damage control perspective, no rumors can be put to rest regarding a half million dollars being paid in royalties for the 10 Comm. book.

Now bear with me, and I will give a few more quotes from your reply that illustrate the desperate need of improving 3ABN's damage control:

"They will not believe truth even when it is staring them in the face."

"There are two sides to every story and He has only gathered info from one side."

"He is upset because we will not give him the info he wants ..."

So what you are saying is that Gailon won't believe the truth even if it is staring him in the face, while on the other hand you are saying that you are refusing to give the truth to Gailon. Do you really think that makes sense?

Lastly:

"He's either not to bright or gullible, or is out to prove something himself. ..."

"Church leaders will soon be looking at both sides of this divorce and each side will have a fair chance to present truth to them."

"Both sides will have to live by their decision whether we like it or not."

"Gailon sees himself involved. He is delusional. He is not involved. We will trust church leaders with the truth not some self proclaimed reporter."

Danny, please consider the fact that unless there is more transparency at 3ABN, even if you were able to get a panel of church leaders to proclaim your innocence without providing evidence, in accordance with present 3ABN policy, none of these issues would go away. It would be a complete disaster from a damage control perspective.

"Both sides will have to live by their decision whether we like it or not."

I know you have suggested that Gailon isn't bright or is gullible or delusional. Such comments are inappropriate,

even if some of your critics stoop to such discourteousness when talking about you. Please don't stoop to their level. It won't help your case one bit.

Thus I won't stoop either, but I will say that if you really believe that both sides will live by such a panel's decision without more transparency, then it is highly possibly that you are extremely naive. For the good of 3ABN, another approach is absolutely necessary, in my opinion.

God bless.

Bob

P.S. I know church leaders have counseled you not to write more replies, because one such leader told me they had told you that. And given the tendency to attack others rather than to provide straightforward answers to simple questions, I would say that that counsel is wise. But then you should get someone who can do such in your stead.

Do you currently have anyone who can do that kind of thing?

## November 4, 2006: "I Might Get Someone to Answer Your Questions"

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Danny Shelton  
**To:** Bob  
**Subject:** RE: Clarification needed to put rumor to rest  
**Date:** Sat, 4 Nov 2006 23:52:46 -0600

Thanks, I may take your advice.

Danny

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***"Truth invites examination & needs no defense.  
Lies hide in darkness & blame everyone else."***



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**Danny Shelton's  
July 2006 Financial Affidavit**

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The accounting of 3ABN appears to be off limits to nearly everyone. That is unfort it extremely difficult to demonstrate that various allegations of financial impropriety untrue. Yet the following affidavit is one piece of financial information that is fairly been filed at the Franklin County Circuit Court in July 2006.

For the significance of the following information, please see "[Comments.](#)"

- Correspondence
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL  
CIRCUIT**

**FRANKLIN COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

IN RE: THE MARRIAGE OF )  
 )  
 LINDA SUE SHELTON, )  
 )  
 Petitioner, )  
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 )  
 vs. ) No. 05-D-30  
 )  
 DANNY LEE SHELTON, )  
 )  
 )  
 Respondent. )

**FILED**

**JUL 18**

**FRANKLIN COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT**

Added on 4/1/2007  
Furniture

Added on 3/28/2007  
Defy the Board  
Board Action

Added on 3/22/2007  
Book Deals  
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Financial Aff.

Added on 3/20/2007  
The Lost Bet

Added on 3/17/2007  
Walt Admits: No  
Evidence

Added on 3/16/2007  
Pregnancy Test

Added on 3/15/2007  
Dan & Brandy  
Abused You?

**FINANCIAL AFFIDAVIT**

Pre-Judgment

Post-Judgment

**I. INTRODUCTION**

Must Read:

Mom in Pain #1

I, Danny L. Shelton, on oath state that my present age is 55, and

(b) (POST-JUDGMENT ONLY): The marriage of the party dissolved on June 25, 2004.

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**II. PARTIES AND CHILDREN**

**HUSBAND**

**WIFE**

Name: Danny L. Shelton  
Address: 2954 New Lake Rd.  
West Frankfort, IL 62896  
Soc. Sec. #: xxx-xx-xxxx  
Date of Birth: xx/xx/51 Age: 55  
Employer: Three Angels Broadcasting  
Occupation: Television

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Soc. Sec. #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
Employer: \_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

**CHILDREN**

NAME	Date of Birth	Age	With Res
N/A			
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

**IMPORTANT-** Attach most recent of last three months' pay s showing your year-to-date earnings and deduc Also attach all pages & W-2 Forms of your las Federal and State Income Tax Returns. For th individuals who receive any income from self-employment sources, attach Federal and State Tax Returns for the last two years and suppor documentation for year-to-date earnings.

**III. STATEMENT OF INCOME**

**HUSBAND                      W**

**GROSS MONTHLY INCOME** from:

Salary, wages, commissions, bonuses, allowances & overtime (NOTE: To arrive at gross monthly income multiply weekly gross by 52 and divide by 12, or multiply bi-weekly income by 26 and divide by 12)

\$5,991.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**III. STATEMENT OF INCOME (CONT.)**

Pension or retirement	\$ _____	\$ _____
Social Security benefits	\$ _____	\$ _____
Disability or unemployment benefits	\$ _____	\$ _____
Public aid (ADC-Welfare)	\$ _____	\$ _____
Child support from prior marriage (alimony)	\$ _____	\$ _____
Rents	\$ _____	\$ _____
Other Income (specify):	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____

**TOTAL GROSS MONTHLY INCOME** \$5,991.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**DEDUCTIONS:**

Federal income tax withheld	\$1,035.00	\$ _____
State income tax withheld	\$175.00	\$ _____
Social Security and Medicare withheld	\$458.00	\$ _____
Medical or other health-related insurance	\$ _____	\$ _____
Union dues/mandatory retirement contributions	\$ _____	\$ _____
Dependent and individual health/hospital insurance premiums	\$ _____	\$ _____
Prior Court ordered support and/or maintenance, actually paid pursuant to a Court Order	\$ _____	\$ _____
Other deductions permitted by 750 ILCS §505 (a)(3)(h) – (specify):	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____

**TOTAL NET MONTHLY INCOME** \$4,323.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**IV. ESTIMATED MONTHLY EXPENSES**

(\* mark if a projected expense – Affiant must be prepared to submit testimony to support the same)

**HOUSEHOLD:**

House payment (interest)	See page 10.
Repair and upkeep	\$150.00
Housekeeper and yard work	\$50.00
Homeowners insurance	\$70.80
Real estate taxes (not included in house payment)	\$450.00
Other (specify):	
	\$
	\$

**SUBTOTAL \$720.80**

**UTILITIES:**

Electricity	\$175.00
Gas/Heating oil	\$25.00
Water and sewer	\$25.00
Telephone	\$65.00
Trash removal	\$50.00
Cable TV	-
Other (specify):	
Internet	\$20.00
	\$
	\$

**SUBTOTAL \$360.00**

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**IV. ESTIMATED MONTHLY EXPENSES (CONT.)**

**FOOD:**

Food, milk, household supplies	\$550.
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School lunches	\$
Meals outside home	\$150.
Other (specify):	\$
_____	\$
_____	\$
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$700.</b>

**CLOTHING:**

Clothing (self)	\$150.
Clothing (children)	\$
Laundry & dry cleaning	\$50.
Other (specify):	\$
_____	\$
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$200.</b>

**MEDICAL CARE (after insurance reimbursement):**

Doctor & dentist (self)	\$
Drugs & medical supplies (self)	\$
Doctor & dentist (children)	\$
Drugs & medical supplies (children)	\$
Medical and dental insurance	\$
(Do not list if already listed in III on page 3 as a deduction from gross income)	
Other (specify):	\$
_____	\$

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**IV. ESTIMATED MONTHLY EXPENSES (CONT.)**

**TRANSPORTATION:**

Truck payment	\$463.0
Repair & maintenance	\$25.0
Gas & oil	

	\$150.0
Insurance	\$100.0
License and registration	\$8.0
Bus fare/parking	\$
Other (specify):	\$
_____	\$
_____	\$

**SUBTOTAL** \$746.0

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

	<u>CHILD</u>	<u>YC</u>
Child care/babysitter		\$
School & school supplies	\$	\$
Church/charitable contributions		\$500.0
Newspapers, magazines & books		\$
Barber/beauty shop	\$	\$
Life insurance premiums		\$
Disability insurance premiums		\$
Professional dues		\$
Voluntary retirement contributions		\$
Allowance (children's)	\$	
Recreation/entertainment	\$	\$
Family pets (horses and dogs)		\$612.4
Family gifts		\$200.0
Toiletries	\$	\$
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$1,312</b>

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**IV. ESTIMATED MONTHLY EXPENSES (CONT.)**

**CREDITOR PAYMENTS NOT PREVIOUSLY LISTED:**

Monthly installment payments (credit cards):

_____	\$
_____	\$
_____	\$
_____	\$
_____	\$

Others (specify):

_____	\$
_____	\$
_____	\$
_____	\$

**SUBTOTAL**

**TOTAL AVERAGE MONTHLY EXPENSES: \$4,1**

**V. RECAP**

NET MONTHLY INCOME	\$4,3
TOTAL MONTHLY LIVING EXPENSES	\$4,0
DIFFERENCE BETWEEN NET INCOME & EXPENSES	\$21
LESS MONTHLY DEBT SERVICE	\$
INCOME AVAILABLE PER MONTH	\$21

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**VI. ASSETS** (Designate each non-marital asset as "NM")

**REAL ESTATE:**

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>PRESENT VALUE</u>	<u>H TITL</u>
Residence	2954 New Lake Rd. West Frankfort, IL	\$275,000.00	D

**MOTOR VEHICLES:**

<u>DESCRIPTION (Year, make and model)</u>	<u>PRESENT VALUE</u>	<u>H TITL</u>
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2006 Dodge Ram truck (post-divorce)	\$25,000.00	D
1948 Willys Jeepster	\$8,500.00	_____
Jon boat, motor and trailer	\$500.00	_____
Horse trailer	\$750.00	_____

**CASH AND FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS:**(Banks, savings and  
and credit unions)

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>PRESENT VALUE</u>	<u>H TITLE</u>
Checking account	Mid-Country	\$1,500.00	D
Saving account	Mid-Country	\$1,000.00	D
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

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**VI. ASSETS (CONT.)**

**INVESTMENTS:** (Stocks, bonds and other securities)

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>PRESENT VALUE</u>	<u>H TITLE</u>
None			
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

**RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS:**

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>COMPANY</u>	<u>CONTRIBUTORY/ NON-CONTRIBUTORY</u>	<u>PRI V.</u>
None			
_____	_____	_____	\$
_____	_____	_____	\$

**LIFE INSURANCE:**

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>COMPANY</u>	<u>AMOUNT COVERAGE</u>	<u>BENEFICIARY</u>	<u>CASE NO.</u>
None				
_____	_____	_____	_____	\$
_____	_____	_____	_____	\$

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**VI. ASSETS (CONT.)**

**HOUSEHOLD GOODS, APPLIANCES AND ALL OTHER  
PROPERTY NOT PREVIOUSLY LISTED:**

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>PRESENT VALUE</u>	<u>H TITL</u>
Marital property Denny received:			
Bowflex exercise machine			
Stove			
2 Refrigerators			
Dishwasher			
2 Freezers			
Master bedroom set			
Downstairs bedroom set			
Old outside lawn furniture			
10 Horses + 2 horses sold	West Frankfort, IL	\$17,750.00	(\$4,50
1 Martin guitar	Same	\$9,000.00	
1 Dog	Same	\$600.00	

**VII. DEBTS** (Designate each non-marital debt as "NM")

<u>NAME OF CREDITOR</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>	<u>MOI PAY</u>
Merlin Fharli	Mortgage loan	\$200,000.00	ann. i
Citizen's Bank	Truck loan	~ \$10,000.00	\$463.
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

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**VERIFICATION BY CERTIFICATION**

Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Section 1-109 of the Code of Civil Procedure, the undersigned certifies that the statements set forth in this instrument are true and correct, except as to matters therein stated to be based on information and belief, and as to such matters the undersigned certifies that he or she believes the same to be true.

**DATED:** \_\_\_\_\_ 7/13 \_\_\_\_\_, 2006.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Danny L. Shelton

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
FRANKLIN COUNTY, ILLINOIS

**FILED**

JUL 15 2006

*[Signature]*  
CLERK OF COURT

IN RE: THE MARRIAGE OF )  
LINDA SUE SHELTON, )  
Petitioner, )  
vs. )  
DANNY LEE SHELTON, )  
Respondent. )

No. 05-D-30

**FINANCIAL AFFIDAVIT**

Pre-Judgment       Post-Judgment

**I. INTRODUCTION**

I, Danny L. Shelton, on oath state that my present age is 55, and that:

(b) (POST-JUDGMENT ONLY): The marriage of the parties was dissolved on June 25, 2004.

**II. PARTIES AND CHILDREN**

**HUSBAND**

**WIFE**

Name: **Danny L. Shelton**  
Address: **2954 New Lake Rd.  
West Frankfort, IL 62896**  
Soc. Sec. #: **xxx-xx-xxxx**  
Date of Birth: **8/11/51** Age: **56**  
Employer: **Three Angels Broadcasting**  
Occupation: **Television**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Soc. Sec. #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
Employer: \_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

**CHILDREN**

NAME	Date of Birth	Age	With Whom Residing
N/A			
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

**IMPORTANT - Attach most recent of last three months' pay stubs showing your year-to-date earnings and deductions. Also attach all pages & W-2 Forms of your last filed Federal and State Income Tax Returns. For those individuals who receive any income from self-employment sources, attach Federal and State Income Tax Returns for the last two years and supporting documentation for year-to-date earnings.**

**III. STATEMENT OF INCOME**

**HUSBAND**

**WIFE**

**GROSS MONTHLY INCOME** from:  
Salary, wages, commissions, bonuses,  
allowances & overtime (NOTE: To  
arrive at gross monthly income multiply  
weekly gross by 52 and divide by 12, or  
multiply bi-weekly income by 26 and  
divide by 12)

\$5,991.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_



**III. STATEMENT OF INCOME (CONT.)**

Pension or retirement	\$ _____	\$ _____
Social Security benefits	\$ _____	\$ _____
Disability or unemployment benefits	\$ _____	\$ _____
Public aid (ADC-Welfare)	\$ _____	\$ _____
Child support from prior marriage (alimony)	\$ _____	\$ _____
Rents	\$ _____	\$ _____
Other Income (specify):		
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
<b>TOTAL GROSS MONTHLY INCOME</b>	<b>\$5,991.00</b>	\$ _____

**DEDUCTIONS:**

Federal income tax withheld	\$1,025.00	\$ _____
State income tax withheld	\$175.00	\$ _____
Social Security and Medicare withheld	\$458.00	\$ _____
Medical or other health-related insurance	\$ _____	\$ _____
Union dues/mandatory retirement contributions	\$ _____	\$ _____
Dependent and individual health/hospital insurance premiums	\$ _____	\$ _____
Prior Court ordered support and/or maintenance, actually paid pursuant to a Court Order	\$ _____	\$ _____
Other deductions permitted by 760 ILCS §505(a)(3)(b) - (specify):		
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
<b>TOTAL NET MONTHLY INCOME</b>	<b>\$4,322.00</b>	\$ _____

**IV. ESTIMATED MONTHLY EXPENSES**

(\* mark if a projected expense - Affiant must be prepared to submit testimony to support the same)

**HOUSEHOLD:**

House payment (interest)	See page 10, Art. VII
Repair and upkeep	\$150.00
Housekeeper and yard work	\$50.00
Homeowners insurance	\$70.83
Real estate taxes (not included in house payment)	\$450.00
Other (specify):	\$ _____
	\$ _____
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$720.83</b>

**UTILITIES:**

Electricity	\$175.00
Gas/Heating oil	\$25.00
Water and sewer	\$25.00
Telephone	\$65.00
Trash removal	\$50.00
Cable TV	.
Other (specify):	
Internet	\$20.00
	\$ _____
	\$ _____
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$360.00</b>

**IV. ESTIMATED MONTHLY EXPENSES (CONT.)**

**FOOD:**

Food, milk, household supplies	\$550.00
School lunches	\$ _____
Meals outside home	\$160.00
Other (specify):	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$760.00</b>

**CLOTHING:**

Clothing (self)	\$150.00
Clothing (children)	\$ _____
Laundry & dry cleaning	\$60.00
Other (specify):	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$270.00</b>

**MEDICAL CARE (after insurance reimbursement):**

Doctor & dentist (self)	\$ _____
Drugs & medical supplies (self)	\$ _____
Doctor & dentist (children)	\$ _____
Drugs & medical supplies (children)	\$ _____
Medical and dental insurance	\$ _____
<small>(Do not list if already listed in IV on page 5 as a deduction from gross income)</small>	
Other (specify):	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____

**IV. ESTIMATED MONTHLY EXPENSES (CONT.)**

**TRANSPORTATION:**

Truck payment		\$463.00
Repair & maintenance		\$25.00
Gas & oil		\$100.00
Insurance		\$100.00
License and registration		\$6.00
Bus fare/parking		\$ _____
Other (specify):		\$ _____
		\$ _____
		\$ _____
	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$749.00</b>

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

	<b>CHILD</b>	<b>YOURS</b>
Child care/babysitter		\$ _____
School & school supplies	\$ _____	\$ _____
Church/charitable contributions		\$500.00
Newspapers, magazines & books		\$ _____
Barber/beauty shop	\$ _____	\$ _____
Life insurance premiums		\$ _____
Disability insurance premiums		\$ _____
Professional dues		\$ _____
Voluntary retirement contributions		\$ _____
Allowance (children's)	\$ _____	
Recreation/entertainment	\$ _____	\$ _____
Family pets (horses and dogs)		\$612.47
Family gifts		\$200.00
Toiletries	\$ _____	\$ _____
	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$1312.47</b>

**IV. ESTIMATED MONTHLY EXPENSES (CONT.)**

**CREDITOR PAYMENTS NOT PREVIOUSLY LISTED:**

Monthly installment payments (credit cards):

_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____

Others (specify):

_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____

**SUBTOTAL**                    **\$0.00**

**TOTAL AVERAGE MONTHLY EXPENSES:    \$4,039.30**

**V. RECAP**

NET MONTHLY INCOME	\$4,329.00
TOTAL MONTHLY LIVING EXPENSES	\$4,039.30
DIFFERENCE BETWEEN NET INCOME & EXPENSES	\$289.70
LESS MONTHLY DEBT SERVICE	\$ _____
INCOME AVAILABLE PER MONTH	\$289.70

**VI. ASSETS** (Designate each non-marital asset as "NM")

**REAL ESTATE:**

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>PRESENT VALUE</u>	<u>HOW TITLE HELD</u>
Residence	2964 New Lake Rd. West Frankfort, IL	\$275,000.00	Danny

**MOTOR VEHICLES:**

<u>DESCRIPTION (Year, make and model)</u>	<u>PRESENT VALUE</u>	<u>HOW TITLE HELD</u>
2006 Dodge Ram truck (post-divorce)	\$25,000.00	Danny
1946 Willys Jeepster	\$8,500.00	_____
Jon boat, motor and trailer	\$500.00	_____
Horse trailer	\$750.00	_____

**CASH AND FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS:**

(Banks, savings and loans, and credit unions)

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>PRESENT VALUE</u>	<u>HOW TITLE HELD</u>
Checking account	Mid-Country	\$1,500.00	Danny
Savings account	Mid-Country	\$1,000.00	Danny
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

**VI. ASSETS (CONT.)**

**INVESTMENTS:** (Stocks, bonds and other securities)

DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	PRESENT VALUE	HOW TITLE HELD
None			
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**RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS:**

TYPE	COMPANY	CONTRIBUTORY/ NON-CONTRIBUTORY	PRESENT VALUE
None			\$ _____
_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
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**LIFE INSURANCE:**

TYPE	COMPANY	AMOUNT COVERAGE	BENEFICIARY	CASH SURR. VALUE
None				\$ _____
_____	_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
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**HOUSEHOLD GOODS, APPLIANCES AND ALL OTHER PROPERTY NOT PREVIOUSLY LISTED:**

<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>PRESENT VALUE</b>	<b>HOW TITLE HELD</b>
<b>Marital property Danny received:</b>			
Bowflex exercise machine			
Stove			
2 Refrigerators			
Dishwasher			
2 Freezers			
Master bedroom set			
Downstairs bedroom set			
Old outside lawn furniture			
10 Horses + 2 horses sold	West Frankfort, IL	\$17,750.00 (\$4,500.00)	
1 Martin guitar	Same	\$9,000.00	
1 Dog	Same	\$900.00	

**VII. DEBTS** (Designate each non-marital debt as "NM")

<b>NAME OF CREDITOR</b>	<b>PURPOSE</b>	<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>MONTHLY PAYMENT</b>
Merlin Fharli	Mortgage loan	\$200,000.00	ann. interest
Citizen's Bank	Truck loan	- \$10,000.00	\$468.00
_____	_____	_____	_____
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**VERIFICATION BY CERTIFICATION**

Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Section 1-108 of the Code of Civil Procedure, the undersigned certifies that the statements set forth in this instrument are true and correct, except as to matters therein stated to be on information and belief, and as to such matters the undersigned certifies as aforesaid that he verily believes the same to be true.

DATED: 7/13 2006.

  
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Danny L. Shelton

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**Danny Shelton Writes to Pastor Johann Thorvaldsson**

- Untruths
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- Activities

Pastor Johann Thorvaldsson, rapidly approaching 74 years of age, served the church as a denominational employee for half a century. He claims that he was terminated from his after-retirement service at 3ABN because he could not ethically endorse what he felt to be lies about Linda Shelton allegedly having an affair with Dr. Arild Abrahamsen.

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According to a source who spoke with a 3ABN board member, the last two emails that follow were not written by Danny, since Danny doesn't write this way. Instead, they were written by his ex-son-in-law, a very serious allegation.

Yet according to another source, "Derrell has never lived at the Danny and Linda Shelton home and has never written any e-mail for Danny ever, under any circumstances." And with so many emails by Danny Shelton circulating around that are similar in content, we'll let Derrell Mundall be innocent until proven guilty on this one.

- Added on 4/1/2007
- Furniture

And in fact, since Danny Shelton's word has been unreliable regarding his brother's child molestation allegations, who owned the car he entered and searched without permission, and other matters, it might be best to require evidence before taking seriously any innuendo he makes against another.

- Added on 3/28/2007
- Defy the Board
- Board Action

As you read what follows, you will get the idea that if you cross Danny Shelton, he will dig up whatever dirt he can about you, and attack you for all you're worth. And just perhaps, he might dig up dirt that isn't even there.

- Added on 3/22/2007
- Book Deals
- Emails
- Financial Aff.

**April 1, 2004: Danny Sends Contact Info**

- Added on 3/20/2007
- The Lost Bet

- Added on 3/17/2007
- Walt Admits: No
- Evidence

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Danny Shelton  
**To:** Johann Thorvaldsson  
**Subject:** Re: Hospital  
**Date:** Thu, 1 Apr 2004 06:57:04 -0000

Johann I have a new email address starting immediately it is [danshelton@earthlink.net](mailto:danshelton@earthlink.net)

- Added on 3/16/2007
- Pregnancy Test

- Added on 3/15/2007
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I'm still awake, if you want to call me at 618 627-4632. I'm sorry I don't have your number.

Danny

Please respond to new email, address not this one.

## **April 30, 2004: Danny Threatens to Fire Pastor Thorvaldsson & Pastor Thorvaldsson Responds**

As one reads the following email from Danny with Pastor Thorvaldsson's reply in blue, one is simply amazed. One month later, as can be seen in the next section below, an email from Danny suggests that Pastor Thorvaldsson has Alzheimer's disease. If only everyone with Alzheimer's could write this coherently, especially when English is not their mother tongue.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Johann Thorvaldsson

**To:** Danny Shelton

**Subject:** RE:

**Date:** Thursday, April 29, 2004 4:15 PM

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Danny Shelton

**To:** Johann Thorvaldsson

**Subject:**

**Date:** Fri, 28 Apr 2004 15:50

I'm sending Walt Thompson a copy of this email.

I am asking you to verify with me if Linda has contacted you concerning an email she sent the doctor. Whether she talked on the phone to you or sent you an email.

[Johann Thorvaldsson] Danny, last night

it was close to midnight when I came home and saw your e-mail. I had been to the airport to pick up our son, Danny, who took off a couple of days from his office work at Aberdeen, Scotland, where he has his main office. He wanted to visit his mother, Irmgard, in the hospital. I was so tired I could neither see balance nor sense in your questions, and when I tried to reply I fell asleep over the laptop, my finger resting on the "q"

Has she let you know either way that the email she sent to the doctor concerning stopping all communications with him was either forced by me or to strongly worded by me.

[Johann Thorvaldsson] In quite a bit of your communication with me, both e-mail and by phone, you have made it clear that Linda was not to make statements that were not approved by you - and you recall me saying to you that it seems like you are trying to cage Linda in and dictate what she should do or say? You have not yet made any indications that you have changed this attitude. Until then I must assume this is what you do, unless you tell me otherwise. You have also written to me that you will check each other's e-mail. So I must assume that you let Linda know what wording you approve in her e-mail.

Number two, I need a straight honest answer from you as to whether you or Irmgard has talked to the doctor and conveyed what she said about this email. Or has the doctor conveyed any information about this email to you.

[Johann Thorvaldsson] On your behalf I have delved into this and investigated things about this mysterious doctor. I discover that both he and we have received an e-mail from Linda. Irmgard and I have read her message, but I discover that the doctor had neither read this e-mail from Linda, nor any e-mail from you, Dan. The doctor has frequent long phone calls with various females who find it refreshing to talk to this man, who listens more than he speaks. He often gets words of appreciation from the husbands of these woman because he helped the spouse become a better person, wife, and Christian.

Since he learned that you were not able to appreciate his efforts, he decided his time is too precious to discuss it with you. He tells me this is the reason he has not answered your calls nor read any of your e-mails. Neither was he willing to discuss the contents of the e-mail from Linda, since he had not read it.

I'm asking you this time not as her husband, but as President of this network.

[Johann Thorvaldsson] Does the presidency carry greater weight than the husband in such a matter? I don't quite follow the reasoning behind this. Isn't the president's primary loyalty towards his wife?

If your going to continue any working relationship with 3ABN then we have to know that your loyalty is with 3ABN.

[Johann Thorvaldsson] I am glad you say that.

Not with me or not with Linda.

[Johann Thorvaldsson] So I should not support you?

We need to know that you understand that this network is much bigger than either one of us and will go forward with or without either one or both of us. We have to know that you are truthful with us when we ask you questions that effect this ministry. I'm looking forward to you answer today.

[Johann Thorvaldsson] I still trust we will see great things with God and 3ABN. I stand for the philosophy you have carted out for 3ABN, based on the WORD of GOD and the Three Angels Messages. There is no better network.

Johann

Thank you  
Danny Shelton

### **April 30, 2004: Danny Is Upset with Pastor Thorvaldsson's Reply Above**

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Danny Shelton

**To:** Johann Thorvaldsson

**Subject:**

**Date:** Fri, 30 Apr 2004 00:43:09 -0000

Johann, the simple you still did not answer the simple question, unless I read between the lines, whether you gave the content of Linda's email to this doctor.

It sounds as though you must have because you say you did

talk to him about it.

You really need to quit relaying messages between them and let them do it themselves.

I just talked to someone today who told me that the doctor .... [What follows are 56 words containing some dirt that Danny claims to have dug up about the doctor, and which he adds to the 72 words he has already written.]

### **May 31, 2004: Danny Shelton on the Attack**

The following three emails were sent after the May 2004 camp meeting. Pastor Thorvaldsson and Dr. Arild Abrahamsen had flown in for the purpose of speaking to the 3ABN board about Danny Shelton's allegations against Dr. Abrahamsen and Linda. In these emails Danny admits that three detectives were hired to follow these men and video them.

One has to wonder, why would "the Dr. and the lady" ever go "together" to "numerous places including apartments and hotels"? At least two apartments and two hotels, and thus at least four in total, all in the short time of Pastor Thorvaldsson and Dr. Abrahamsen's visit? Does that even make sense?

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Danny Shelton

**To:** Johann Thorvaldsson

**Subject:**

**Date:** Mon, 31 May 2004 15:05:11 -0000

You and the Dr. (questionable), underestimate American Intelligence. You possibly could have lost one American, but you didn't think about three cars tailing you at all times, instead of one. All of the stops today on the side of the road would have worked with one car, but with three cars less than a mile apart following each other with phones to keep in contact with each other, was too much for you to deal with.

It's called leap frog. Even if all three cars pass the first one has time to circle back. You foreigners were trying to play a game since last Wednesday that was out of your league.

Certain people didn't see YOU enough to get much video of

you, but they sure got plenty of the Dr. and the lady together at numerous places including apartments and hotels.

One may never know how much really went on between the two including you. On the other hand, one might. But we know for sure, that the scripature that says to shun the appearance of evil sure went out the window with those two as the lady is still, very much, married. Have a great flight back, when you finally leave.

Once again you showed yourself for having become a disciple of the Dr. as much as the lady in question, when on Thursday night you tried to play the deceptive game of asking where she was, pretending as though you didn't know. You didn't fool anyone, especially God. I'm praying that you can awake out of the spiritual stupor you have fallen into.

### **June 3, 2004: Pastor Thorvaldsson Explains Why He Asked Where Linda Was**

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Johann Thorvaldsson  
**To:** Danny Shelton  
**Subject:** American Intelligence  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 02, 2004 12:43 PM

American Intelligence is really great. ...

Yes, we lost one American on purpose ....

The spies did the job they got paid for. I pitied the one staring at me in Marion. He hid his face while I evaluated his intelligence. I should have taken a picture of his face engraved in shame - for the records. He did not seem to have much to be proud of. Neither did they seem too brave at another encounter. Send them to Scandinavia and we will teach them a trick or two.

The American intelligence is really great at helping husbands find fake reasons to divorce their wives. I have never heard of an honest husband using their services - one



who had the intention of saving his marriage. They get kudos from criminals and husbands who have had illegal affairs they want to cover up. Europeans don't downgrade their intelligence to the American level. ...

On Thursday night I gave you an opportunity to tell me why Linda was not there. Were you ashamed of telling me why she was not at the camp meeting? Why did you - with tears in your eyes - ask for her to come back - when she was still married and living with you? Who asked her not to show herself at camp meeting? You thought the Lord did not know the truth?

I am not ashamed to sign my name - what do you have to hide?

Johann

## June 3, 2004: Danny Shelton Replies

To ensure that we are in harmony with the terms of service agreement, we have asterisked out a single word that appears twice below.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Danny Shelton

**To:** Johann Thorvaldsson

**Subject:** Re: American Intelligence

**Date:** Thu, 3 Jun 2004 01:33:19 -0000

You really are spiritually dead. Why do you think the doctor faked losing his passport? Dah, Dah! And you fell for it.

I know where they were the next 24 hours and what they were doing. You don't.

People who stoop to hiding and planning affairs shouldn't be mad when they get caught. I see no one is denying what went on, they're just mad they got caught.

They laugh at you and I heard them say "Old Johann has alsheimers disease". He should know if it's true or not. You tell everyone what a great doctor he is.

Bless your heart. He has taken you for a fool and you didn't even know it! (a fellow European).

He only had you for a scape goat and you blindly fell in a ditch, that he dug for you!

Maybe you should try a little intelligence so you could know who your friends are.

By the way, as you know my wife denied that the doctor bought her a watch. She said she knew nothing of a Pierre Cardin watch. I found the watch in her glove box. A two faced watch. One set for US Central time and the other face set for Norway.

The two faced watch reminded me of your two faced Dr. friend who used you to get to my wife, then sent you home pretending to have forgotten his passport. Or could he have even persuaded you to stay around St. Louis, anything just to get you out of his hair.

Maybe you do have Alshaimers, or maybe your just naive. Either way they made you look pretty naked!

My wife also told me the Dr. treated her in his hotel room. (Yes, that worries me). She has a v\*\*\*\*\*l infection and said he could tell from this little old American machine that is years out of date. I have found out that it is impossible to tell with his equipment. He also gave her infection medicine. I believe one would call that illegal treatmeant by a foriegn Dr. The next time he comes to America he might have a surprise waiting for him!

Anyway since his equipment can not tell him that she had a v\*\*\*\*\*l infection, there are only a couple of other ways one could know! I'll leave it at that.

This Dr. is a bigger fool that I thought he was. Everything he does he ends up getting caught. In Europe he can fool them, but not so here. He has the intelligence apparently of a kindergardener!

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### **"I Have Proof"**

Regarding a lot of the allegations against him, Danny Shelton claims to have proof that they are false. Yet it is difficult to evaluate such proof for one's self since Danny is extremely adverse to showing it to anyone.

What follows is an email Danny Shelton wrote on October 8, 2006, to Gailon Joy in which he claimed to have definite proof that a locked automobile he entered without permission belonged to him when it did not. A fax of the title sent directly from the lending bank proves this, and we provide an image of it for your inspection below his email.

We have taken the liberty of omitting much of the verbosity of his email. We did this because some of the omitted matter we are unable to indisputably verify, and the ugly statements about another relative of his, someone other than Linda, we wish not to publish, especially when we don't know if they are true or not.

### **Points to Note**

Besides his repeated insinuating that he plans on taking Gailon Joy to court, one might do well to note the following, which we have highlighted:

- Danny repeatedly claims to have evidence of Linda's affair that he will not show to Gailon.
- He has "numerous witnesses" but doesn't name a one.
- Whatever evidence he does describe in this letter he admits is not proof of adultery.
- Danny claims his divorce and remarriage is the only issue anyone cares about, which of course is not true.
- Danny says he has never publicly exposed Linda, but what he has done would incline not a few to beg to differ.
- Danny asserts that Linda is a polished liar who doesn't wiggle or squirm, but we wonder if a different Shelton might appropriately be described this way.

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The portion of the email which pertains to the locked automobile he entered without permission is bolded as well as highlighted.

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## October 8, 2006, Email from Danny Shelton

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Danny Shelton  
**To:** G. Arthur Joy  
**Subject:** Re:  
**Date:** Wed, 11 Oct 2006 08:08:33 -0500

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Danny Shelton  
**To:** Walt Thompson  
**Subject:**  
**Date:** 10/8/2006 12:13:14 PM

Gailon,

Walt copied me your email to him.

I have copies of numerous statements you have made against me as though they are facts. I have copies of numerous other emails that you have sent over the Internet making false claims against me. I am surprised that some one who is a self appointed investigator would make so many public false claims against me that cannot be backed up in a court of law.

I can tell you now that I will not make certain evidence about Linda and the Arild's affair available to you. ... I have used not one but three licensed Private Detectives who will testify in court concerning evidence of Linda's and Arild's affair. ... I have numerous witnesses who will give first hand accounts of their actions. Your little group has second and third hand info passed around over and over. This will

not stand up in court as you should know.

Your last email to Walt proves that you either don't have the capacity to know truth from error or you don't care, but you will still be accountable for what you are spreading not only here but in the heavenly courts. ...

You have expressed that Linda and Arild have passed your "truth" test concerning them being guiltless of having an affair. So much so that you are going to email your results to everyone you can .... I hope that they are believable enough for you to stake every thing you own on the information you have received from them and certain others, because in the long run that could be what is at stake for you. ... but I am encouraging you to get the facts straight before you continue to publish lies. This can have bad consequences for every one involved, including you.

Anyway, let me give you just a few things to think about,

You claim that Linda passed your truth test. Are you not aware that any one who is a polished liar will not wiggle or squirm when being questioned about their lies ... ?

...

The detectives told me that Arild gave Linda a very nice watch as a gift. ...

She never wiggled or squirmed. She was almost convincing to me.

... I decided to go look in her car for any evidence to support the PI's claim that had not been mailed to me yet. Our car door was locked. **Yes, I'm aware that she claims it was her car but I have proof that it is titled to both she and I even unto this day.** She didn't apparently remember that I too had keys to this **Toyota Sequoia**. I opened the car door and opened the glove compartment.

...

... at which point she yelled out, "**I can't believe you broke into my car** and got into my personal belongings! This is abuse!"

... This is not my proof for adultery. I'm only telling you why your truth test on her has Zero credibility as she is apparently in a different league than you ...

I got legal advice and did my homework.

... She will sound believable. Gailon, I believe she would pass your honesty test without squirming or wiggling.

...

If you want to gamble that what I am telling you is a lie, then that is your business. ...

Once again, I realize this alone does not prove adultery on their parts. But you don't seem to understand that I have done my homework. I would not do something so stupid as you seem to think I've done to divorce Linda without grounds and to re marry and expect my 3ABN board and certain church leaders

to support me. ...

Am I all talk as you claim? Can I support my claims in court? Will I be busted? Or will any credibility you may have had with some people fly out the window along with some other consequences? Time will tell.

... I never publically exposed her. ...

You seem to think because people won't give you answers to your questions that something stinks in Denmark as they say. ...

Linda is much harder to find out because she is so good a distorting the truth.

...

The purpose of this letter to you is to encourage you to get all your ducks in order before you circulate any more mis info as it would be bad for everyone including yourself when the truth comes out in God's timing. ...

Gailon, the difference between mine and Linda's and the Dr.'s statements are I have evidence that can be supported in court to back up my claims. ...

... I am going to keep focused on one main concern that many people have.... Did Danny have biblical grounds for divorce from Linda and the the biblical grounds for re marriage?

...

It's not that the 3ABN board and I do not have actual witnesses, testimonies and



physical evidence to prove Linda and Arild's affair, it's just that we are not giving it to you because we don't think it is time to show our evidence ....

We do have proper channels within the church to show our evidence ... to show much of what you and others have written to be incorrect, especially when it comes to-- did Danny have biblical grounds for divorce and re marriage. That's the big issue as far as viewers and church leaders are concerned. We are now prepared to go through the proper channels to give this evidence and are talking with respected leaders even now as to how best to serve the church and God in this issue.

Danny

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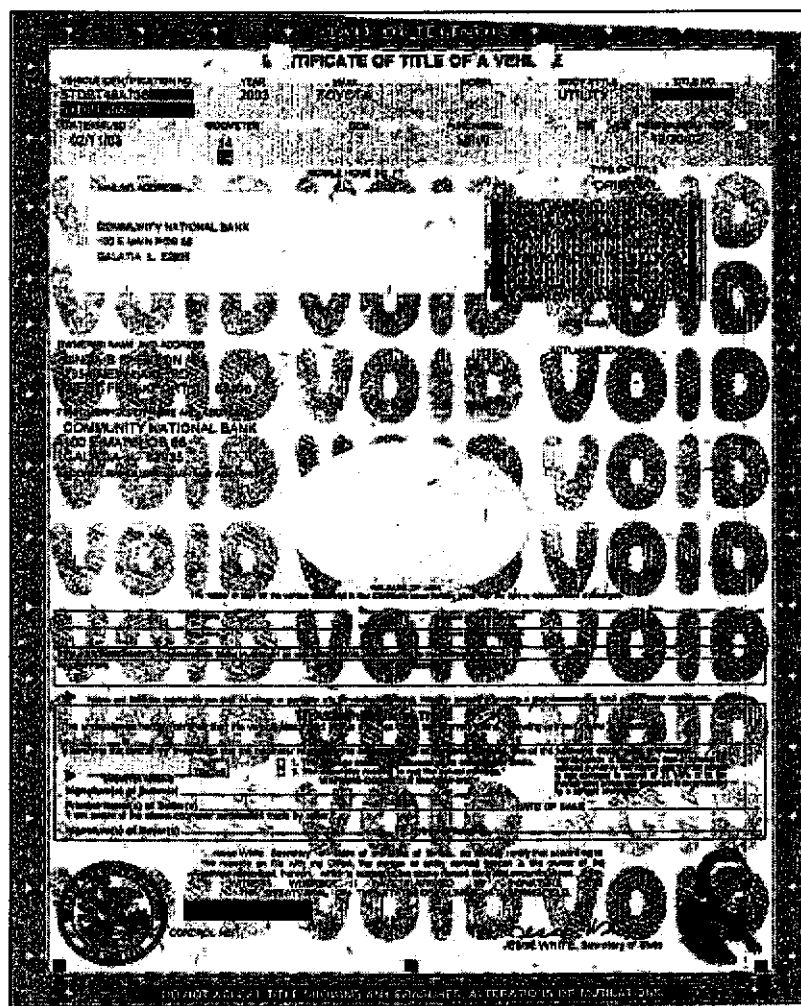
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Additional information from the VIN is that the vehicle in question is a "4 DR.

WAGON/SPORT UTILITY" with a "4.7L V8 FI DOHC 32V" engine, and that it was manufactured in the U.S.A.

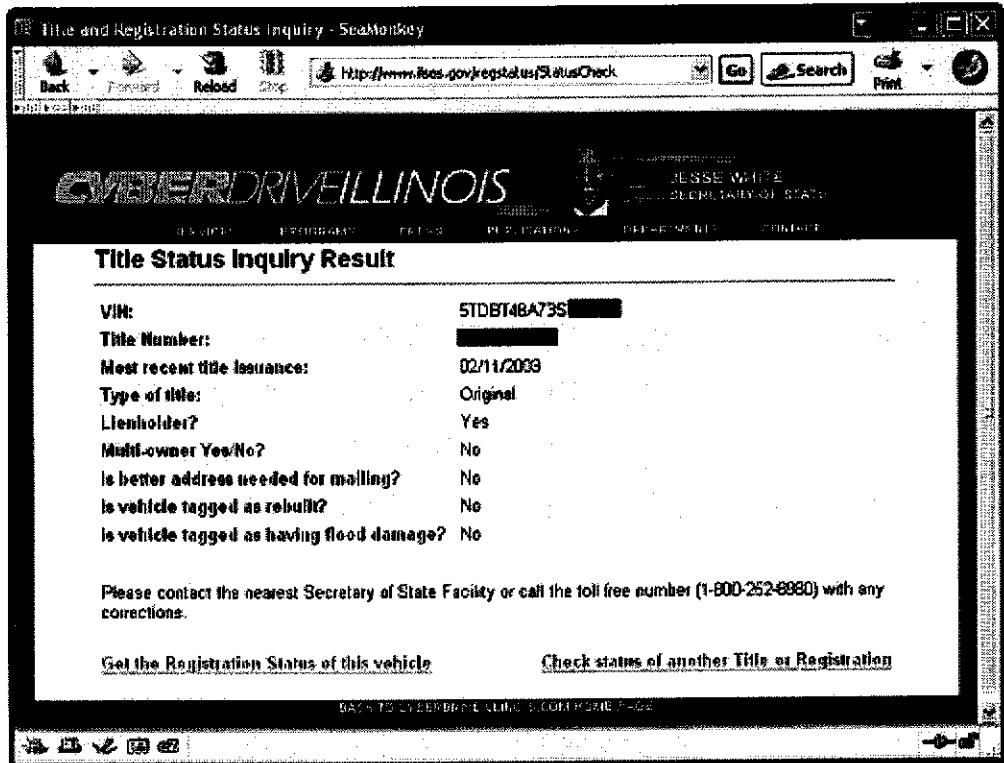
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### CyberDriveIllinois Information

The screen below shows information about Linda's Toyota Sequoia. It gives the same title issuance date as the title above shows. It specifically states that more than one owner does not own this vehicle.

A valid question is, when Danny Shelton claims to have evidence that his ex-wife had an affair but refuses to show that evidence, might we conclude that his evidence is likely as solid as his proof that Linda's Toyota Sequoia is titled in his name as well as hers?



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**STATE OF ILLINOIS**

**CERTIFICATE OF TITLE OF A VEHICLE**

VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NO. **STDBT48A79S** YEAR **2005** MAKE **TOYOTA** MODEL

DATE ISSUED **02/1/03** ODOMETER **14** CCM. PURCHASED **NEW**

MAILING ADDRESS

**COMMUNITY NATIONAL BANK  
100 E MAIN POB 68  
GALATIA IL 62935**

OWNER(S) NAME AND ADDRESS

**LINDA S SHELTON  
295 NEW LAKE RD  
WEST FRANKFORT IL 62996**

FIRST LIEN HOLDER NAME AND ADDRESS

**COMMUNITY NATIONAL BANK  
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SECOND LIEN HOLDER NAME AND ADDRESS

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RELEASE ON LIEN

The holder of title on the vehicle described in this Certificate does hereby state that the item is not

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NEW AND ASSIGNMENTS: This motor vehicle has been purchased on an installment basis and is not to be assigned until the final payment is received.

**VOID**

**ASSIGNMENT OF TITLE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that the vehicle described herein has not been transferred to any other person.

I certify to the best of my knowledge that the odometer reading is the actual mileage of the vehicle at the time of sale.

1. The odometer reading is not the actual mileage.  
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**WARNING-ODOMETER DISCREPANCY**

ODOMETER READING **TENTHS**

Signature(s) of Seller(s)

Printed Name(s) of Seller(s)

I am aware of the above odometer certification made by seller.

Signature(s) of Buyer(s)

Printed Name(s)

I, Jesse White, Secretary of State of the State of Illinois, do hereby certify that the records on file with my Office, the person or entity named herein is the vehicle described herein, which is subject to the above named lien and amount.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE AFFIXED MY SIGNATURE AND THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS AT SPRING

### CyberDriveIllinois Information

The screen below shows information about Linda's Toyota Sequoia. It gives the sar shows. It specifically states that more than one owner does not own this vehicle.

A valid question is, when Danny Shelton claims to have evidence that his ex-wife L evidence, might we conclude that his evidence is likely as solid as his proof that Li as well as hers?

**Title Status Inquiry Result**

<b>VIN:</b>	5TDBT4BA73S [redacted]
<b>Title Number:</b>	[redacted]
<b>Most recent title issuance:</b>	02/11/2003
<b>Type of title:</b>	Original
<b>Lienholder?</b>	Yes
<b>Multi-owner Yes/No?</b>	No
<b>Is better address needed for mailing?</b>	No
<b>Is vehicle tagged as rebuilt?</b>	No
<b>Is vehicle tagged as having flood damage?</b>	No

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# **"Danny Paid Off Linda's Car"**

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One could easily assume that Dr. Walt Thompson gets his information regarding what Danny Shelton has done for Linda straight from Danny himself. Thus, if we find a clear, unequivocal, major discrepancy in such information, while it would raise questions about the accuracy of some of Dr. Thompson's claims, it might also be further evidence that not everything Danny says is true.

- Paid Off Car #2
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Consider carefully Dr. Walt Thompson's claims made on June 13, 2006, and compare them with Linda Shelton's counterclaims. Then, examine the Linda's car loan's payment history, faxed directly from the lending bank, as it appears below the two emails.

Alleged Illegal Activities

## **Dr. Walt Thompson's Claims**

- Danny's Apologists
- Leonard Westphal
- Litigation, etc.
- Letters of Support
- News Releases
- Contact Us

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Walt Thompson

**Subject:** Re: 3abn

**Date:** Tue, 13 Jun 2006 21:24:27 -0500

Dear \*\*\*\*\*,

Thank you for your e mail sharing your frustrations with 3ABN. It is understandable that you may feel frustrated regarding the breakup of Danny and Linda. You are not alone. ...

...

Just to make this letter a bit more complete, let me tell you what I know about Danny's attempt to save Linda for himself - even after the divorce papers were signed. He paid off the remaining debt on her new car, her daughter's car, all of the credit cards, and other joint bills. He bought her interest in the house, helped her move to Southern Illinois, build a porch on her home there, gave her all of the things in their home including things that were really his. (He did

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these things with money obtained in a loan from a friend.) Over and over again he took her out to eat and did many other things to show how much he really cared for her. In fact, many of the employees and some of us on the board were concerned because of how she was leading him on and keeping him in turmoil. Over and over, she threatened him, saying, that if she was going down, she would bring him and the ministry down with him.

...

I hope this helps to clear the confusion. NO ONE at 3ABN wanted to get rid of Linda, least of all, Danny. ... If you have further questions or need further evidence, please let me know.

Sincerely in Jesus' precious name,

Walter Thompson MD  
Chairman, 3ABN Board

## Linda Shelton's Counterclaims

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Linda Shelton  
**Subject:** RE: 3abn questions  
**Date:** Wed, 20 Dec 2006 15:18:34 -0700

... I will answer your questions.

...

3) He did not pay off my car, nor did he make any payments towards the car the last 2 1/2 years...but I did hear he bought Brandy a new car...before they were married.

4) No, he did not pay off my daughter's car.

5) No, he did not pay off all of the credit card bills...this is a subject for our divorce case which is pending.

6) Yes, he did buy my half of the house.

7) Well, I guess if you can call bringing truckloads of my clothes and dumping them on my living room floor "helping me move" to Carbondale, then he helped me move. At that time I was locked out of the house and the only things I got were the things he allowed me to have.

8) Yes, he did build a porch on to my mobile home in Carbondale.

9) No, he did not give me "all of the things in the home..." He has all of the furniture, the boat, the jacuzzi, the sauna, about 18 Gibson guitars, the horses, horse trailer, etc...subject to divorce case which is pending.

10) We did meet occasionally in Marion at a restaurant to discuss the issues.

11) No, I never said such an ungodly thing.

12) No, we never bought or owned a second Toyota vehicle.

...

I am still much in prayer about this "whole thing." The Church at large is affected big-time by all of this. This must be the first concern.

Blessings to you and yours,

Linda Shelton

## **Payment History Under Bank's Old System**

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If the print is too small on the first two payment history pages, consider our [high resolution web page](#).

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LINE	HTCOUNTRY	NAME	L/D	NOTE	HEALTH	ORIGINAL	LD-623	CH2730244	04/27/05	PAGE1777				
HTC NO	HTC	DATE OF TXN	ACTIVITY CODE	DESCRIPTION	BALANCE	TRK	AMOUNT	TRK	AMOUNT	COMMIT	OFFERIVE	REMARKS	TRK	AMOUNT
1005104	SHELTON, DANNY L.			CASH DEBIT BAL		28,9	18,383.32							
	SHELTON, LINDA			HT/LOW/AVE		28,9	18,3	24,8	18,5	28,9	29,3			
				7354 NEW LAKE ROAD										
				WEST PHARAZOCT IL 62898										
190120	01/03/03	NET			30,442.19		30,442.19							
01/27/03	03M0176				30,442.19		453.50		29,988.69		134.89		.00	.00
03/04/03	03M0176				29,988.69		416.14		29,572.55		172.23		.00	.00
03/28/03	03M0176				29,572.55		467.06		29,105.49		121.33		.00	.00
04/28/03	03M0176				29,105.49		440.32		28,665.17		148.67		.00	.00
05/28/03	03M0176				28,665.17		505.09		28,160.08		101.81		.00	.00
06/28/03	03M0176				28,095.19		326.18		27,769.01		238.21		.00	.00
08/01/03	03M0176				27,769.01		429.91		27,339.10		159.88		.00	.00
09/23/03	03M0176				27,339.10		462.75		26,876.35		125.81		.00	.00
10/02/03	03M0176				26,876.35		439.44		26,436.91		149.93		.00	.00
10/31/03	03M0176				26,436.91		462.89		25,974.02		123.81		.00	.00
11/28/03	03M0176				25,974.02		489.88		25,484.14		119.39		.00	.00
01/02/04	03M0176				25,503.66		441.90		25,061.76		146.49		.00	.00
02/02/04	03M0176				25,061.76		460.89		24,600.87		127.50		.00	.00
03/18/04	FILE MAINT: LATE CHARGE ASSESSED					TD:	0000000000							
03/18/04	FILE MAINT: LATE CHARGE ASSESSED				24,600.87		410.76		24,190.11		177.63		.00	10.00
04/12/04	FILE MAINT: LATE CHARGE ASSESSED					TD:	0000001000							
04/12/04	FILE MAINT: LATE CHARGE ASSESSED				24,190.11		471.23		23,718.88		111.86		.00	10.00
05/10/04	FILE MAINT: LATE CHARGE ASSESSED					TD:	0000001000							
05/11/04	FILE MAINT: LATE CHARGE ASSESSED				23,718.88		483.37		23,235.51		105.07		.00	.00
06/18/04	FILE MAINT: LATE CHARGE ASSESSED					TD:	0000000000							
06/24/04	FILE MAINT: LATE CHARGE ASSESSED				23,235.51		480.65		22,754.86		107.94		.00	10.00
07/12/04	FILE MAINT: LATE CHARGE ASSESSED					TD:	0000001000							
07/12/04	FILE MAINT: LATE CHARGE ASSESSED				22,754.86		464.39		22,290.47		67.30	07/12/04	.00	.00
07/29/04	FILE MAINT: LATE CHARGE ASSESSED					TD:	0000001000					07/15/04	.00	10.00
08/10/04	FILE MAINT: LATE CHARGE ASSESSED				22,290.47		410.36		21,880.11		14.66		.00	.00
08/16/04	FILE MAINT: DATE NEXT PAY DUE					TD:	00100							
08/16/04	FILE MAINT: LATE CHARGE BALANCE					TD:	0000001000							
09/10/04	FILE MAINT: LATE CHARGE ASSESSED					TD:	0000001000							
09/23/04	FILE MAINT: 3 COUPONS IN BOOK					TD:	0042							
09/23/04	FILE MAINT: COUPON FULL BOOK					TD:	8							
09/23/04	FILE MAINT: DATE FIRST COUPON					TD:	083104							
09/23/04	FILE MAINT: DATE FIRST COUPON				21,738.16		245.84		21,492.32		242.55		.00	.00
10/12/04	FILE MAINT: LATE CHARGE ASSESSED					TD:	0000001000							
10/18/04	FILE MAINT: LATE CHARGE ASSESSED				21,492.32		457.33		21,035.00		91.84		.00	.00
10/18/04	FILE MAINT: LATE CHARGE ASSESSED				20,991.19		378.39		20,612.80			10/18/04	.00	29.00
12/10/04	FILE MAINT: LATE CHARGE ASSESSED					TD:	0000001000							
02/16/05	FILE MAINT: LATE CHARGE ASSESSED					TD:	0000001000							
04/14/05	FILE MAINT: LATE CHARGE ASSESSED				20,122.80		295.84		19,826.96		293.39		.00	5.00

**Payments from January 2005 Through April 2005**

No payoff of the loan shown here either. As of April 2005, the principal of the loan is down to \$18,383.32.

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ST NO	NAME	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST		REMARKS		TRM	TRM	
TR NO	DATE OF TRM	BEGINNING BALANCE	TOTL AMOUNT	ENDING BALANCE	TAX AMOUNT	CURRENT AMOUNT	EFFECTIVE DATE	SECTION	TAX: CHG
	01/24/05	28,917.76	588.39	19,429.37					5.00
	01/25/05	FILE MAINT: 1 COUPONS IN BOOK			TO: 0037	FROM: 0042			
	01/25/05	FILE MAINT: COUPON FULL CODE			TO: A	FROM:			
	01/25/05	FILE MAINT: BANK FIDELITY COUPON			TO: 013105	FROM: 003104			
	02/10/05	FILE MAINT: LINE CHANGE ASSIGNED			TO: 00000001000	FROM:			
	02/25/05	0176	19,429.37	18,941.78		110.73	02/24/05		3.00
	02/25/05	0176	18,971.71	18,383.32			02/24/05		.00
	04/11/05	FILE MAINT: RATE CHANGE ASSIGNED			TO: 00000001000	FROM:			
	04/13/05	FILE MAINT: CORRECT SIGN CODE			TO: 4	FROM: 3			
			18,383.32	18,383.32			101.01		
TOTALS: FOR PERIOD		PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	RATE CHG.	SECTION	TOTL 3 PERD 01 C/L CRY 0	DELT COUNTER		
MONTHS-TO-DATE		12,000.07	3,289.21	07.00	.00	FINAL MATURITY 12/31/07	5/10/15/20/25/30		
YEAR-TO-DATE		1,129.49	424.08	17.00	.00	CODE 3 TERM 0000	/ 4 / 7 / 1 /		

## Payment History Since Bank's New System in Place

### Payments from August 2005 Through November 2005

Somehow with the transition from the old system to the new system, we did not receive any records for the period of time between April 13, 2005, and August 25, 2005. The principal still due declined in that time period from \$18,383.32 to \$15,878.64, and the first August 25, 2005, payment reduced the balance down by \$489.37 to \$15,389.27. The monthly payment is clearly \$588.39, exactly what it was back in January 2003.

IL 514	60-990012-7	SHELTON DANNY CUR BAL			5,723.24	DATE 01-24-07
DATE/TC	11-04-05 111	08-25-05 111	08-25-05 111			
TRN AMT	588.39	588.39	588.39			
PRIN	415.93	588.39	489.37			
INT	172.46	.00	99.02			
INS	.00	.00	.00			
DEALER	.00	.00	.00			
LAT CHG	.00	.00	.00			
FEES	.00	.00	.00			
PRN BAL	14,384.95	14,800.88	15,389.27			
DUE DATE	11-31-05	10-31-05	09-31-05			
TRAN CODE 514 COMPLETE						

**Payments from November 2005 Through August 2006**

On June 13, 2006, the date of Dr. Thompson's email, there remained a balance of \$10,095.41.

IL 514	60-990012-7	SHELTON DANNY CUR BAL			5,723.24	DATE 01-24-07
DATE/TC	08-11-06 191	05-19-06 111	05-19-06 111	05-19-06 111	05-11-06 191	
TRN AMT	29.42-	588.39	588.39	588.39	29.42-	
PRIN	.00	588.39	588.39	367.78	.00	
INT	.00	.00	.00	191.19	.00	
INS	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	
DEALER	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	
LAT CHG	29.42-	.00	.00	29.42	29.42-	
FEES	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	
PRN BAL	10,095.41	10,095.41	10,693.80	11,282.19	11,649.97	
DUE DATE	07-31-06	07-31-06	06-31-06	05-31-06	04-31-06	
DATE/TC	02-08-06 111	02-08-06 111	12-12-05 111	12-12-05 111	11-04-05 111	
TRN AMT	588.39	588.39	588.39	588.39	588.39	
PRIN	588.39	467.46	588.39	502.33	588.39	
INT	.00	120.93	.00	86.04	.00	
INS	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	
DEALER	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	
LAT CHG	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	
FEES	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	
PRN BAL	11,649.97	12,238.96	12,705.82	13,294.21	13,796.56	
DUE DATE	04-31-06	03-31-06	02-31-06	01-31-06	12-31-05	

**Payments from August 2006 Through January 2007**

This sheet shows a remaining balance of \$5,723.24.

IL 514	60-990012-7	SHELTON DANNY	CUR BAL	5,723.24	DATE 01-24-07
DATE/TC	01-23-07 787	11-17-06 111	11-17-06 111	11-17-06 111	11-15-06 788
TRM ANT	1,775.17	608.39	588.39	588.39	1,215.62
PRIN	1,693.62	608.39	588.39	585.37	1,032.37
INT	81.55	.00	.00	3.02	124.41
INS	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
DEALER	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
LAT CHG	.00	.00	.00	.00	58.84
FEES	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
PRN BAL	5,723.24	7,416.86	8,025.25	8,613.64	9,199.01
DUE DATE	05-31-07	02-31-07	01-31-07	12-31-06	11-31-06
DATE/TC	11-13-06 191	10-12-06 878	10-11-06 191	08-28-06 111	08-28-06 111
TRM ANT	29.42-	1,116.00-	29.42-	588.39	588.39
PRIN	.00	1,116.00-	.00	588.39	391.64
INT	.00	.00	.00	.00	167.33
INS	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
DEALER	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
LAT CHG	29.42-	.00	29.42-	.00	29.42
FEES	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
PRN BAL	10,231.38	10,231.38	9,115.38	9,115.38	9,703.77
DUE DATE	09-31-06	09-31-06	09-31-06	09-31-06	08-31-06

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HT NO	NAME	P R I N C I P A L		I N T E R E S T		
FE NO	DATE OF TRX ACTIVITY CODE	BEGINNING BALANCE	TRX AMOUNT	ENDING BALANCE	TRX AMOUNT	
1009184	SHELTON, DANNY L. SHELTON, LINDA 2954 NEW LAKE ROAD WEST FRANKFORT IL 62896		CURR INDEBT BAL HI/LOW/AVG 20,9	18,383.32 18,3	24,0	30,9
140120	01/03/03 NEW	.00	30,442.19	30,442.19		
	01/27/03M0176	30,442.19	453.50	29,988.69	134.89	
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	05/02/03M0176	28,665.17	569.58	28,095.59	18.81	
	06/27/03M0176	28,095.59	330.10	27,765.41	258.21	
	08/01/03M0176	27,765.41	428.91	27,336.50	159.08	
	08/29/03M0176	27,336.50	462.78	26,873.72	125.61	
	10/02/03M0176	26,873.72	438.44	26,435.28	149.95	
	10/31/03M0176	26,435.28	462.58	25,972.70	125.81	
	11/28/03M0176	25,972.70	469.84	25,503.66	119.35	
	01/02/04M0176	25,503.66	441.90	25,061.76	146.49	
	02/02/04M0176	25,061.76	460.89	24,600.87	127.50	
	03/10/04 FILE MAINT: LATE CHARGE ASSESSED		TO: 0000001000		FROM:	
	03/17/04M0176	24,600.87	410.76	24,190.11	177.63	
	04/12/04 FILE MAINT: LATE CHARGE ASSESSED		TO: 0000001000		FROM:	
	04/14/04M0176	24,190.11	477.23	23,712.88	111.16	
	05/10/04 FILE MAINT: LATE CHARGE ASSESSED		TO: 0000001000		FROM:	
	05/11/04M0176	23,712.88	483.32	23,229.56	105.07	
	06/10/04 FILE MAINT: LATE CHARGE ASSESSED		TO: 0000001000		FROM:	
	06/24/04M0176	23,229.56	420.65	22,808.91	167.74	
	07/12/04 FILE MAINT: LATE CHARGE ASSESSED		TO: 0000001000		FROM:	
	07/13/04 0176	22,808.91	464.39	22,344.52	67.38	
	07/19/04 0176	22,344.52	610.36	21,734.16	14.85	
	08/10/04 FILE MAINT: LATE CHARGE ASSESSED		TO: 0000001000		FROM:	
	08/16/04 FILE MAINT: DATE NEXT PAY DUE		TO: 083104		FROM: 0731	
	08/16/04 FILE MAINT: LATE CHARGE BALANCE		TO:		FROM: 0001	
	09/10/04 FILE MAINT: LATE CHARGE ASSESSED		TO: 0000001000		FROM:	
	09/23/04 FILE MAINT: # COUPONS IN BOOK		TO: 0042		FROM: 0064	
	09/23/04 FILE MAINT: COUPON POLL CODE		TO: A		FROM:	
	09/23/04 FILE MAINT: DATE FIRST COUPON		TO: 083104		FROM: 0131	
	09/23/04 0176	21,734.16	345.84	21,388.32	242.55	
	10/12/04 FILE MAINT: LATE CHARGE ASSESSED		TO: 0000001000		FROM:	
	10/18/04M0176	21,388.32	497.13	20,891.19	51.26	
	10/19/04 0176	20,891.19	578.39	20,312.80		
	12/10/04 FILE MAINT: LATE CHARGE ASSESSED		TO: 0000001000		FROM:	
	01/10/05 FILE MAINT: LATE CHARGE ASSESSED		TO: 0000001000		FROM:	
	01/14/05M0176	20,312.80	295.84	20,017.76	293.35	

**Payments from January 2005 Through April 2005**

No payoff of the loan shown here either. As of April 2005, the principal of the loan

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RY NO	NAME	P R I N C I P A L			I N T E R E	
TE NO	DATE OF TRX	BEGINNING	TRX	ENDING	TRX	
	ACTIVITY CODE	BALANCE	AMOUNT	BALANCE	AMOUNT	
	01/14/05ND176	20,017.76	588.39	19,429.37		
	01/25/05 FILE MAINT: # COUPONS IN BOOK				TO: 0037	FROM: 0042
	01/25/05 FILE MAINT: COUPON PULL CODE				TO: A	FROM:
	01/25/05 FILE MAINT: DATE FIRST COUPON				TO: 01J105	FROM: 0831
	02/10/05 FILE MAINT: LATE CHARGE ASSESSED				TO: 00000001000	FROM:
	02/25/05 0176	19,429.37	457.66	18,971.71		130.73
	02/25/05 0176	18,971.71	588.39	18,383.32		
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IL 514	60-990012-7	SHELTON DANNY CUR BAL			5,723.24
DATE/TC	11-04-05 111	09-25-05 111	08-25-05 111		
TRN AMT	588.39	588.39	588.39		
PRIN	415.93	588.39	489.37		
INT	172.46	.00	99.02		
INS	.00	.00	.00		
DEALER	.00	.00	.00		
LAT CHG	.00	.00	.00		
FEES	.00	.00	.00		
PRN BAL	14,384.95	14,800.88	15,389.27		
DUE DATE	11-31-05	10-31-05	09-31-05		
TRAN CODE 514 COMPLETE					

**Payments from November 2005 Through August 2006**

On June 13, 2006, the date of Dr. Thompson's email, there remained a balance of \$

IL 514	60-990012-7	SHELTON DANNY CUR BAL			5,723.24
DATE/TC	06-11-06 191	05-19-06 111	05-19-06 111	05-19-06 111	
TRN AMT	29.42-	588.39	588.39	588.39	
PRIN	.00	588.39	588.39	367.71	
INT	.00	.00	.00	191.11	
INS	.00	.00	.00	.00	
DEALER	.00	.00	.00	.00	
LAT CHG	29.42-	.00	.00	29.41	
FEES	.00	.00	.00	.00	
PRN BAL	10,095.41	10,095.41	10,693.80	11,282.11	
DUE DATE	07-31-06	07-31-06	06-31-06	05-31-06	
DATE/TC	01-08-06 111	02-08-06 111	12-12-05 111	12-12-05 111	
TRN AMT	588.39	588.39	588.39	588.39	
PRIN	588.39	467.46	588.39	502.31	
INT	.00	120.93	.00	86.00	
INS	.00	.00	.00	.00	
DEALER	.00	.00	.00	.00	
LAT CHG	.00	.00	.00	.00	
FEES	.00	.00	.00	.00	
PRN BAL	11,649.87	12,238.36	12,705.82	13,294.21	
DUE DATE	04-31-06	03-31-06	02-31-06	01-31-06	

**Payments from August 2006 Through January 2007**

This sheet shows a remaining balance of \$5,723.24.

IL 514	60-990012-7	SHELTON DANNY CUR BAL		5,723.24
DATE/TC	01-23-07 787	11-17-06 111	11-17-06 111	11-17-06 111
TRM AMT	1,775.17	608.39	588.39	588.39
PRIN	1,693.62	608.39	588.39	588.39
INT	81.55	.00	.00	3.00
INS	.00	.00	.00	.00
DEALER	.00	.00	.00	.00
LAT CHG	.00	.00	.00	.00
FEES	.00	.00	.00	.00
PRN BAL	5,723.24	7,416.86	8,025.25	8,613.64
DUE DATE	05-31-07	02-31-07	01-31-07	12-31-06
DATE/TC	11-13-06 191	10-12-06 878	10-11-06 191	08-28-06 111
TRM AMT	29.42-	1,116.00-	29.42-	588.39
PRIN	.00	1,116.00-	.00	588.39
INT	.00	.00	.00	.00
INS	.00	.00	.00	.00
DEALER	.00	.00	.00	.00
LAT CHG	29.42-	.00	29.42-	.00
FEES	.00	.00	.00	.00
PRN BAL	10,231.38	10,231.38	9,115.38	9,115.38
DUE DATE	09-31-06	09-31-06	09-31-06	09-31-06

If there is an explanation for this discrepancy, we would be extremely glad to hear

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### **"Danny Paid Off Alyssa's Car"**

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This page is actually a continuation of [an earlier discussion](#) about 3ABN board chairman Walt Thompson's claim that Danny paid off Linda's car. On this page we consider Walt's additional claim that Danny also paid off the car of Linda's daughter, Alyssa.

We assume that Dr. Walt Thompson got his information regarding what Danny Shelton had done for Alyssa straight from Danny himself.

It would appear that Dr. Walt Thompson's claims made on May 16 and June 13, 2006, were part of a form letter that he sent out to who knows how many people.

### **Dr. Walt Thompson's Claims**

**May 16, 2006**

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Walt Thompson

**CC:** Mollie Steenson

**Subject:** 3abn

**Date:** May 16, 2006 10:59:28 PM EDT

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...

You have the choice of accepting this account that is written as carefully and honestly as I know how, or of accepting the things Linda is telling people. ...

Sincerely in Jesus' precious name,

Walter Thompson  
Chairman, 3Abn Board  
Walter Thompson MD

**June 13, 2006**

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Walt Thompson  
**Subject:** Re: 3abn  
**Date:** Tue, 13 Jun 2006 21:24:27 -0500

Dear \*\*\*\*\*,

Thank you for your e mail sharing your frustrations with 3ABN. It is understandable that you may feel frustrated regarding the breakup of Danny and Linda. You are not alone. ...

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Just to make this letter a bit more complete, let me tell you what I know about Danny's attempt to save Linda for himself - even after the divorce papers were signed. He paid off the remaining debt on her new car, her daughter's car ...

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... If you have further questions or need further evidence, please let me know.

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## Linda Shelton's Counterclaims

Since we already covered Linda's counterclaims in our earlier discussion, we only quote the part here that touches on paying off Alyssa's car:

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Linda Shelton  
**Subject:** RE: 3abn questions  
**Date:** Wed, 20 Dec 2006 15:18:34 -0700

... I will answer your questions.

...

4) No, he did not pay off my daughter's car.

...

I am still much in prayer about this "whole thing." The Church at large is affected big-time by all of this. This must be the first concern.

Blessings to you and yours,

Linda Shelton

## Payment History Under Bank's Old System

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If the print is too small on the first payment history page, consider our high resolution web page.

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Both payments shown on this sheet consist of a total of \$357.36 (\$295.76 principal + \$61.60 interest; \$315.11 principal + \$42.25 interest).

No payoff on this sheet is shown.

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QUOT NO	NAME	P R I N C I P A L			I N T E R E S T		REMARKS	
DOFF NO	BRK OF TRK	BEGINNING BALANCE	TRK AMOUNT	ENDING BALANCE	TRK AMOUNT	CHARGE DATE	INTEREST DATE	TRK BALANCE
03/16/05M0176		7,639.34	285.76	7,343.58	51.80			.00
04/15/05 T22E	NAHTY: CONWAY				FRON: 4			.00
04/19/05M0176		7,343.58	315.11	7,028.47	42.25	11.48		.00
NET TOTAL: FOR PERIOD		PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	LATE CHG.	RECHRG	TYPE 3	FRG 41	OTL CAT 0
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YEAR-TO-DATE			103.85	.00	.00	CDLG 7	TERM NOR1	1 / / / /

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IL 514	60-810410-1	MOORE ALYSSA	CUR BAL	.00	DATE 02-07-07
DATE/TC	03-06-06 191	01-13-06 111	11-30-05 111	11-10-05 111	10-13-05 111
TRN AMT	17.87~	357.36	357.36	357.36	357.36
PRIN	.00	319.95	339.06	329.96	332.35
INT	.00	37.41	18.30	27.40	25.01
INS	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
DEALER	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
LAT CHG	17.87~	.00	.00	.00	.00
FEES	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
PRN BAL	4,113.09	4,113.09	4,433.04	4,772.10	5,102.06
DUE DATE	02-21-06	02-21-06	01-21-06	12-21-05	11-21-05
DATE/TC	09-19-05 111				
TRN AMT	357.36				
PRIN	315.45				
INT	41.91				
INS	.00				
DEALER	.00				
LAT CHG	.00				
FEES	.00				
PRN BAL	5,434.41				
DUE DATE	10-21-05				
CORRECTION:	ACCT: 608104101			PLUS:	

**Payments from March 2006 Through October 2006**

On May 16 and June 13, 2006, the dates of Dr. Thompson's emails, there remained balances of \$2,766.23 and \$2,427.44 respectively, as can be seen from the third and final page of the payment history on Alyssa's car.

IL 514	60-810410-1	MOORE ALYSSA	CUR BAL	.00	DATE 02-07-07
DATE/TC	10-18-06 723	10-10-06 111	09-11-06 111	08-11-06 111	07-17-06 111
TRN AMT	1,041.90	357.36	357.36	357.36	357.36
PRIN	1,041.91	349.62	347.02	347.36	341.53
INT	1.99	7.74	10.34	10.00	15.83
INS	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
DEALER	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
LAT CHG	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
FEES	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
PRN BAL	.00	1,041.91	1,391.53	1,738.55	2,085.91
DUE DATE	11-21-06	11-21-06	10-21-06	09-21-06	08-21-06
DATE/TC	06-13-06 111	05-09-06 111	04-12-06 111	03-14-06 111	03-14-06 111
TRN AMT	357.36	357.36	357.36	367.36	365.23
PRIN	338.79	341.27	338.20	367.36	300.03
INT	18.57	16.09	19.16	.00	47.33
INS	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
DEALER	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
LAT CHG	.00	.00	.00	.00	17.87
FEES	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
PRN BAL	2,427.44	2,766.23	3,107.50	3,445.70	3,813.06
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### Dr. Walt Thompson's Claims

In May and June 2006, 3ABN board chairman Dr. Walt Thompson made certain claims that 3ABN president Danny Shelton did for 3ABN ex-co-founder Linda Shelton after he had previously discussed Dr. Thompson's claims regarding paying off Linda's car. On this page we discuss another point of trivia: Walt's claim that Danny gave Linda the house.

The following two different letters contained identical wording regarding what Danny had done for Linda after their divorce.

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**A Month Later, Danny Shelton Contradicts Walt**

Just one month latter, Danny's Financial Affidavit of July 13, 2006, counters Walt's



that Danny did keep a number of major items in the house, major items that Linda claims to:

<b>VI. ASSETS (CONT.)</b>			
<b><u>HOUSEHOLD GOODS, APPLIANCES AND ALL OTHER PROPERTY NOT PREVIOUSLY LISTED:</u></b>			
<b><u>DESCRIPTION</u></b>	<b><u>PURPOSE</u></b>	<b><u>PRESENT VALUE</u></b>	<b><u>H TITLE</u></b>
Marital property Denny received:			
Bowflex exercise machine			
Stove			
2 Refrigerators			
Dishwasher			
2 Freezers			
Master bedroom set			
Downstairs bedroom set			
Old outside lawn furniture			
10 Horses + 2 horses sold	West Frankfort, IL	\$17,750.00	(\$4,500)
1 Martin guitar	Same	\$9,000.00	
1 Dog	Same	\$600.00	

"Denny" is apparently a typo by Danny's attorney.

So who is telling the truth on this one? Is Walt Thompson correct when he says in 1 that Danny gave Linda everything in the house? Or is Danny correct when he testif possesses the above of list of items?

### **Linda Sells "All Household Furniture" to Danny**

We first note a copy of the Bill of Sale signed on June 4, 2004, by which Linda sold furniture" to Danny:

<p><b><u>BILL OF SALE</u></b></p> <p>I, <b>LINDA S. SHELTON</b>, ... do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over <b>DANNY L SHELTON</b>, his executors, administrators, and assigns, all r interest in the following, to-wit:</p>
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All outside lawn furniture, the sauna, the Bow-Flex exercise machine and household furniture, furnishings and appliances and all contents of residence 2954 New Lake Road, West Frankfort, Illinois, except two (2) glass cases of furniture Linda brought into the marriage before the marriage, two (2) televisions and all antiques and knick-knacks currently in the basement and closets.

We are unable to find a comparable Bill of Sale by which Danny sold any items to Linda. Technically speaking, everything excluded above is still owned by both Danny and Linda. Danny does claim ownership of everything excluded from the June 4, 2004, house agreement following email that Danny sent Linda on September 14, 2004:

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Danny Shelton

**To:** Linda Shelton

**Subject:** Re: Re:

**Date:** Tuesday, September 14, 2004 7:15 AM

Linda, ....

The big Ryder truck is in San Antonio Sunday. It won't be home until about Monday or Wednesday.

You will have had time to sign the agreement by then. If you don't sign the agreement I will be much better off financially.

We will split everything 50/50 ....

We then would sell the assets including everything that you have packed from the house already. The things at your trailer and well as your mini truck at Marion, as well as all the things in the 3ABN barn, and all the things at C's parents storage facility.

The major things like the John Deere Gator and the Jacuzzi, we would sell for the money. The piano would go back to 3ABN since it really belongs to them.

According to our house agreement I bought every major thing in the house except the 6 items you listed and any of the old furniture you brought into the marriage.

Linda, I'm not too worried that you won't sign this agreement. Financially, it will be in my favor as compared to the way it stands now.

I'll let you take the things on the truck plus another load from your Marion.

place plus the things in the barn, But if you decide not to sign our agreement be your responsibility to bring everything back so we can split it up.

This email serves as official notice that if you use my truck to haul all the to Springfield and you decide not to sign the settlement agreement, that you responsible for bringing all the items that you have taken back to be split

... I've already told you the agreement as your attorney has it, stands. I'm not to modify it. It's a take it or leave it. I'm happy either way.

...

Who would have thought that all of this would have started over so called phone calls for hours at a time.

...

Love is forever

Dan

## Linda Says, "Danny Is Correct"

Since we already covered Linda's counterclaims to Walt's statement in an earlier di here only that part which deals with the things in the house. Did Danny give Linda their home" as Walt claims, or did Linda sell "all [the] household furniture" to Dan after Walt's claims, Linda wrote:

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Linda Shelton

**Subject:** RE: 3abn questions

**Date:** Wed, 20 Dec 2006 15:18:34 -0700

... I will answer your questions.

...

9) No, he did not give me "all of the things in the home..." He has all of the furniture, the boat, the jacuzzi, the sauna, about 18 Gibson guitars, the horse trailer, etc...subject to divorce case which is pending.

...

I am still much in prayer about this "whole thing." The Church at large is big-time by all of this. This must be the first concern.

Blessings to you and yours,

Linda Shelton

A later note was more detailed:

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [Linda Shelton]

**To:** \*\*\*\*\*

**Subject:** RE: 3abn questions

**Date:** Thu, 29 Mar 2007 19:52:09 -0700 (PDT)

Hi Bob,

Dan basically got all of the bedroom furniture (two sets & one queen bed 5 couches, chairs, tables, dining set & buffet, bar stools, appliances, 2 des outside furniture, etc. I got my Dad's old bedroom set, my kid's old set (m mattresses), my doll house, knick-knack cases. Dan did purchase some ne furniture for me for the small mobile home where I moved. Hope this help

LS

## The Mover Testifies, "Danny Is Telling the Truth"

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [Derrell Mundall]

**To:** \*\*\*\*\*

**Subject:** Danny is telling the truth

**Date:** Wed, 28 Mar 2007 13:00:46 -0700

Hey \*\*\*\*\*,

Having helped Linda with her move to Springfield in 2004, I can testify f that he is telling the truth in his financial affidavit where he lists assets tha go with Linda. I helped move a bedroom set that had been in her family, & other items of furniture that had come from Danny's house. A number of that we moved were new. It was my understanding that Danny bought her

furniture to replace some of the things that we did not move, such as the living room furniture and others.

Derrell

## Remaining Questions

### How Did Walt Thompson Get It Wrong?

Where or how did Dr. Thompson come up with his list of things Danny did for Linda in divorce, and how did he end up with that list being so wrong? One might assume that the source of information, but how does one find out for sure? Who on Danny's side would comment on this question?

### Where Are All the Guitars?

Danny lists one Martin guitar as a \$9,000 asset in his July 13, 2006, financial affidavit. The affidavit refers to 18 guitars that Danny still possesses. Why aren't the other 17 or so guitars listed in the financial affidavit? Why does he list only one?

That there is more than one guitar involved is fairly certain from the June 4, 2004, affidavit which, while it doesn't say how many guitars are involved, it does say "guitars," let alone that there is more than one:

3. **Linda** agrees to sign a Bill of Sale to **Danny** (see attached Exhibit A incorporated herein by reference) for her entire interest in the contents of the marital residence including sauna, outside lawn furniture, except certain items listed on attached Exhibits B & C, incorporated herein by reference. The items and guitars and miscellaneous small items are not part of this agreement.

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Here you can read the story of how 3ABN president Danny Shelton ended up in the present crisis. Based on the testimony of Dr. Walt Thompson, his own board chairman and staunch defender, Danny must have lied in a major way about the Tommy Shelton child molestation allegations in 2003. No other explanation has been forthcoming, and it is fairly clear that such a prevarication puts 3ABN in extreme financial jeopardy if yet another alleged incident takes place.

For the moment, for the sake of discussion, let's assume that there is no other explanation for all the discrepancies that have been uncovered other than that Danny has lied. In comparison, lying about your name being on a car title, lying about paying off your ex-wife's car, even lying about your ex-wife having an affair, all these things pale in significance when compared to the number of young lives that are put at risk when you lie in order to cover up child molestation allegations.

**The "Embezzler"**

It all started with quite a different topic. According to various sources, a common Shelton tactic over the years has been to dig up dirt about anyone who raises questions and use it to silence them. Accordingly one of Danny Shelton's apologists operating on [BlackSDA.com](http://BlackSDA.com), an individual who goes by the name fallible humanbeing, "fhh" for short, started alluding on November 20, 2006, to something he or someone else had found. The following day he got more specific.

- Added on 4/1/2007
- Furniture
  
- Added on 3/28/2007
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- Board Action
  
- Added on 3/22/2007
- Book Deals
- Emails
- Financial Aff.
  
- Added on 3/20/2007
- The Lost Bet
  
- Added on 3/17/2007
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The Investigator Of 3abn	
<u>fallible humanbeing</u>	Posted on: Nov 21 2006, 06:54 AM
	PB,
	Do a Yahoo search and include the

Added on 3/16/2007  
Pregnancy Test

Added on 3/15/2007  
Dan & Brandy  
Abused You?

Must Read:  
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	<p>word Vermont along with Mr. Joy's name. The first link that comes up is a partial document (you can purchase the whole thing) but it raised some questions in my mind.</p> <p>- fhb</p>
	<p>Forum: <a href="#">3ABN</a> · Post Preview: <a href="#">#160950</a> · Replies: <b>179</b> · Views: <b>9,020</b></p>

What came up in such a search was a 1988 Vermont Supreme Court decision against Mr. Gailon Arthur Joy, which found him guilty of one count of embezzlement for an incident that occurred in 1981. In order to help prevent the discussion from getting diverted to a different topic, Gailon issued an explanation on November 22, 2006, which appears below.

The most important part of the explanation is the idea that if you keep a sum of money belonging to someone else, and that sum equals the amount that that someone else owes you, you can still be found guilty of embezzlement in Vermont. In over-simplified terms, in Vermont you can be convicted of embezzlement if you steal your own money.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** G. Arthur Joy  
**To:** Gregory Matthews  
**CC:** Linda Shelton, Bob, Gregory Matthews  
**Subject:** Re: We got a problem.  
**Date:** Thu, 23 Nov 2006 04:30:03 +0000

**13 V.S.A. § 2531.**  
**Embezzlement generally**

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**CHAPTER 57. LARCENY AND  
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An officer, agent, bailee for hire, clerk or servant of a banking association or an incorporated company, or a clerk, agent, bailee for hire, officer or servant of a private person, partnership, tradesunion, joint stock company, unincorporated association, fraternal or benevolent association, except apprentices and other persons under the age of sixteen years, who embezzles or fraudulently converts to his own use, or takes or secretes with intent to embezzle or fraudulently convert to his own use, money or other property which comes into his possession or is under his care by virtue of such employment, **notwithstanding he may have an interest in such money or property, shall be guilty of embezzlement** and shall be imprisoned not more than ten years or fined not more than \$500.00, or both. (Amended 1971, No. 199 (Adj. Sess.), § 15.)

That's right, it is not a text but a statute, one which has an unusual statement rarely seen in the embezzlement statutes of the various states (**in Bold type**). And one which I have become very familiar with, much to my chagrin. And one so infrequently charged, that, yes, I am the singular citation in the Northeast Reports, a legal research text of precedent setting cases.

It is in fact true...I was an officer and major stockholder of Credit Management Services Corporation starting in 1978. I believe I began as a secretary to the corporation and vice president for operations. Beginning in 1980 the firm became embroiled in a series of legal battles brought by clients of



Legal Services Corporation of Vermont (Legal Aide) that continued until Dec 1984. The first claims were brought in Vermont Superior court and were defeated with rather unusual, but effective, legal tactics.

In 1981 LSC of Vt brought a separate but far more extensive action in US District Court accusing CMS of violating the Federal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, a class action case for injunctive relief and individual hearings on the merits for damages. Injunctive relief was not granted. The case was put on the docket for 58 separate trials on the merits for damages.

Shortly after filing the action, at one of the first hearings, LSC of VT offered then corporate counsel, Atty Thomas Koch, to settle for \$1500 in legal fees to LSC of Vt and a stipulated injunction for new collection rules that exceeded the US FDCPA. The management took the matter up and made a clear decision citing a **standard that I fully supported, THEN and NOW: Millions for Defense, not a single farthing for tribute!!!**

The President and CFO, also the other stockholders, did not have the stomach for the litigation and had wanted to accept the offer to settle. The other managers and I refused. The firm was bleeding badly financially and being a big fish in a little pond we were a constant source of news, deemed to be negative public relations associated with the process. I agreed to buy out the 60% I did not own and I also agreed to hold the sellers harmless of any and all litigation. After I bought out the other stock-holders in 1982 I was personally named a party by LSC of VT Atty's Benjamin and Sussman to intimidate and attempt to force a settlement by threatening personal assets. I refused to negotiate and ordered interrogatories and depositions of the 58 named plaintiffs and counterclaimed one by one.

Frankly, I reveled at the opportunity to defend personally and entered an appearance "pro se" as I was not happy with the corporations lawyers. I had bought out the two other share-holders so I could have control of the entire litigation process and by being named a defendant, the insurance carrier could not over-ride my wishes and settle to avoid years of legal fees!!!

In the fall of 1982 Atty Sue Sussman became an asst AG.

and shortly thereafter filed a civil suite by the AG. We also fought that action and it was settled and dismissed sometime in the Spring of 1984. In December 1984 the LSC of Vt made the very poor legal strategic decision of simply dismissing me personally in the hopes the insurance company would settle. We promptly brought an action for mis-use of process and our Atty, now Sen Vincent Illuzzi, received a settlement for \$40,000 in legal fees. Touche'!!!

Sometime during the civil litigation battles, the AG's criminal division got into the fray and contacted clients we had ongoing disputes with regarding receivables for sums owed to CMS or vice versa. Several of these filed formal complaints and the AG upped the ante and brought a criminal complaint for embezzlement against myself, personally, in 1985. The basis was the highlighted portion of the statute listed above, which simply means that because we did not remit the net due to Stacey in a timely fashion and converted the sum payable to corporate use, **notwithstanding our interest in the sum collected, I had committed embezzlement.** Legally correct!!! Even though I had not been on the payroll since 1980 and was living in Maine at the time, therefore did not personally benefit, except in the egotistical sense of keeping the firm going to defeat the legal allegations, and achieve vindication. The buck still stopped at my desk!! !

We were able to get all but one claim dismissed because they owed us more than we owed them. In Stacey Fuel's case, Stacey had accepted partial payments from the debtors and refused to pay fees for service on the direct to Stacey's payments and we did indeed withhold payment until we were properly notified of payments and they were credited to the balance. I don't recall if they ever verified reported payments to CMS, despite debtor notification to us. Stacey cancelled service before the payment arrangements were finished and CMS gave notice of intent to bill them for the entire commission due but, unfortunately, never did. Frankly, because we had with-held payment, we were in violation of 13 VSA sec 2531!!!

The AG decided to take the one claim to trial in the sum \$1152.15 which we fought it all the way to the Vt Supreme Court (Decision was in 1988) and the personal conviction was affirmed on the basis that the Vt Embezzlement statute allows for a charge against an individual rather than the

corporation and could do so regardless of the charged person's interest in the balance due the offended party.

In any event, the sentence was easy enough: I was ordered to pay the account and did so. Regardless of the technicality the entire legal issue was clearly my responsibility. I did not, nor would I try, to blame another. The facts were the facts and the Vt Supreme Court affirmed the fact that it was illegal to do what was done. Therefore the buck stopped at my desk and I took responsibility.

The harsh reality is, at the beginning of 1982 I controlled five companies, National Businessmens Credit Association, the National Business Trust, Green Mountain Credit Bureau, Capital Funding Corporation, and acquired the balance of CMS mid year. I put it all on the line for what I felt were irreversible principals that I and my management would not compromise on. By 1985 I had to sell or close every single business and had to start all over again. And I did!!! Some would argue that discretion is the greater part of valor and we should have settled in 1982 and we would be here today, handcuffed and cowering to LSC of Vt...an unacceptable option. I believe in Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness and in the absolute right of conscience. I will not live with the alternative without a fight. SO, the question frequently comes up...would you do it all again? Well, I would certainly handle invoicing differently and would be dis-inclined to own a collection agency today, but other than that, given the same circumstances and given hindsight, YES, I WOULD PUT IT ALL ON THE LINE AGAIN, UNQUESTIONABLY, AND BE WILLING TO LOOSE IT ALL AGAIN, UNCONDITIONALLY.

I will forever stand for principal at any cost, and believe me when I say I have paid dearly. From that experience I have only my wife and family, praise the Lord, and many, many friends and business associates that we have helped to launch careers or beat back challenges to their lives and businesses. White Knight or greivous ogre, I would suppose it would depend on which side of the battles you were on!!!

Others would argue that we won the battles but lost the war... perhaps, but I would rather fight for principals and the right of conscience and loose than live with the alternative. If that disqualifies me from offering my experience and perspective to help victims of an unfair system in the sight

of some, so be it, but I will always be available to help slay dragons and I will NEVER GIVE UP!!!

In summary, I have felt the sting of Justice and the comfort of Mercy. Justice makes one more human and understand the issue of accountability. It also makes you look hard at yourself and realize just how easy it is to be a "fallible human being" and how hard it is to earn the Mercy of humanity and how little we deserve the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ. And in the end, I know what it is to be willing to give up everything we have worked so hard for, to stand for principals, albeit human principals, and how much more important it is to stand for the principals of righteousness within the Church of God. May every "fallible human being" learn the same lesson, is my prayer as we move forward to clean up any stench in the nostrils of the Lord!!!

Gailon Arthur Joy

The explanation went out to everyone on Gailon Joy's email list via blind copy, and that included Danny Shelton. His reply was surprising.

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**Danny: "Stop Emailing Me; I've Found Dirt"**

From the following it sounds like Danny Shelton has dug up quite a bit of dirt about Gailon. Why would he do such a thing rather than simply answer questions and come clean?

This email also contains hints that ASI is restricting its investigation to less than what it was supposed to, and that it is acting as legal counsel to Danny by asking him not to answer questions coming from Gailon. How then can ASI be impartial?

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----- Original Message -----

**From:** Danny Shelton  
**To:** Bob  
**CC:** Walt Thompson  
**Subject:** Re Gailons last email to me. "We got a problem"  
**Date:** Thu, 23 Nov 2006 07:31:42 -0600

Bob,

Gailon Joy does not respect my wishes to stop communicating with me as ASI is handling mine and Linda's situation. He sends me your groups discussion concerning this situation. ASI has asked me to quit communications with him. I have asked him to stop. He continues to send "tell alls" on anyone who emails him, even his own supporters. Since you seem to be on his team, could you see that he abides by my following request.

Please don't continue to send me info as I have asked you

Added on 3/16/2007  
Pregnancy Test

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not to communicate with me since ASI had agreed to hear mine and Linda's situation.

Save your emails to me. I already knew about you being a convicted embezzler and have more knowledge than you and your group would be comfortable with, of other personal and financial challenges that are open knowledge surrounding you.

Again, please don't bother to send me any more communications at this time. I would suggest that you send your communications to H. Lance.

Thanks Bob,

Danny

### **Bob: "Hope ASI Will Be Looking at Everything; What About Tommy?"**

Since Danny seems bound and determined to put Tommy in the limelight despite the unresolved child molestation allegations against him, Bob asks a few questions about that.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Bob

**To:** Danny Shelton

**Subject:** Re: Gailons last email to me. "We got a problem"

**Date:** Thu, 23 Nov 2006 08:05:24 -0600

Hi Danny.

I don't really have any control over what he does, so I don't think I can "see that he abides by [your] following request."

I have been curious about something, though. You write below that "ASI had agreed to hear mine and Linda's situation." That is good. But I hope that they will deal with more than just that, since the rumors out there concern far more than just your and Linda's situation.

I noticed the 3ABN web site announced two rallies last

weekend in Oregon. What I was curious about is why it advertised only you and Tommy being there. In your previous reply to Gailon you did not specifically deny that allegations of child molestation have been leveled against Tommy, and I understand that these allegations have been hanging over him for years. I would think it most unwise from a PR standpoint to push Tommy to the front of things until these allegations are resolved.

Is there anything in the works to resolve these allegations, demonstrating either Tommy's guilt or innocence?

Bob

### **Bob: "Why Dig Up Dirt?"**

Mudslinging instead of simply answering questions just seems inappropriate. Hence a second email raising concerns about Danny's approach to sensitive questions.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Bob  
**To:** Danny Shelton  
**Subject:** Re: Gailons last email to me. "We got a problem"  
**Date:** Thu, 23 Nov 2006 08:15:36 -0600

Danny,

One thing I've noticed, and I think I mentioned this to you before, is that you seem to use a tactic in damage control which in the end can be quite detrimental to your cause.

You wrote:

"I already knew about you being a convicted embezzler and have more knowledge than you and your group would be comfortable with, of other personal and financial challenges that are open knowledge surrounding you."

Why would this sort of comment be necessary? How is it helpful? All it appears to do is distract from the issues being raised by attacking others. In my opinion, it would be far better to just deal with the issues raised in a transparent, straightforward way.

I realize that's not your gift. But then you really need to authorize and enable someone else to do that.

Of course, Gailon's email did not raise issues with 3ABN, but I have noticed this sort of problem with your previous replies to issues he has raised.

Bob

### **Danny: "I'm Not Going to Answer Your Questions"**

Danny refuses to answer simple questions, and tries to hide behind ASI.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Danny Shelton

**To:** Bob

**Subject:** Re: Gailons last email to me. "We got a problem"

**Date:** Thu, 23 Nov 2006 08:40:21 -0600

I will refrain from answering your questions at this time. I'm willing for ASI to do it's work with the facts presented by both sides.

### **Bob: "Why the Evasion and Stonewalling? ASI Shouldn't Need to Be Involved"**

Bob points out in reply that if Danny would answer such simple questions, and be willing to deal with allegations in a professional manner, ASI's involvement would be unnecessary.

Danny's lack of specificity in his previous reply leaves open the possibility that ASI will be investigating everything, not just Danny's divorce and remarriage. The closing paragraph seeks to clarify that.



----- Original Message -----

**From:** Bob  
**To:** Danny Shelton  
**Subject:** Re: Gailons last email to me. "We got a problem"  
**Date:** Thu, 23 Nov 2006 09:00:23 -0600

Hi Danny.

Think about it: If you'd only be willing to approach these questions transparently and straightforwardly, without attacking others, as if you don't have a thing to hide, ASI wouldn't need to be involved at all.

You have spent so many years building up 3ABN's ministry. Why jeopardize it all by continuing an approach that turns off supporters? In other words, what hinders you from answering transparently and straightforwardly the simple question, "Is there anything in the works to resolve these allegations, demonstrating either Tommy's guilt or innocence?"

Not answering that simple question gives the impression that you are engaging in evasion and stonewalling, and that the allegations really are true. And that impression is detrimental to the mission of 3ABN, and should be avoided at all costs.

But I do take it from your reply that the ASI panel will be investigating the allegations against Tommy as well, and that is good.

Bob

### **Danny: "Linda Is My Smokescreen"**

Danny now makes it fairly clear that he will not allow ASI to examine anything other than his divorce and remarriage, and that he intends to use a positive decision by ASI on that issue to make all the other allegations go away. And he also wants people to believe that his divorce and remarriage is a bigger issue than child molestation.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Danny Shelton

**To:** Bob  
**Subject:** Re: Gailons last email to me. "We got a problem"  
**Date:** Thu, 23 Nov 2006 09:38:30 -0600

Bob, one last email to you.

Most of the rumors and accusations are based on lies. There are potentially millions of viewers. I nor anyone else can or will ever address all individual rumors with individual people asking the questions. It would be too time consuming.

If the biggest rumors or accusations are addressed by a reputable group like ASI, then people will have more info to base their decisions of whom are they going to believe.

There's a good chance that if ASI decides I have lied about my biblical grounds for divorce, then there is also a good chance that I am lying about other things. If on the other side of the coin ASI decides that Linda has lied about the reasons for our divorce then there is a good chance that the other info she and her friends are feeding the public, may be lies also.

I've been told that you cross one bridge at a time.

good bye.

### **Bob: "What Did Linda Do That Was Worse Than Child Molestation?"**

The more serious nature of the allegations against Tommy than that of the allegations against Linda is pointed out. If ASI has to get involved in order for simple questions about the allegations against Tommy to be answered, then something is dread wrong.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Bob  
**To:** Danny Shelton  
**Subject:** Re: Gailons last email to me. "We got a problem"  
**Date:** Thu, 23 Nov 2006 10:07:31 -0600

Hi Danny.

It just doesn't make sense to me, and I am sure you can understand why. ASI doesn't need to get involved in order for 3ABN to address the huge, mammoth allegation that Tommy molested children. Why pass the buck?

As far as ASI turning up evidence that you lied or didn't lie about the allegations against Tommy, I am unaware that you have said anything definitive about the matter that could be considered a lie. You certainly haven't said anything definitive in your replies below, which in my mind is a serious problem. Someone at 3ABN needs to be appointed to address these kinds of questions in a transparent, straightforward way.

I'll tell you the very real PR problem this all creates. These allegations against Tommy resurfaced in 2003. Linda had her alleged affair in 2004. Melody had an unwed pregnancy in 2005. Linda disappeared, and Tommy and Melody haven't. One is left to wonder what Linda did that was so far worse than child molestation and unwed pregnancy.

This type of question needs to be addressed in a professional, Christ-like way, and if ASI has to get involved in order for it to be answered, then something is dread wrong.

Bob

### Danny: "I'm Not Going to Respond Anymore"

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Danny Shelton

**To:** Bob

**Subject:** Re: Gailons last email to me. "We got a problem"

**Date:** Thu, 23 Nov 2006 10:40:53 -0600

Bob,

I'm going to repond to you or Gailon anymore. Thanks for respecting that.

Danny

**Bob: "Who Else Can I Ask?"**

Someone at 3ABN should be assigned to answer questions like these in a professional way. Who else can be asked? Who is responsible for damage control?

----- Original Message -----  
**From:** Bob  
**To:** Danny Shelton  
**Subject:** Re: Gailons last email to me. "We got a problem"  
**Date:** Thu, 23 Nov 2006 10:46:41 -0600

Hi Danny.

Who then at 3ABN would be a good one for me to ask my question of? Who is responsible for handling damage control regarding serious matters?

It doesn't bother me at all to ask someone else, since your time is valuable. I just need to know who I should be conversing with at 3ABN instead of yourself.

Bob

**Danny: "ASI Asked Us Not to Answer Questions"**

Danny continues his stonewalling, and claims again that ASI has acted like a legal counsel would, asking him not to answer simple questions about the child molestation allegations against Tommy Shelton.

----- Original Message -----  
**From:** Danny Shelton  
**To:** Bob  
**Subject:** Re: Gailons last email to me. "We got a problem"  
**Date:** Thu, 23 Nov 2006 10:57:01 -0600

Bob, Please understand that we are letting ASI deal with this first. Whatever is left we will look at later.

ASI has asked us not to discuss this situation in detail with anyone at this time. We are respecting that request.

Hopefully you will understand, if not I'm sorry, but you'll just have to wait until ASI makes a decision.

No need to respond

Danny

### **Bob: "Will ASI Be Looking at All the Allegations?"**

Some clarification is sought for Danny's confusing replies. Is ASI only dealing with his divorce and remarriage? If so, then why not answer the other questions? And if Danny won't answer any other questions until the ASI investigation is over, does that mean that ASI will be looking at everything after all?

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Bob

**To:** Danny Shelton

**Subject:** Re: Gailons last email to me. "We got a problem"

**Date:** Thu, 23 Nov 2006 12:02:21 -0600

Hi Danny.

Just a quick question to make sure I understand you correctly. You are saying that ASI is dealing with **all** allegations concerning 3ABN and its board, officers, and employees? And that ASI has asked 3ABN not to reply to questions about **any** allegations, even questions as to why Tommy is being put so much into the limelight while the allegations of child molestation are still unresolved?

Your reply suggests such, but I just want to be sure that that is what you meant.

I should add this real quick: A conference official told me that we could all be in trouble with the authorities if the allegations against Tommy aren't reported. Has 3ABN or someone else reported them? If so, to whom and when? I certainly don't want to get into any legal trouble, and if waiting until ASI finally makes some sort of decision before

it all gets reported makes me liable in some way, I think it would be better to make sure it has been reported sooner rather than later.

Bob

### **Gailon: "Impartial ASI Is Acting as Legal Counsel!?!?"**

Gailon expresses his concern about Danny Shelton's indication that ASI is really not impartial after all.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** G. Arthur Joy  
**To:** Bob  
**CC:** Harold Lance, Esq  
**Subject:** Re: "We got a problem"  
**Date:** Fri, 24 Nov 2006 15:28:45 +0000

Who, at ASI, would be advising him not to answer questions? Am I all wet in assuming that ASI is completely neutral and would prefer the parties resolve as many issues as possible amongst themselves? Is ASI acting as counsel to 3ABN?

Yes, we have a serious problem...he is suggesting that Harold Lance is representing and counseling Danny and 3ABN. I hope that is not the facts in this case!!!

Also, why would 3ABN not deal with all the issues and avoid the need for a tribunal??? Would not this make much better sense??? And it would show some serious reform on the part of the board...which would avoid some other issues as well.

Gailon Arthur Joy  
AUReporter

Since dialog with Danny was going nowhere, Bob wrote Dr. Walt Thompson, and that's when things began to come to light.

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In the fourth email below we have the first of Walt's statements that brought on the current crisis.

**Bob: "3ABN Needs Better Damage Control"**

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**From:** Bob

**To:** Walt Thompson

**Subject:** [Fwd: Re: Gailons last email to me. "We got a problem"]

**Date:** Thu, 23 Nov 2006 09:30:06 -0600

Hi Walt.

I thought I'd pass along our email interchange to you.

I really think that 3ABN and Danny need better damage control, and have felt that way since being told by a major 3ABN player in August, simply because I was asking questions, that I was "led of the pits of hell" and was "one sick puppy."

Danny's replies below illustrate yet again the need for better damage control. Tommy has had these allegations hanging over his head for years, and if he has ever been cleared, Danny won't say. And if anything is in the works to either prove or disprove these allegations, Danny won't say. "I will refrain from answering your questions at this time."

Yet while he can't bring himself to answer simple questions,



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he has no problem whatsoever digging up dirt and using it to attack others with, as he makes clear below.

This sort of PR and damage control approach, it's beyond me.

The whole situation comes across as if the more allegations there are, the more the one alleged to have done wrong ends up in the limelight. That's the appearance when Tommy is featured so prominently at rallies and at the MAP Seminar. And that appearance is not helpful to the mission and prosperity of 3ABN.

If 3ABN is going to prosper in the years to come, there needs to be a drastic change in PR and damage control.

God bless.

Bob

### Walt: "ASI Has Advised Us Not to Answer Questions"

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Walt Thompson

**To:** Bob

**Subject:** Re: [Fwd: Re: Gailons last email to me. "We got a problem"]

**Date:** Thu, 23 Nov 2006 13:30:48 -0600

Hi Bob,

ASI has advised us to discontinue communication with our accusers while they are working. I will wait for the process to occur before commenting further.

Walter Thompson MD

### Bob: "Are People Who Ask Questions 'Accusers'?"

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Bob  
**To:** Walt Thompson  
**Subject:** Re: Gailons last email to me. "We got a problem"  
**Date:** Thu, 23 Nov 2006 14:18:36 -0600

Hi Walt.

I would imagine that folks who have a few questions would not be called "accusers," and thus I wonder if you might have a few comments about the propriety of putting Tommy in the limelight before the allegations against him get resolved. It just doesn't seem wise to me.

I was talking to a conference official the other day, and they said that anyone who knows about the allegations regarding Tommy who doesn't report them to the proper authorities could be in trouble. I certainly don't want to get into any kind of legal trouble, and so I'm wondering if these allegations were ever reported to the authorities? To whom and when?

Hope your Thanksgiving is going well.

Bob

### **Walt: "The Allegations Are 30 Years Old"**

Walt says below that the allegations are 30 years old and that Tommy apologized. Problem is that at least part of that can't possibly be true.

Walt claims that the 3ABN board knew all the facts. Did they really? Walt's later letter indicates otherwise.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Walt Thompson  
**To:** Bob  
**CC:** Danny Shelton  
**Subject:** Re: Gailons last email to me. "We got a problem"  
**Date:** Fri, 24 Nov 2006 08:26:23 -0600

Dear Bob,

The allegations against Tommy were made about 30 years ago. They were reported to the proper authorities. No physical actions ever occurred. Tommy apologized to the kids and offered recompense. The DA said there was no case. No restrictions were ever imposed. Tommy is employed by 3abn with full board approval, knowing the facts. The author of a book, "These kind don't change, do they?" was interviewed on 3abn recently. You may wish to purchase that book and read it! (The sad thing about this is that the ones who are loudest in spreading falsehood know this, yet continue to agitate and keep the fires burning.)

Jesus said, he that is without sin, let him cast the first stone. I would echo Jesus statements today. All of us at 3abn are human. All have sinned. But, thank God, He forgives and uses our fallings as stimulants to make us grow. 3ABN is in the work of healing broken people, but we too are still in a sense broken. Almost every employee has a record they would not be proud of. Yet, God takes great pleasure in accomplishing His purposes on earth by people just such as us. No where in the Bible are there examples of people who have fallen who have suffered the wrath of God who have confessed their sins and learned from their mistakes. Yet, for the past almost 3 years 3abn has been bombarded with lies and insinuations. Of course, we know where they come from, and we know that no one ever wins when he enters argument with the devil. Therefore, we have tried to let the Lord fight our battles. We have resisted the temptation to take on the battle ourselves and I am sure have sometimes said too much or too little, but never the less, know in our hearts that we have taken the high road in this battle. Attorneys that have looked at the evidence agree full heartedly. While not everyone may agree with the decisions we have made, we have continued to rejoice with the blessing of our Lord.

Yes, it is wearing. I can only thank God for giving Danny the strength of faith and health to hang on as he has done. I am sure it is only by God's amazing grace that this has occurred. And I must thank our faithful viewers and supporters who by their prayers of intercession have joined the powers of heaven in this battle.

You speak of the need for damage control. Please place yourself in Danny's shoes for just one day and try to imagine how you would respond. Then imagine being the

source of bombardment day after day, seemingly unendingly. It has not been easy. Danny is a fighter. Without his determination and resiliency, this ministry would have been taken down long ago. I have no doubt that God chose Danny for this task, recognizing that all of our greatest strengths are sometimes also our greatest weaknesses. Yes, I know he sometimes would be better off to keep quiet, let the Lord fight his battles and relax, but that is not always easy. Most of all is the difficulty of knowing when to speak and when to be silent. God told ancient Israel that they should wait upon the Lord and He would fight their battles, but I find it interesting that they still had to go into battle and fight - Gideon is the classic example. While God took the battle into His own hands, Israel was called to do it's part before God could do His thing. Rather than faulting Danny for his tendencies to defend himself, I find I must lift him up in prayer.

You propose to me "that folks who have a few questions would not be called 'accusers.'" This would ordinarily be true, but when in battle for long periods of time, even good soldiers sometimes develop shell shock. When "friends" turn out to be enemies over and over again, one soon "learns" that he can trust no one. A number of e mails and letters that I have written as private responses have appeared on the Internet forums, "spun" to fit the desire of the "friend" who placed them there.

Thanks for your interest,

walt  
Walter Thompson MD

### **Gailon: "Where Is ASI's Impartiality?"**

Gailon points out two indications that ASI is not being impartial:

- 1.They are advising Danny and Walt not to answer questions, something one's lawyer might say.
- 2.Attorney Harold Lance approached Linda Shelton on November 12 through an intermediary, GW, something a lawyer would do if he was representing the other side.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** G. Arthur Joy  
**To:** Bob, Walt Thompson  
**CC:** Linda Shelton, Harold Lance, Esq  
**Subject:** Re: "We have a serious problem"  
**Date:** Fri, 24 Nov 2006 15:40:56 +0000

I am beginning to believe that the entire process proposed by ASI is an attempt to whitewash the issue. Why would ASI be giving any advise to 3ABN and if they are, then where is the impartiality?

This would clearly explain why Harold Lance opted to use an intermediary to approach Linda, rather than approach her himself.

Unless Harold Lance specifically denies these allegations and the ASI "adviser" properly identified, there is little value in this approach.

Smells too high heaven!!! Very disappointing!!!

And remember who the original accusers were here- Danny & 3ABN!!! Wouldn't be here today if 3ABN had done it's job properly on all the issues.

Gailon Arthur Joy  
AURporter

### **Bob: "I See Discrepancies"**

Before Walt's information can be scattered about, a few clarifications are needed:

- If Tommy apologized, why did Pastor Glenn Dryden's 2003 letter ask Tommy to apologize?
- How many of the victims, their families, and the two ordaining associations did Walt contact as invited to do by Pastor Dryden?
- If the allegations are 30 years old, why was Tommy invited by Pastor Dryden to apologize to a church he pastored from 1995 to 1999 (actually to around 2000)?

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Bob  
**To:** Walt Thompson  
**Subject:** Re: Gailons last email to me. "We got a problem"  
**Date:** Fri, 24 Nov 2006 12:02:03 -0600

Thanks very much for your reply, Walt.

[Note: I wrote the following reply before getting two emails from Gailon, and so I want to add this brief note to reassure you: Gailon is NOT getting a blind copy of my reply because, though it may correct false information he has, a few details need to be clarified before it will be effective, and my reply would best not be forwarded hither and yon without those clarifications. No one is getting a blind copy of this reply.]

It is the kind of information that you have provided that is most helpful. I first heard about these allegations around August, and this is the first I've heard that there have not been new allegations for the last 30 years, that no physical actions occurred, and that Tommy apologized. Of course, this puts things in a different light, and it is this kind of information that can go a long ways towards squelching rumors.

And squelching rumors and criticisms is what I like to do. For example, there was a rumor accusing Melody of getting married the day after her new husband's divorce was final, and I was able to verify that his divorce was actually final a year before, and was able to squelch that rumor.

I am a little puzzled about a couple inconsistencies I see. Why in 2003 was it recommended to Tommy by letter sent to you that he issue written apologies when he had already apologized? And if he apologized, how can it also be true that one of the Church of God churches he pastored became split over the issue, some folks taking his side and some folks taking the side of the alleged victims, and that after one of his staunchest supporters died, her son came forward and told his story?

It's possible that the person associated with that congregation was just pulling my leg in giving me these details that make it appear that Tommy did not apologize, and that possibility only appears in light of the information you have given. But on an issue as important as this one I

just want to make sure I've got the correct picture. Do you have a suggestion on how to harmonize these two different accounts?

In that 2003 letter you were invited to make contact with some of the alleged victims, their families, and the two associations that had given Tommy his credentials. Of these individuals and parties, how many did you actually contact? I ask that just to verify that the source of your information regarding apologies and no physical actions was not just one-sided. If both sides told you that that was the way it was, then that has to be the way it was, and I can then better use this information to put a halt to some of the rumors circulating out there.

Another possible question might be, if there have not been any new allegations for 30 years, why would the 2003 letter ask Tommy to apologize to the congregation in Virginia where I think he was still pastoring in 1999?

One last, simple request. I can relate to your shell shocked analogy. I think everyone at some point must feel that way. After Hal Steenson told me I was "led of the pits of hell," was "one sick puppy," needed "to get a life," was "sick," and needed "to be born again," and then repeatedly threatened to call security at ASI simply because I was asking a few questions privately in a way that no one else could hear, I tried to excuse his unbecoming behavior by saying that he must have been having a bad day, and must be under strain because of all the attacks. But then when I've gotten no reply whatsoever to my emails asking respectfully and kindly for an apology, when I've gotten no apology whatsoever after asking for one via Joe O'Brien and John Lomacang, and after discussing the matter with Elder Denslow, every month that goes by it becomes increasingly difficult to justify his unbecoming behavior in this way.

It's this kind of thing that is a real problem. Jesus said, "Agree with your adversary quickly while you are in the way." By no stretch of the imagination could I be characterized as an adversary when I chatted with Hal at ASI. If we are to agree quickly with our adversaries, how much more readily with our friends?

So my simple request is that you ask Hal, when opportunity arises, to apologize to me for the insults and threats he gave

at ASI.

I have two more issues that trouble me a bit, but this is long enough, and so I'll close for now.

God bless, and have a good Sabbath.

Bob

When Walt Thompson finally did answer these questions, it was a shocker.

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The clincher is the fourth email below.

### **Bob: Discrepancies Listed, Plea for an Apology**

Besides asking for clarification again, Walt is put on notice that his information will be passed along on Tuesday, and a plea is made to him that he make an apology. Church of God pastor Glenn Dryden read this appeal to Walt, and commended its logic in writing.

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----- Original Message -----

**From:** Bob  
**To:** Walt Thompson  
**Subject:** Possible way to win 3ABN critics.  
**Date:** Sun, 26 Nov 2006 11:07:44 -0600

Hi Walt.

I've been thinking about this situation a bit, and I think I see an opportunity perhaps for you to gain some credibility in the eyes of the 3ABN critics. It's an approach I've tried a number of times in various situations, and I get to it near the end of this email.

I'll first say that I am holding off till Tuesday before passing on the information you gave earlier about Tommy so that you can clarify the few points I raised, in order to avoid anyone attacking what you wrote before you have a chance to explain it. In other words, no one is getting a blind copy of this email, and no one will see it till Tuesday.

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You wrote:

- "The allegations against Tommy were made about 30 years ago." This implies that there have been no new allegations since then.
- "No physical actions ever occurred."
- "Tommy appologized to the kids and offered recompence."

The letter you received from the Church of God church in question in 2003 contained the following advice (I quote from the attached "Action Items"):

- "Tommy should issue written apologies over his signature to all victims and to their parents," indicating that he had never apologized.
- "Tommy also should issue written apologies over his signature for his deceit, as well as inappropriate behavior, etc., to ... the congregation of the Community Church of God, Dunn Loring, Virginia," indicating that he had had similar allegations at the church where he was pastoring as late as around 1999.

Some of your critics would likely jump on these discrepancies and use them to accuse you of dishonesty, which I think would be unwarranted and wrong, and which is why I haven't passed this on as of yet. Now since you wrote that "a number of e mails and letters that I have written" ended up being "spun" in a critical manner, I've tried to give some thought as to the best possible ways to spin these discrepancies. I see two other alternatives:

- There is a massive, multi-state, Church of God conspiracy to malign the character of Tommy Shelton, or
- You based your information on Tommy and/or Danny's word without contacting the other side, even though you were invited in that 2003 letter to contact the alleged victims, their families, and the two associations that apparently revoked the ministerial credentials they had given Tommy.

Of these various possibilities, the only one that seems plausible and that puts you in the best light possible is this last one. And that possibility, if it be correct (and I would

certainly welcome some other explanation more complimentary to yourself), opens up an opportunity to gain a little traction among the 3ABN critics.

If that's what happened, then it certainly was an error on your part. One can't rely solely on the word of an individual when the allegations being raised against that individual include "deceit," which was the word used in that 2003 letter, especially when the charges are as serious as child molestation. To do so opens up churches and supporting organizations to significant liability if a problem occurs.

What I've found is that if I apologize for whatever I can whenever I have made an error of some sort, folks cut me a lot more slack than they would otherwise. And I feel that if the above is what happened, and if you acknowledge that error and pledge to be more thorough in this and the other investigations, then the tone of some of the critics will soften and mellow a bit, and just might become complimentary.

And that would be a victory for 3ABN.

I sincerely welcome your telling me that you did indeed contact the victims, their families, and the associations referred to, or by giving me any alternative explanation that would better explain these discrepancies.

God bless.

Bob

### **Walt: On the Defensive, Wants Secrecy**

Walt says he doesn't understand how admitting mistakes can win the confidence of others.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Walt Thompson

**To:** Bob

**Subject:** Re: Possible way to win 3ABN critics.

**Date:** Sun, 26 Nov 2006 19:10:31 -0600

Dear Bob,

I am troubled by this whole affair. You claim to be a friend of 3abn and desiring to help, but at the same time you continue to assume that 3abn, its board and its administration are lying, incompetent and sporting a cover-up. That you are also in communication with persons who have already spread rumors and untruths around the world via the Internet bothers me and makes me wonder why I would feel the need to share more information with you. You alledge that by answering your questions I can gain credibility with our critics. This I have trouble believing since it hasn't happened yet. Nothing we have said until now has been accepted as fact, even though presented with ample evidence. Furthermore, it has been spun to suit the purpose of those who refuse to believe. I have been around this world for for a long time, and have often been held up as an example of honesty. You may check with colleagues, church leaders, fellow believers, family - anyone you wish - and though not all will agree with every decision I have ever had a part in making, none will accuse me of dishonesty (accept possibly Linda and Johann!). Likewise, the 3abn board is composed of people with unquestionable characters. The actions that we have taken through the years have not been taken without careful study and deliberation.

I do not understand the responsibility of 3abn to answer the questions of our critics. It is one thing to give answers to people who have honest questions and desire to know the truth, but quite something else to try to convince those who have no desire except to defend their preconceived opinions. If it should be that 3abn had made a mistake, Jesus outlined a path one ought to take in an attempt - privately, not to destroy - but to varify and assist in healing. Instead, a number of those who have come to us seeking information have spread it out on the Internet for the whole world to see and chew on. You see, I do not understand this type of "friend" not this variant of "justice." I may be naive, but this is not how my Bible tells me to do things.

Through the years we have had to make some difficult decisions, not the least of which was the one to let Linda go. Fortunately, most of our viewers and supporters have rallied behind us when we have brought our needs to public attention, and supported us with their earnest prayers and encouragement - doing as I understand all true Christians

ought to do. Many, many of our supporters sensed a great loss with the loss of Linda - as all of us have, but they continued to support the ministry and its leadership, knowing that this was the right thing to do until they had ample reason to do otherwise. Fortunately, most of our viewers recognize the burdens carried by the leadership of this ministry, understand that all are human and fallible, and love and support us in spite of that, just as God has done. While our "critics" have tried their best to undermine these by spreading lies and rumors, most have been able to "see through" these often vicious efforts and continue their support.

If I sound a bit defensive, please excuse me. I do not doubt your expressed statements to me about wanting to help the ministry. In fact, I appreciate your willingness to do so. But for the reasons mentioned, I fail to understand how your proposals might help the cause. Unless you can give me some very convincing reasons why I should do so, I prefer to merely state that we believe we have done things correctly and above board.

I suppose if I were "smart," I would assume that any and everything I wrote to you would be published for the world to read - even though I fail to understand the ethics of this. In this sense, yes, I am sometimes naive and too trusting. Yes, I know we are living in the age of information technology, but I refuse to believe that makes it right to make private conversations public.

Sincerely,

Walt  
Walter Thompson MD

### **Bob: A Second Plea**

Walt is put on notice that a matter of such serious importance as child molestation, a matter that has been publicly aired in communities and on the internet, mandate that these communications not be kept private.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Bob

**To:** Walt Thompson  
**Subject:** Re: Possible way to win 3ABN critics.  
**Date:** Sun, 26 Nov 2006 22:42:54 -0600

Hi Walt.

If you will re-read my communication, I specifically stated that I was assuming that you were not lying. And I will add that I have had no communication with Linda, except when I wrote her way back and told her I thought she was wrong when she was asking to have her membership dropped at Thompsonville.

We do have a definite problem in that allegations have been made publicly on the internet for far too long by far too many people, and they need to be put to rest in some way. The good of the cause demands it, and the allegations aren't going to disappear if we just ignore them. These public allegations must be met just as publicly, if it is possible to meet them.

As far as Matthew 18 is concerned, I am sure you are aware of the fact that Matthew 18 does not apply to public sins. The Spirit of Prophecy is quite clear about that. And since Tommy's conduct, whatever it was, involved at least six boys in two states, and since it split a church, Matthew 18 does not apply in his case. In other words, what I am trying to say is that your and my communications, which are attempting to resolve a publicly-aired and serious issue, for the good of the cause of God cannot be kept private.

I have not read and analyzed all the communications you have sent out, and thus I can't tell you why in each case people haven't accepted what you have said as fact, but I can state why I cannot yet accept as fact what you told me about Tommy: There are still unresolved discrepancies, and your statements disagree with just about the only evidence I have seen, namely, the letter you received in 2003 from the Church of God that made those allegations.

Now if you can assure me that you did talk to the alleged victims, their families, and the two associations that gave Tommy ministerial credentials, and that they stated that the allegations were 30 years old, that there was no physical actions, and that Tommy apologized, then that makes your statements extremely credible. And I would then endeavor

to find out the source of what would have to be slanderous lies about Tommy.

However, if the sole source of your information was directly or ultimately Tommy rather than also the other side, then we definitely have a problem. If I were a pastor and I did something like that, getting my information from only an alleged pedophile when invited to do otherwise, I can imagine my conference president having a little talk with me about my needing to be a bit more competent in such matters.

But we all make mistakes, I sure have, and it behooves us all to be kind toward those who err.

But here is the potential problem as I see it: You have, as you likely know, been accused of listening only to Danny's side in the Danny/Linda issue. Whether that is the case or not, I don't know, and I have yet to see convincing evidence establishing either Linda's innocence or her guilt. Because of the situations I've been in, I've been skeptical of Linda's claims of innocence. But here is the problem: If since 2003 you haven't contacted any of the alleged victims, their families, or the licensing associations as invited to do so by that letter from the Church of God, and if you instead ultimately relied on Tommy's word when the information he provided disagrees with the statements as found in that 2003 letter, then that unfortunately makes the accusation that you have only listened to Danny's side more plausible.

In my opinion, if this is what happened, an acknowledgment of error of judgment and a pledge to do better will help the situation, for a refusal to acknowledge such an obvious error would not benefit 3ABN in the least.

But now let's turn away from you entirely and look at a totally different issue with similar implications as the above. You probably realize as I do that \*\*\*\*\* is definitely not pro-Linda. I was put in contact with \*\*\* during the MAP Seminar because \*\*\* was trying to locate a copy of the 2003 letter. In our conversation \*\*\* told me that \*\*\* had resigned from \*\*\*\*\* because \*\*\* could see things coming. Gailon told me that \*\*\* resigned because \*\*\* was asked to. I could harmonize those two statements without difficulty.

But then a friend of mine was talking to a 3ABN'er, and

they said that \*\*\*\*\* had been asked to resign because of \*\*\*\*\*. That was definitely a discrepancy, and so I asked \*\*\*\*\* about it. \*\*\* replied that when \*\*\* had tried to bring about financial and operational changes at 3ABN, Danny had threatened \*\*\* because he didn't like those changes, and Danny's first wife's brother had \*\*\*\*\*. These had then been sent out to all the board members. The board decided to take Danny's word about it all without investigating \*\*\*\*\*'s concerns, and \*\*\* then resigned as requested.

\*\*\*\*\* said I could share \*\*\* side of the story with whomever had heard the \*\*\*\*\* allegation against \*\*\*, and since you obviously know it, I'm sharing \*\*\* side with you. My guess is that Elder Denslow and you have already discussed this. Since these details are not public knowledge on the internet, unlike the allegations against Tommy, the details of this portion of our communications, given current circumstances, will not be made public.

Consider the implications: Danny is accused of conjuring up evidence against Linda. Someone who is not pro-Linda claims that Danny ordered fraudulent evidence to be manufactured against \*\*\*. What kind of defense can Danny make when a pattern of behavior is claimed by two different parties who aren't on the same page?

Danny is widely accused of financial and managerial improprieties. A non-pro-Linda former \*\*\*\*\* claims that \*\*\* had the same concerns, and was axed using manufactured evidence because \*\*\* tried to bring about changes. Again, there is an unfortunate appearance of a pattern of unethical behavior regarding finances and operations.

\*\*\*\*\* remains bothered by Linda's alleged paranoia about appearing before the board in 2004. It is quite plain that Linda's side distrusts the board and ASI, and I particularly have been bothered by their distrust of ASI. But \*\*\*\*\*'s story does raise questions about the board's fairness and competence if it is true that no impartial investigation was made into \*\*\* claims.

It is possible that \*\*\*\*\* is lying. Of course. It is possible that Danny never threatened \*\*\* and that the board did do a thorough and impartial investigation. I would welcome



evidence to that effect.

But when we line up the huge number of people who claim to have personally been affected by the same kind of financial and operational problems, not to mention the moral problems, even totally ignoring whatever Linda and Johann are claiming, it becomes a big stretch to assume that all these people are lying and only Danny and Tommy are telling the truth, especially when all claimed evidence in their favor is carefully kept under lock and key and cannot be seen by anyone, even when promises to the contrary are adamantly made.

There are still a couple issues that personally trouble me, and I guess I sort of started into one of those with the last part of that last sentence, but once again, this is long enough. I will just say that I do not covet your unenviable position, and my prayers and sympathies are with you. I hope that all these issues can be resolved in a way that is as redemptive as possible, and I pray that God will give you an abundant portion of His wisdom that you may best know just exactly how to proceed.

God bless.

Bob

P.S. Whatever clarifications you can make that would explain the discrepancies between your statements about Tommy and the 2003 letter you received would be most appreciated, as I will add your information to the mix come Tuesday. And do let me know if you contacted any of the alleged victims, their families, or the licensing associations in arriving at the information you gave.

And if the Holy Spirit impresses you, please speak with Hal for me when an opportunity arises.

Blessings.

### **Walt: "Danny Was the One Who Told Me"**

And everything that Danny told Walt was a whopper of a lie:

- The allegations were 30 years old, when some allegations were as recent

- as three years at the time.
- It was all because Dryden had a feud with Tommy, when Dryden lived 800 miles away for 8 years after Tommy was forced to surrender his license.
  - Dryden has the only accounts of this, when Roger Clem had publicly come forward in West Frankfort a little bit before Dryden sent his letter in May 2003.
  - Tommy voluntarily surrendered his ministerial license, when he was forced to do it by the action of a committee.
  - A single Church of God leader pestered him to do so, when the letter asking him to do so came from a committee and was signed by two people.

Dr. Thompson says that in 2003 he relied solely on Danny's word. He says that he never contacted any of the victims, their families, or the two licensing associations as Pastor Dryden invited him to do. He essentially never investigated the matter at all. This is totally inexcusable and puts 3ABN at extreme financial jeopardy if other incidents have taken place.

How did Dr. Thompson just happen in 2006 to talk to the one individual who confirmed Danny's story, when it is so easy to find people who will tell a different story? Who was the individual he contacted?

Notice how at the end of his letter, 3ABN board chairman Dr. Thompson requests that Bob verify the information he has given in this letter.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Walt Thompson

**To:** Bob

**Subject:** Re: Possible way to win 3ABN critics.

**Date:** Mon, 27 Nov 2006 09:04:53 -0600

Dear Bob,

Thank you for you attempt to understand my sensitivity and that of 3abn administratin and board. We believe we have acted responsibly and wisely, appropriate to the circumstances. While one can always be criticized after the fact and without all of the evidence then available for consideration, often those same critics would have made similar judgments had they been there.

As I recall the events of 2003, I received a call from Brad Thorp from the General Conference telling me of Pastor Dryden's accusations. Brad appropriately told me that it was not his concern, and that it was ours to handle. As I recall, I

contacted pastor Dryden and heard his side of the story following which I received the letter that is circulating. I was at 3abn at the time and spoke at length with Danny about the matter. He shared with me the details as he understood them. Whether or not I was aware of what generated the letter at that time, I do not remember. Based upon my understanding that Dryden had had a long standing feud with Tommy over factors unrelated to the above accusations, it did not seem indicated to approach the boys in question directly, having been informed that no case had ever been filed with the courts or legal disposition made. We then discussed the situation with the full board. Given the alleged events had occurred many years before, attempts had been made to make things right, and no legal action had been taken, we did not see any reason to pursue the issue further nor to follow through with his recommendations. In my reply to pastor Dryden I merely thanked him for fulfilling his obligation to us. (I will make this one further comment. Whereas there are many accusations on the Internet alledging that Danny cannot be trusted, I disagree. I have known Danny now since the beginning of the ministry. Now more than 23 years. I have been fully appraised of many of the difficulties that he has faced during that time. While Danny sees things from his perspective, as we all do, he is honest and trustworthy. I have found no reason to distrust his reports to me. Yes, there are occasions when after having spoken with both sides of an issue it has been a matter of he said vs she said, but in all situations where I could know the facts, Danny has proven true.)

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jurisdictions in different states and that there was no higher authority that I could speak with to resolve the issue further. It was not entirely clear to me how that worked. I was also told that one leader pestered Tommy over and over again until Tommy voluntarily gave up his ministerial license. These are the facts as I have been able to sort them out.

I will not comment regarding \*\*\*\*\* except to say that good people sometimes see things from differing perspectives. We parted company as friends, if not in full agreement. We continue to have communication with \*\*\*\*\* and consider him a friend of 3ABN.

Since you have not described the other allegations against Danny, I am unable to know what you are referring and therefore unable to comment on them.

I hope this is helpful to you.

I would like to request that you not circulate this letter, but that you merely summarize and varify its contents.

Sincerely,

Walt

### Bob: Simple Follow-Up Questions

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Bob

**To:** Walt Thompson

**Subject:** Re: Possible way to win 3ABN critics.

**Date:** Mon, 27 Nov 2006 13:47:48 -0600

Hi Walt.

Thanks very much for your clarifications. In hindsight, we can always see how we maybe could have done it a little differently, and learn from that. That's just life.

I'll see what I can come up with regarding an alleged long standing feud between Dryden and Tommy, a feud unrelated to molestation.

How did you get the name of the leader at the Church of God that you spoke to? It would be interesting to know why that person's story differs so radically from that of the alleged victims. If I had to guess, I'd say that maybe they were of the faction in the split church that believed Tommy (a split caused by his allegedly not admitting to the accusations), and that they were not of the faction that sided with the alleged victims. If that be the case, and if you got the name of that person from Danny or Tommy, who certainly would have known who agreed with his version of things, it would explain why that was the person you just happened to talk to, and why you came up with a version of the situation that differs so widely from that of the alleged victims.

If this is how it all happened, if it is true that the allegations are more recent than 30 years and that Tommy did not apologize, then I personally would consider you to be a victim too, but of a different sort. And I think that is a very charitable way to look at it.

How can I contact this person to get their side of the story, and thus verify what you have related?

Do you know who authorized Mike Riva to threaten Pastor Dryden with legal action?

On the other matters I referred to, I'll mention two briefly, and then if we need to discuss details, we can do that.

You referred to Matthew 18, which is a must when dealing with private issues. I'm wondering then why on August 10 on 3ABN Live Shelley Quinn over global television implied that Linda's daughter had lied in her confidential and private testimony about Danny's alleged sexual assault. I found that very troubling, even if Linda's daughter did lie, on two counts: 1) The matter was private and confidential, and 2) repeatedly during that program, the claim was made that they weren't going to defend themselves at all against the lies that were being told about Danny and 3ABN. Yet they did most certainly defend themselves.

In other words, if the matter is a public one, then it should be dealt with in a conclusive way that puts the matter to rest. But to publicly call a lady who asserts sexual assault a liar without providing any conclusive evidence to that effect,

and while claiming to not be defending one's self, has the effect of stirring up more concerns in people's minds than what existed before. Such secrecy regarding the evidence while publicly making such insinuations is counterproductive, and gives people the idea that something isn't right.

Secondly, John Lomacang invited folks with questions to call him, so I did on September 1. In that conversation, during which I was listening for something concrete that wasn't based on he said, she said, he stated emphatically that there were phone card phone records of hundreds of hours of phone calls made to Norway by Linda, records of phone calls made prior to March 9, 2004, records he had personally seen. He promised me that if I came to 3ABN I could see them, and told me that wasn't his decision. Thus, it must have been the decision of the board or of management.

On September 8, October 2, 3, 10, 16, and 17 I emailed him concerning taking him up on his offer on my way back from my brother's wedding on October 23. The only reply I ever got from him was after my email of October 2 in which he briefly stated that I would have to contact Mollie who would decide whether the trip would take place. I accordingly wrote her on October 3, 10, 16, and 17, and finally got a reply from her after my email of the 16th stating that John's promise would not be kept after all.

I mention all these dates for a reason. On the first five dates on which I wrote John, I also asked him a super simple question: Were those hundreds of hours of phone calls actual time spent on the phone, or were they billed units. With phone cards it might cost quite a few minutes for every minute on the phone to Norway. I also asked Mollie this question on the 17th, and I asked them both if John had made a mistake when he made his promise, or, if not, why the sudden change in policy. It has been now more than a month since my last email to them, and I have heard nothing in reply to these questions.

I don't see how we can fault anyone if they think there is a cover-up going on, given such experiences as I have had with John, Mollie, and Hal. I really doubt that I am the only one who has been treated this way. 3ABN's damage control as it currently operates causes more damage than it controls.

Just two more thoughts, and I'll close. It might be good for me to get your side of the story regarding Nick's resignation, since it is a crucial bit of information in trying to sort through everything. It clearly is evidence of fraud on the part of Danny, and something needs to be said to counter that if there is anything that can be said.

As far as passing on your reply, I don't see how I cannot do that and still achieve the goal of getting down to the bottom of things and putting these rumors to rest. If I were to summarize your reply, I would in essence have to quote most of it anyway.

God bless.

Bob

### Walt: "I'm Not Talking to You Again"

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Walt Thompson

**To:** Bob

**Subject:** Re: Possible way to win 3ABN critics.

**Date:** Mon, 27 Nov 2006 20:21:19 -0600

Dear Bob,

Your e mails have revealed your true colors and have convinced me that you do not have the interest of 3abn at heart. I am requesting that you do not post my recent communications ANYWHERE. These have been sent to you as private correspondence and were not intended to be for the public use. I will not be responding further to your inquiries.

Walt

Walter Thompson MD

### Bob: "Why Did You React That Way?"

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Bob  
**To:** Walt Thompson  
**Subject:** Re: Possible way to win 3ABN critics.  
**Date:** Mon, 27 Nov 2006 21:45:04 -0600

Walt? Why would you respond this way? What's wrong?

Specifically, in what way did I write anything that would give you the idea that I don't have the interest of 3ABN at heart?

Walt, I was gearing up to defend you and your decisions all I could, but how can I do that if you react in this way?

As far as not posting your communications, how can I not do that without perpetuating this horrendous he said, she said situation we presently have? It's this super secrecy policy that has created the crisis 3ABN now finds itself in. Only by humbly acknowledging wrong wherever wrong has been done, which as you know is our Christian duty and is a requirement for divine forgiveness wherever sin is involved, can confidence in 3ABN be restored.

You acknowledged that you made the mistake of not contacting the alleged victims, their families, and the associations when invited to do so in 2003. It takes a real man to do that. And people need to see that you aren't afraid to do that. And if anyone is inclined to be harsh toward you for that mistake, then I will do what I can to stop their unkind criticisms.

In what way is that not having 3ABN's interest at heart? What specifically in your communications are you ashamed for people to see?

Bob

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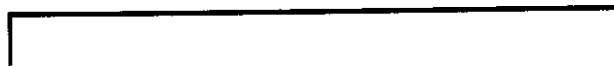
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**From:** Bob  
**To:** Danny Shelton  
**CC:** Walt Thompson, Elder Ken Denslow  
**Subject:** Verification needed for Walt Thompson's statements.  
**Date:** Wed, 29 Nov 2006 09:34:09 -0600

Greetings, Danny.

My apologies for bothering you, but Dr. Thompson suggested that I verify what he told me, and based on his communications I don't know of any other way to approach this than to ask you five questions.

You may remember that after you contacted me last Thursday I asked you a few questions. In answer to those questions Walt wrote:



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"The allegations against Tommy were made about 30 years ago. They were reported to the proper authorities. No physical actions ever occurred. Tommy apologized to the kids and offered recompense."

This information was superb, for it was just the kind that could be used to answer the critics, especially if it came from both sides: No new allegations of child molestation in the last 30 years, and Tommy apologized for some unspecified thing that didn't involve physical actions.

The difficulty, though, is that according to the 2003 letter that Walt received, Tommy has not yet apologized, and there are additional allegations from as recent as the late 1990's in Virginia. These two points are clearly indicated by the Action Items attached to that letter. The question then arose: Did Walt contact the alleged victims, their families, and the two ministerial licensing associations as invited to do so in that 2003 letter to get their side of the story? His reply was as follows:

"As I recall the events of 2003, I received a call from Brad Thorp from the General Conference telling me of Pastor Dryden's accusations. Brad appropriately told me that it was not his concern, and that it was ours to handle. As I recall, I contacted Pastor Dryden and heard his side of the story following which I received the letter that is circulating. I was at 3abn at the time and spoke at length with Danny about the matter. He shared with me the details as he understood them. Whether or not I was aware of what generated the letter at that time, I do not remember. Based upon my understanding that Dryden had had a long standing feud with Tommy over factors unrelated to the above

accusations, it did not seem indicated to approach the boys in question directly, having been informed that no case had ever been filed with the courts or legal disposition made."

I was chatting with a pastor's wife Sabbath before last about this, and she told me something I had never heard before, based on her experience as a social worker. While social workers may be able to get enough evidence of molestation to warrant removing a child, the burden of proof for that is different than for criminal convictions, and thus many cases that social workers act on never have charges filed in them. It was her recommendation that whenever background checks are in order, that social services be contacted as well as the court system, since they know more. Thus it is a fallacy to think that just because no case was filed that there are no grounds for further investigation.

At any rate, according to the above, Walt did not contact the alleged victims, their families, or the licensing associations as invited to do so, and instead got his information about no new allegations for 30 years and Tommy's apologies solely from you. The difficulty is that, besides this information contradicting the 2003 letter, it also appears to conflict with the testimony of the alleged victims and the other parties.

This whole situation puts Walt in an awkward light, for he has repeatedly been accused of only getting your side of the story rather than of fairly weighing both sides of a given issue. On the face of it, just looking at appearances, it appears that he was misled on this one.

I will quickly add that I am more than willing to entertain the possibility that you were misled as well by your sources regarding how recent the most recent allegations really were, and whether Tommy apologized. Thus,

**Question 1:** Can you give me any information that would help me out on this, such as the specific sources of the information you gave Walt in 2003, and ways that I can verify that information in order to establish that all these alleged victims, their families, and the two associations are

incorrect?

It appears fair to say that there was a serious error of judgment here when these other parties were not contacted as suggested. Since the 2003 letter specifically asked Tommy to apologize for "deceit," for Walt to put so much weight on his and his brother's side of the story was unwise, if nothing else, for appearance's sake. Plus, it lends support to the idea that Walt has on other issues not fairly weighed both sides of an issue. But I do not wish to criticize him too much, for we all make mistakes, even when we are doing our very best. I certainly have.

And it also appears unwise on your part to not insist that Walt make a thorough investigation of the matter, especially since you might be accused of having a conflict of interest, since Tommy is your brother. But like I said, we all make mistakes, and we just need to be willing to learn from them. We should be as tolerant of the mistakes of others as we want them to be tolerant of our mistakes. And I mean that sincerely.

At any rate,

**Question 2:** Do you know who asked and authorized Mike Riva to threaten Pastor Dryden with legal action?

When I first heard of that, it just sounded so foreign to the types of things I've heard Conference officials say about how these kinds of things need to be handled in order to avoid possible liability.

Walt also wrote:

"We then discussed the situation with the full board."

**Question 3:** Was a copy of the 2003 letter, along with the suggested "Action Items," given to each board member?

Finally, here is one more bit of information that Walt provided, dealing with the further investigation he conducted recently:

"Subsequently, after this issue has been brought back to the forefront (I think there is only one person who could have known about this and brought it to world-wide attention, and that person was then on the board and voted with the consensus) I contacted the only person from the Church of God that I could find that knew about the situation, and who had been present and witness to the events. (Except for pastor Dryden's personal accounts, there are apparently no other records of the allegations.) The picture that was painted by that leader of the Church was exactly as portrayed earlier by Danny. Dryden was jealous of Tommy and was out to get him - a jealousy that has continued to the present. I was again informed that the DA knew about the allegations and not finding a basis, refused to act against Tommy. I have been informed that the Church of God is a congregational type or organization with different jurisdictions in different states and that there was no higher authority that I could speak with to resolve the issue further. It was not entirely clear to me how that worked. I was also told that one leader pestered Tommy over and over again until Tommy voluntarily gave up his ministerial license."

My understanding is that a church became split over this issue because Tommy denied the allegations, some siding with Tommy and some siding with the alleged victims. If the individual referred to above was of the faction that sided with Tommy, I can understand why his or her account would differ so drastically from that of the alleged victims, their families, and the two licensing associations that Tommy is not in good standing with.

Yet on the other side of the question, Gailon, who had not talked with Pastor Dryden as of yesterday sometime, says

that he had no problem finding alleged victims and others who also were witnesses to the events and who tell quite a different story. Thus one is left to wonder why Walt just happened to be only able to locate this one individual who tells such a different story. And that leads up to,

**Question 4:** Who gave Walt the name of this individual to contact, or how did he get their name, and how can I contact that individual to get their side of the story?

Certainly Tommy would have known who sided with him in the church split, and thus I want to make sure that the reason Walt could only locate this single individual was not because that was the only name that either Tommy or you provided to Walt. And/or, by getting his or her side of the story, it is always possible that I might be able to get information that could be used to vindicate Tommy, such as that he really did apologize.

But as far as proving that there haven't been any allegations for 30 years, I just don't know what I can do about that, given what the 2003 letter plainly states. I welcome your suggestions.

Lastly,

**Question 5:** What exactly did Tommy apologize for?

I'm guessing that one possible explanation for the discrepancy might be that Tommy did apologize for something, but not for what certain ones wanted him to, and thus it might be helpful to know what he felt he did do wrong that did need apologizing for.

As I told Walt, I have been very concerned that such serious allegations have been on the internet for so long in such a public way. And I am firmly convicted that such public allegations have to be dealt with in a public way. So do think through your responses and try to come across as courteous as possible, so that I can use them to do that without embarrassing anyone connected with 3ABN.

I think it is such a blessing that we can get this one behind us now, if it is possible to do so. You certainly don't need these kind of unresolved issues as the ASI panel process gets in motion.

God bless.  
Bob

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What was peculiar was the uncharacteristic silence from Danny since he received the previous email in this series on November 29.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Bob  
**To:** Danny Shelton  
**CC:** Walt Thompson, Elder Ken Denslow  
**Subject:** Some additional verification needed for Walt Thompson's statements.  
**Date:** Tue, 05 Dec 2006 06:14:06 -0600

Greetings, Danny.

I trust that you received my email attached at the end, which was sent six days ago as a follow-up to the suggestion of Dr. Walt Thompson, your board chairman, that I verify what he had told me. As I have pondered it all, I see some further questions that I need clarification on in order to do just that, and so I will add below to my original five questions what I wrote out over the weekend.



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I'll first say that I really hope to hear from you soon, since there are many, many people eager and anxious to hear your side of the story, and see you and Tommy cleared of these allegations being brought by a pastor and members of the Church of God, by members of your own community, and, not maliciously and a bit indirectly, your own board chairman. It is highly critical that there be as little delay as possible.

Dr. Thompson wrote:

"The allegations against Tommy were made about 30 years ago."

Frankly, this was the first time I had heard of any allegations of 30 years ago. The oldest allegations I have heard about were the ones that led to the revoking of Tommy's ordination in Illinois in or around 1985, which I have thought were therefore about 20 years ago rather than about 30. Thus,

**Question 6:** What exactly were these 30-year-old allegations that Walt referred to, and when and in what locality or localities did the alleged events take place?

I have one more chronology-related question. One of your employees, one of the O'Briens, informed me indirectly, maybe a month ago or so, that Pastor Dryden's May 2003 letter to Walt was a rehashing of something that had already been hashed around in the '90's. At the time I thought that someone must have gotten the dates mixed up somewhere, and that the '80's was really what was intended to be or what should have been said, but something Gailon told me last week makes me wonder if there might be another possibility. Gailon wrote:

"Bad news...the 3ABN board in the mid 90's took up the issue of Tommy Shelton as he was working in production at the time. The board clearly determined it was best that Tommy not be working at

3ABN based upon an investigation of the allegations against Tommy at the Ezra COG. Shortly after this decision, Tommy received a call to the Dunn Loring COG and moved to Mannassas, finally into the parsonage."

I wouldn't even mention this at all since I have no evidence of myself to this effect, but since one of the O'Briens indicated, unless something got garbled in transmission or recollection, which is always possible, that there was some sort of discussion in the '90's, I'll ask the following:

**Question 7:** Did the 3ABN board determine in the mid-1990's that it was not best for Tommy to work at 3ABN; and if so, on what basis was there a later reversal of their position; and if not, how can I get copies of the board minutes leading up to Tommy's departure so that I can post them and put to rest once and for all this allegation?

You may be tempted to pick out some sort of trivial detail that isn't quite absolutely correct and concentrate on that to the exclusion of everything else, so I would simply suggest that, while you may need to correct some minor errors, you also ensure that you put to rest the major points of concern as well.

Walt wrote to me the following:

"Based upon my understanding [obtained from Danny Shelton] that Dryden had had a long standing feud with Tommy over factors unrelated to the above accusations, it did not seem indicated to approach the boys in question directly, having been informed that no case had ever been filed with the courts or legal disposition made."

I think it would be extremely helpful to know more about Dryden's alleged feud with Tommy. This is especially true

given the following facts:

- Walt said that the allegations were about 30 years old.
- Pastor Glenn Dryden says that he did not meet Tommy until somewhere around the early '80's or about 1985 when Tommy's ordination was revoked.
- Dryden says that he first became associated with the Dunn Loring, Virginia, church in 1974, served as an assistant pastor from 1983 until 1993, at which time he moved to Illinois.
- He claims that he had a good pastor-to-pastor relationship with Tommy after meeting him.

**Question 8:** Did Walt mean to say that Dryden was the cause of the original, 30-year-old allegations; is it true that Tommy did not meet Dryden until at the earliest the early '80's; and if both these points are correct, how is it that the allegations were caused by a feud between two men who had not yet met; or, if this is not what Walt meant, what exactly did he mean?

Since I have no evidence at this point that would indicate that either Tommy or Dryden had achieved celebrity status, I think the following question is in order.

**Question 9:** Are Dryden's details regarding his states of residence correct (as well as the date of the revoking of Tommy's ordination), and if so, what was the nature of their feud that would have motivated Dryden to promote allegations of child molestation against a pastor who lived 800 miles away from him?

Walt wrote:

"The picture that was painted by that leader of the Church was exactly as portrayed earlier by Danny. Dryden was jealous of Tommy and was out to get him - a jealousy that has continued to the present."

Here is an area that becomes a little more nebulous, for it gets into the area of he said, she said, something I prefer to

avoid. But it should be mentioned that Dryden denies that this was the case, and claims that there has been no opportunity for jealousy to arise. And frankly, since Dryden arrived in Illinois in 1993 and Tommy left for Virginia in 1995, according to Dryden's chronology, it would seem that there was precious little opportunity for jealousy to arise. Thus,

**Question 10:** What exactly about Tommy was Dryden jealous of, and during what periods of time and in what ways was this jealousy manifested?

Dryden also claims that Tommy has used this jealousy argument as a smokescreen, but with this variation: He claims that Tommy told the folks in Virginia that allegations had been raised against him because churches around him were jealous of both him and the success he was having. Thus,

**Question 11:** Is it true that Tommy told the folks in Virginia something even remotely akin to this and if so, what was the nature of the success that Tommy had that surrounding churches of his own denomination would make false accusations against him of such a serious thing as child molestation?

Dryden also claims that Tommy never informed the folks in Virginia regarding what the nature of the allegations against him were. Thus,

**Question 12:** Who specifically in Virginia did Tommy tell about the exact nature of the allegations against him, and how can I contact them to obtain a signed statement to this effect?

Walt wrote:

"Except for pastor Dryden's personal accounts, there are apparently no other records of the allegations."

Dryden claims that in early 2003, Roger Clem of West Frankfort confided in him that he had been victimized by

Tommy, and that Roger subsequently shared openly about this in his church and about the community.

**Question 13:** Is it true that a member of your small community did indeed share openly his claim that your own brother had victimized him, and if so, a) when did you first become aware of these new allegations, b) how did Walt arrive at the opinion that there are no other accounts of these allegations than Pastor Dryden's, and c) how is it that you never corrected Walt on this major discrepancy?

Dryden claims that after Roger came forward, that,

"It was within a week or less that Tommy called me."

In that conversation Tommy told Dryden, according to him, something along the lines of, "I have something to read to you. Maybe you don't want to even talk to me. It's difficult." Dryden, thinking this was part of Tommy's damage control efforts and that there might be an attempt at manipulation, told him their conversation would need to be face to face and in the presence of another member of the congregation. Dryden had prayer with him, and he claims the meeting never took place.

Dryden then claims that Tommy called up someone who was a pillar in the church and read his statement to them, which convinced them of his guilt.

Dryden says that Tommy has made statements like, "I made some mistakes," and "I have regrets," and has said such for damage control purposes, but has never made a meaningful apology to his knowledge, nothing like Ted Haggard's confession, and that Tommy has been unwilling to be subject to church discipline. Thus,

**Question 14:** Did Tommy in fact call Dryden and the other individual in the church in early 2003 and make statements to this effect, and if so, how can we get a copy of what he wrote and read at that time, and if not, what evidence or testimony to this effect can be produced?

**Question 15:** Is it true that Tommy was unwilling to be subject to church discipline even though Walt claims he did apologize for some unspecified thing; and if so, for what reasons was he unwilling; and if not, who can I contact to confirm that he indeed was subject to church discipline?

I would want nothing more than to see you personally vindicated, and to see some sort of plausible explanation for not just one or two or three of the perceived inconsistencies, but for every last one of them. This issue of the allegations against Tommy is only one of many swirling around you and/or 3ABN, and I would take great delight in seeing each one of those issues decided in favor of you.

But I think we clearly need to get the air cleared of this one as soon as possible. It is absolutely crucial that we demonstrate that your word is utterly dependable, or else the court of public opinion as well as that of ASI will be less inclined to accept solely your testimony and the testimony of the 3ABN board about Linda's alleged guilt of the sin of adultery.

And, as a loyal Seventh-day Adventist church member, a member in the middle of nowhere who is but a lone voice without any actual say-so, I must say that I am a bit concerned because of the potential liability issues that could arise if there ever was a problem in the future. I certainly hope that the apparent way this was all handled would never be used in a court of law as a justification for compromising the financial security of the Illinois Conference, which I understand, from websites affiliated with the church or its leadership, voted to move part of their Academy operations to Thompsonville.

Perhaps this is what concerns me most of all, that somehow in all of this God's cause and my church could be brought into reproach, and we as a people could be blamed for the very type of things that we so ardently oppose, through no fault of our own or because of innocent mistakes on the part of some, all because of the not-so-innocent mistakes on the part of others.

Danny, in all sincerity, I pray that God grant you clear discernment of what is right and what is wrong, and what He wants you to do at this hour. May you stand for the right though the heaven's fall, whether it be for the first time or

the millionth time.

And may 3ABN and its ministry be truly blessed by the Spirit of God in the days ahead in proportion to its fulfillment of the conditions laid out by the Lord for the reception of the latter rain

Bob

P.S. I really need ASAP the name and contact info from the Church of God leader Walt referred to but did not name. I don't know who else to contact to hear another side of the story, and talking to him or her may help quite a bit.

Also, Pastor Dryden has expressed personal concern for Tommy, indicating that he wishes that we would all pray for his health during the stress of all this, and that he do the right and appropriate thing.

God bless.

Bob

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In this first reply, Danny Shelton makes no attempt whatsoever to answer the questions posed thus far. He seems to attribute the Tommy Shelton child molestation allegations to his ex-wife Linda and her friends, even though the 2003 Glenn Dryden letter was sent to Dr. Thompson almost a year before Linda's alleged (and possibly imaginary) affair.

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**From:** Danny Shelton  
**To:** Bob  
**CC:** Walt Thompson  
**Subject:** RE: Some additional verification needed for Walt Thompson's statements.  
**Date:** Tue, 5 Dec 2006 09:16:41 -0600

Bob,

As you know we are letting ASI handle the situation regarding my divorce from Linda.

Did I have biblical grounds for my part in the divorce of Linda and me.

Many lies have been spread by Linda and others using people like Gailon Joy and others.

According to you and Gailon and several others, the 3ABN leadership including myself, have covered up my wrong doing by making Linda the scape goat.



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Either this is true or it is not. Much has been said by Johann, Arild, Barbara K. and people who didn't even know Linda and me.

ASI will decide who is doing the cover up. Somebody is lying! After hearing the testimony and evidence from both sides ASI will make a decision. Should ASI decide that the 3ABN board and myself did not "scapegoat Linda" to cover up my sins, then, in my opinion it will become obvious to the public that maybe many of these other accusations are lies also.

If on the other hand ASI decides that me and the 3ABN board covered up my sins to scapegoat Linda, then I believe that it will become obvious that I am probably lying when I deny many of the other accusations coming from Linda and her group.

That's why I choose to wait until ASI handles this huge issue of mine and Linda's divorce before answering questions of all the other accusations manufactured by Linda, Gailon, Derrell Johann, Barbara Kerr and others who have or has had an ax to grind with 3ABN.

For every person accusing me and 3ABN of doing wrong I can show thousands who will testify of all the good that 3ABN in doing including nearly all of it's employees.

Danny

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This email is more a reply to Danny's reply than anything else. One point it does make is in regard to the implications of Danny so blatantly ignoring his own board chairman's request that the information he had given be verified. Does Dr. Thompson have any authority at all, or is Danny running 3ABN more like a sole proprietorship? The wrong answer on that one could possibly jeopardize 3ABN's tax exemption status.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Bob  
**To:** Danny Shelton  
**CC:** Walt Thompson, Elder Ken Denslow  
**Subject:** RE: Some additional verification needed for Walt Thompson's statements.  
**Date:** Wed, 06 Dec 2006 08:13:19 -0600

Hi Danny. Thanks so much for your initial reply, which appears below my reply to you.

I must say that I am a little surprised by your reply. I will point out in this email a few difficulties that I see, and why it is extremely difficult for me to use it to clear you of any of the allegations out there, as well as ask some additional questions.

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First of all, you will recall that I initially wrote to you a week ago at the suggestion of your board chairman, Dr. Walt Thompson. On Monday, November 27, he gave me some information and said,

"I would like to request ... that you ...  
verify [this letter's] contents."

Now Walt gave me only two sources for his information other than Pastor Glenn Dryden. The only one of those two that he named was yourself, and therefore the only way I can fulfill his request is to write to you. And yet you write:

"That's why I choose to wait until ASI handles this huge issue of mine and Linda's divorce before answering questions of all the other accusations manufactured by Linda, Gailon, Derrell Johann, Barbara Kerr and others who have or has had an ax to grind with 3ABN."

As you know quite well, Walt has been accused of being a "lemming" and your "surrogate," language I disapprove of. Yet in light of the fact that you as president can so easily disregard the wishes of your own board chairman, I think it fair to ask,

**Question 16:** How can you demonstrate that Dr. Walt Thompson and/or your board have any definite, real, and actual authority within the 3ABN corporate structure as it currently operates, authority unrelated to whatever you may choose to delegate to them or what is merely described on paper?

I think this question is vital since it does indeed affect perceptions of how the divorce and remarriage were handled, as well as how the Tommy Shelton child molestation allegations were handled, and perhaps even the success or failure of the appeal of the tax case I understand 3ABN has pending.

In light of the fact that it is now one week since I requested the name of the other source so that I can verify Walt's information, I think it fair to ask,

**Question 17:** What might be the reason or reasons why there is such hesitancy to provide that name, as well as the name of the person who gave that name to Walt Thompson?

You write:

"According to you and Gailon and several others, the 3ABN leadership including myself, have covered up my wrong doing by making Linda the scape goat."

I believe the term "smokescreen" would be more appropriate than "scapegoat."

You also write:

"After hearing the testimony and evidence from both sides ASI will make a decision. Should ASI decide that the 3ABN board and myself did not 'scapegoat Linda' to cover up my sins, then, in my opinion it will become obvious to the public that maybe many of these other accusations are lies also."

By referring to only two "sides" when you full well know that there are many more parties than two, and by pitting ASI's conclusions regarding your divorce and remarriage against all the remaining allegations, you again demonstrate that you have chosen not to allow ASI to review all the allegations, a fatal mistake in my opinion.

In other words, while claiming to be false the perception that you are trying to use the Linda issue as a smokescreen, you then go on to prove that that perception of the situation is correct. Thus,

**Question 18:** Will you and/or the 3ABN board make a formal request in writing to ASI that they examine all allegations of financial, operational, and personal misconduct, and will you provide us a copy of that letter as soon as possible, and if not, could you please list whatever you are afraid of that you might lose from such a process, and why?

You write:

"Much has been said by Johann, Arild, Barbara K. and people who didn't even know Linda and me.

"...

"That's why I choose to wait until ASI handles this huge issue of mine and Linda's divorce before answering questions of all the other accusations manufactured by Linda, Gailon, Derrell Johann, Barbara Kerr and others who have or has had an ax to grind with 3ABN."

John Lomacang on September 1 told me the same, that all these allegations were manufactured by or are the result of Linda and "her boyfriend," the doctor, and their allies. I told him I can't buy that, since the not-quite-most-recent Tommy Shelton allegations date from the first half of 2003, about a year before Linda's alleged affair. Thus,

**Question 19:** How did Linda, Derrell, Johann, and Barbara manufacture the Tommy Shelton child molestation allegations a year before Linda's alleged affair; what sort of ax to grind against 3ABN would Church of God member Roger Clem have in 2003 that he would come forward and accuse Tommy, not 3ABN, of child molestation; and what sort of ax to grind against 3ABN would motivate members/attendees of the Church of God congregation Tommy pastored in Virginia to accuse Tommy, not 3ABN, of sexual misconduct before he ever returned to Illinois around 2000 and began working at 3ABN again?

Lastly, you write:

"That's why I choose to wait until ASI handles this huge issue of mine and Linda's divorce ...." (bold added)

As serious as the allegations are that you lied about Linda having an affair in order to justify divorcing her, it is fair to ask,

**Question 20:** By saying this, are you suggesting that being accused of intentionally lying about your wife being an adulteress is an extremely more serious issue than the allegation that you intentionally lied to your board chairman about the serious nature, wide extent, and recent timing of the Tommy Shelton child molestation allegations, and thus put innocent children at continued risk?

I think these are the only challenges I see in your reply, challenges that make it difficult to use to clear you of the allegations against you. And as I have expressed to you before, I think that if you truly have the best interest of 3ABN at heart, you will need to immediately alter the way you address these issues. There is a desperate need of greater transparency, straightforwardness, and openness if these issues are ever going to go away, and I am certain that you must realize that.

May God grant you special courage and wisdom at this time.

Bob

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This was yet another attempt to verify Walt's information, as well as clarify other details concerning the Tommy Shelton child molestation allegations. It ends with a fairly strong, spiritual appeal.

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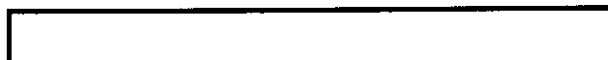
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**From:** Bob  
**To:** Danny Shelton  
**CC:** Walt Thompson, Elder Ken Denslow  
**Subject:** Final questions for now on Tommy Shelton allegations.  
**Date:** Wed, 06 Dec 2006 11:48:57 -0600

Hi Danny.

I think this may be the last email I send you regarding the Tommy Shelton child molestation allegations, and I will try to end it on an encouraging note.

Again, I want to just say that you and I initiated this discussion one week ago because your board chairman, Dr. Walt Thompson, gave me some information and said:



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verify [this letter's] contents."

The following is what I can thus far come up with regarding  
some of the allegations against Tommy:

- Walt claims that there are allegations of some sort against Tommy regarding children that are 30 years old.
- Tommy's ordination with the Church of God, Anderson, was revoked around 1985 because of allegations of child molestation arising from his pastoring the Ezra congregation in West Frankfort, Illinois.
- Roger Clem claims that he was molested at the age of 16, which would be about 1988, while Tommy was pastoring the breakaway Ezra congregation that had sided with him and against the previous alleged victims.
- Tommy pastored a Church of God congregation in Dunn Loring, Virginia, from 1995 to about 2000, and then left apparently because of the surfacing of some sort of sexual misconduct allegations against him.
- Just now in late 2006 we have a new allegation of child molestation coming to light in Virginia at the Church of God congregation where he used to pastor.

Gailon has talked to quite a few individuals on this matter. As of this point, I have only spoken to Walt Thompson, Church of God pastor Glenn Dryden, a member of the board of the Dunn Loring congregation who wished to remain anonymous, and alleged victim Roger Clem.

Walt wrote:

"Based upon my understanding that  
Dryden had had a long standing feud  
with Tommy over factors unrelated to  
the above accusations ...  
  
"Dryden was jealous of Tommy and was



out to get him - a jealousy that has continued to the present."

Both Roger Clem and the Dunn Loring board member I spoke with made it very plain that there was no malice, no feud, and no jealousy between the two men. The board member said that they had known Dryden and his family since 1990, and that they first heard rumors two years ago, which was a year or more before Dryden returned to Virginia. (Why did they hear about it only two years ago? They said they had had a lesser position and thus would not have been privy to such allegations.)

**Question 21:** Do you believe that the above scenario(s) and time line painted by these four individuals is fairly accurate, and if so, why did you essentially tell Walt Thompson, as he claims, that there were no new allegations for the last 30 years, and if not, how many more individuals do you think I should interview before concluding that the above time line is essentially correct?

Walt wrote:

"No physical actions ever occurred."

Pastor Dryden, based on what alleged victims have confided to him, and Roger Clem, based on his own experience, both declare that this is false. Thus,

**Question 22:** Do you personally believe that no physical action occurred, and if not, what way would you propose that we establish that none indeed occurred?

Soon after Clem came forward in 2003, Tommy phoned him. Clem says that it was somewhere around a year later when he sent a letter to Tommy. That letter ended with the following:

"I will tell you up front, if I get a letter or phone call from your brother or an attorney that in any way appears threatening, I will immediately go to the sheriff's office and file charges against you. This has gone on long enough with nothing being done. This is Not a threat. It all rests on you Tommy, let your conscience be your guide. I will not wait long before I will decide what action is best to resolve this."

Clem says that before Tommy had a chance to open and read the letter, Tommy's wife had opened it, even though it was addressed to Tommy, and read it to their daughters, and was calling Clem about it.

**Question 23:** Is there any tendency among Tommy's family to try to cover for him when these sort of allegations come up?

Clem had stated clearly, "I will not wait long before I will decide what action is best to resolve this," and he claims that Tommy called him the next day, this second phone call taking place a year or so after the previous one, and said,

"What do you want me to do?"

Clem replied,

"Register as a sex offender."

Clem claims that Tommy replied,

"Well, that's just not going to happen. I've dealt with it with my family. I've

dealt with it in counseling. That's all I feel I should have to do."

Thus,

**Question 24:** Do you believe that Tommy did indeed make this much of an admission verbally and/or made anything akin to this kind of reply, and if so, a) do you agree that all that's necessary for someone to do who has had allegations of child molestation leveled against them for so many years is to deal with it in their family and in counseling, and b) can you please describe for us the nature, timing, and duration of the counseling Tommy obtained?

I touched on the next one previously. Walt wrote:

"Accept for pastor Dryden's personal accounts, there are apparently no other records of the allegations."

Clem has two brothers. In one of the two calls Tommy made to Clem in 2003 and 2004, Clem asked Tommy,

"Did the same thing happen to my brother that happened to me?"

And, according to Clem, Tommy replied,

"Which one?"

Other things that Clem claimed were that people caught Tommy with boys doing things that he shouldn't have been doing on back roads and such. He claims that abuse happened at church, at Tommy's house and in his car, and right down the road from the first building of "3 Angels."

Dryden wrote:

"In the summer of 1993 as my wife and two teenage sons and I were preparing to relocate from Northern Virginia to West Frankfort, Illinois, Tommy Shelton again was visiting in Virginia and asked to meet with my wife and I. During this meeting he alerted us that we may 'hear some things' when we got to Illinois. He also informed us at this meeting that he had been caught in a lie during his pastorate at the Ezra Church of God, intimated extenuating circumstances and said he had sought and received forgiveness. Indeed we did hear some things after arriving in West Frankfort, Illinois, in mid-1993, including the circumstances surrounding the lie (He was found alone with a young man in a home to which he had access and when challenged said the young man [who was out of view] was his son when in fact he was not. The individual who came upon him confirmed this by immediately driving to the church school Tommy's son attended and finding his son there.). It was not until another victim's mother spoke with me in early 1996 that I fully realized that not only was sexual abuse of adolescent boys the nature of the allegations but that there was substance to these allegations as well."

Clem told the same story without being asked, and added this one detail: The lady from the congregation after seeing Tommy's son at the school drove back to the house and saw a red-faced boy leaving it, trying to cover his face.

After Clem came forward in early 2003, he claims that Tommy called him shortly thereafter. Clem was very open about everything in his church and community, and told me by name about two ministry leaders or pastors of two

different faiths, individuals who had backed Tommy previously, whom he approached and informed that the allegations were true after all because it had happened to him. One of those men said, "You don't know how much that disturbs me."

**Question 25:** Would you consider that these accounts are essentially correct, and if so, why did Walt think there were no other accounts of allegations except for Dryden's, and if not, which precise points would you dispute and which ones would you not?

Clem claims, as Dryden did, that Tommy has never given a meaningful apology. He also says that Tommy has never apologized in writing and is manipulative. In his letter sent around 2004 to Tommy, Clem wrote, among other things,

"When someone would confront you about what you did, you would try to take the attention off of what you did by having some sort of health problem (loss of memory, heart problems, nervous breakdown). It seemed odd to me that you recovered quick when you realized that you were in the clear. You really disgust me. It makes me sick to realize how many lives you damaged and the only time that you feel the need to apologize is when it all comes back up again. Then you put on this POOR PITIFUL ME act (how you wish it didn't happen, the reason you do this is because you were abused as a child, you would take it all back if you could, and the all-time favorite, please don't put my family through this again). What about what you put all of us through?"

**Question 26:** Is there any truth to the allegation that Tommy resorted to manipulative behavior, such as having transient health problems and/or trying to create sympathy in order to hush up the accusers; and can you give us examples of when and to whom Tommy apologized either

before a big public spectacle took place, or when he apologized in writing, or both?

In the same letter, Clem writes:

"Then what makes me mad is when your brother calls to try to scare people into not saying anything or when the church receives a letter from Mike Riva telling us to stop saying anything. ... I will tell you up front, if I get a letter or phone call from your brother or an attorney that in any way appears threatening, I will immediately go to the sheriff's office and file charges against you."

Similarly, the board member I spoke with from Dunn Loring, Virginia said that whenever allegations would arise, you would "execute a lot of pressure," and "make them go away."

**Question 27:** Is it true that you called people who were raising allegations, and what exactly did you say that might have given them the idea that you were trying to pressure them into silence?

Your Illinois Tax Case lists as one of the attorneys present,

"Mr. D. Michael Riva for 3 Angels Broadcasting Network."

On June 13, 2003, Riva issued a letter that appears to be a reply to Pastor Glenn Dryden's letter of May 14, 2003. In that letter of seven paragraphs, paragraphs 1, 2, 6, and 7 contain language threatening legal action against both the Ezra Church of God and Pastor Dryden. From what I can tell, and I am not an attorney, the only legal basis he gives for such a potential lawsuit appears in paragraphs 3-5, and consists of supporting arguments after the following sentence:

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"Even if the actions occurred, there is no criminal jeopardy as the statute of limitations has long since passed." (bold added)

**Question 28:** Do you think that it was wise for an attorney who does or has served the network that preaches the undiluted three angels' messages to use this sort of logic to threaten a non-Adventist minister with legal action in order to shut him up regarding his concerns over alleged child molestation?

Since the attorney who sent this threatening letter does or has served 3ABN, this question appears in order:

**Question 29:** Did Mr. Riva perform his services for Tommy Shelton pro bono, or did Tommy pay for them out of his own pocket, or did you pay for them out of your own pocket, or did 3ABN cover the cost, and what sort of documentation can you provide to substantiate your answer?

Pastor Dryden writes:

"Tommy vaguely alluded to the allegations in Illinois at times in his preaching when invited by our founding pastors to minister at the Community Church of God in the late 1980s. He did so by speaking not of the allegations but of the '**persecution**' he and his family suffered as a consequence. He was successful in drawing sympathy thereby as he spoke of hardship suffered by he and his family." (bold added)

Now let us consider the following facts:

- A special 3ABN Live telecast on August 10, 2006, claimed that you and 3ABN were receiving "**persecution**" and that "lies" were being told about

- you.
- Shelley Quinn in that broadcast, to all appearances, compared you to John the Baptist, Linda to Herodias, and Salome to Linda's daughter.
  - Before Shelley identified the daughter she was speaking of as being Salome, she described her as one who had become "entangled in the web of deceit," when the Bible story does not indicate that there was any deceit involved in regard to Herodias and Salome.
  - Linda's daughter had previously issued a signed and confidential statement alleging that you had sexually assaulted her.

Thus it appears that that broadcast was particularly attempting to call Linda's daughter's allegations a lie and "**persecution**," even though throughout the broadcast the claim was repeatedly made that you and the others would not be defending yourselves.

**Question 30:** Would you have any comment to make about this apparent similarity between how Tommy (according to Dryden) and you have both related to allegations of sexual misconduct?

On November 4 you wrote to me and said, among other things,

"I will just say this, ... I have done nothing legally wrong in my administration with 3ABN."

According to what Hal Steenson and John Lomacang told me, I'm uncertain that this is true. But I won't go into that now.

I want to end by sharing with you a story from the Spirit of Prophecy, a story from a sermon given by Ellen White in Minneapolis in 1888 and from an 1888 letter, that is hard for me to read without getting choked up. I was talking to my family about it yesterday, and even though it's been a long time since I read it through, it still got to me. And while formatting it for this email, I could not refrain from weeping.



If any of the more serious allegations against you, Tommy, and anyone else are true, I invite you and them to consider following the example of the man she referred to, and just see if perchance there may be a possibility that you will reap similar results of blessings and good will, and that the cause of God will advance with much greater power.

"We have seen of the grace of God since we met you last. ... I was at the Selma camp meeting. During my stay there I was introduced to a tall man--over six feet tall--and well proportioned. When he took my hand he seemed much affected and said, 'I am so glad to meet you; I am thankful that I can speak with you.' After going into the tent a brother came in and said, 'That man has a history.' Then he went on and told how a year before he had been converted; how he had once kept the Sabbath but had gone back, and how he claimed that he never had been converted. Then after he gave up the truth he went back into the company of hard cases, and Satan took complete possession of him. Two or three were linked with him in his wickedness--men who would not want it to be known that they were in such business. They stole and did wickedness in every way.

"He was not a licentious man; he had a wife and he respected her. She was a Sabbathkeeper, and he would not allow a word to be said against her. This was the position he took; he loved her, but not enough to stop his evil course. He did not care for the spoil of his robberies, but did it for the enjoyment he found in it. Well, Elder [E.P.] Daniels was holding meetings, and he was speaking on confession. What was said seemed to take hold of this man's mind, and he could not resist. He seemed to turn

white, and then left the tent. He could not stand it. He went out and then he came back again. This he did three times; he looked as if he were going to faint away.

"After the meeting had closed he said, 'I must talk to you, sir.' He told Elder Daniels his condition and said, 'Is there any hope for me? I am a lost man; I am undone; I am a sinner. Will you pray for me? I dare not leave this place to go home for fear the Lord will cut me down in my sins.' He said he could not stay in the tent, and went out again and again, but did not dare remain outside for fear the power of the devil should fasten on him and that would be the last of him.

" 'They prayed for him, and the man was converted right there. The defiant look was gone; his countenance was changed. 'Now,' said he, 'I have a work to do. I stole thirty-one sheep from that man in Selma, and I must go and confess to him.' Elder Daniels was afraid to have it known for fear they would shut him up. He said he would rather go to prison and stay there than to think that Christ had not forgiven his sin. So he started, with a young man who before this was engaged with him in thefts, to go and see the man. He met the man on the road and stopped him. The man commenced to shake like an aspen leaf. He was an infidel. Well, he got on his knees before them in the road and begged to be forgiven. The man asked, 'Where did you get this? What has brought you into this state? I did not know that there was any such religion as this.' They told him that they had been down to the camp meeting, and heard it preached there. 'Well,' said he, 'I will go over to that

meeting.'

"They confessed to having burned houses and barns. And they went to the grand jury and confessed to having stolen here and there. Mind, they confessed to the authorities. They said, 'We deliver ourselves up. Do with us as you see fit.' So the case was considered in court, and they had a council over the matter. One suggested that they better put those men through. The judge looked at him and said, 'What, put him through? Put a man through that God is putting through? Would you take hold of a man that God is taking hold of? Whom God's forgiving power has taken hold of? Would you do that? No, I would rather have my right arm cut off to the shoulder.' Something got hold of those men so that they all wept as children.

"The report of that experience went everywhere. People thought that there was a power in this truth that was in nothing else--a power that shows that Jesus lives. We have seen the power of His grace manifested in many cases in a remarkable manner." (*1888 Materials*, pp. 81, 82)

"Brother Will Smith is a man that was converted last year. He was in the truth years ago, but for some reason gave it up, and the devil took possession of him, and he became a desperado. His wife kept the Sabbath. He is a tall, well developed, powerfully built man. He went into all sorts of lawlessness, stealing, and tried to kill, but his victim did not come in just when he was prepared to kill him. Last year at Fresno under the labors of Elder [E.P.] Daniels he was powerfully wrought upon, and he

repented with another backslider who had gone with him in all his wickedness. Then commenced the work of confession and restitution. One man they went to see and met him in the road and down they went in the very dust and dirt on their knees, weeping and confessing, and the infidel wept like a child. 'Now,' said they, 'We want you to forgive us, and we do not ask you to arrest us for stealing your sheep, but we ask pardon; we will pay every cent of the cost of the sheep.'

"The man who had been wronged said, 'What has wrought upon you to make this confession?' Said they, 'We have been attending the campmeeting, and the spirit and power of God and the religion of Jesus Christ have taken hold upon us.' 'Well,' said the man, 'If the work done there is of this order I must go there,' and he did go, and he did tremble under the sharp arrows of God. The influence of these confessions made to many others who have been wronged, is as far reaching as eternity. This man in his wickedness had nothing, but since his conversion the Lord has blessed him greatly with means, and he is using it in making restitution and in advancing the cause of truth. He is free, generous to a fault, he is humble as a child, sitting at the feet of Jesus, ready and willing to do anything. He takes 150 Signs and distributes. He has done more missionary work alone the past year than the whole Fresno Church together." (*Manuscript Releases*, vol. 6, pp. 150, 151)

May God grant you, Tommy, and the rest by His grace the courage to right every wrong, whether that wrong be small or great.

Bob

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This communication is a break in the series of questions, and consists of an appeal to Danny that he put 3ABN's best interest first.

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**From:** Bob  
**To:** Danny Shelton  
**Subject:** Truce?  
**Date:** Wed, 06 Dec 2006 19:41:51 -0600

Hi Danny.

This is more of a pastoral letter than anything else.

You know, before I sent that last email, I was really beginning to feel bad for you. It looks like such an impossible situation, with no good solutions, like a bad dream. I would not want to be in your shoes just now.

I've been in bad situations before (nothing like this, though), and it sure wasn't fun. It can be so devastating. And I truly do feel bad for you.

What do you think would bring the most glory to God, and

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be truly the best for 3ABN? Would it not be to step aside after doing what you can to facilitate the immediate implementation of some of the structural reforms Gailon has had in mind, where there are proper checks and balances to prevent this kind of thing from ever happening again?

I just thought I would try to reach out to you before, well, before whatever happens next.

Did you have opportunity to read that story from the SOP I attached to the end of my last letter? What did you think of that? I honestly could not read it without breaking down and crying. Praise God for His mercy, power, and grace!

Long ago I had a sermon entitled, "Mercy for Manasseh." Too many people think they have sinned too much to be pardoned, forgiven, cleansed, and saved. Well, Manasseh was a preacher's kid of sorts, offered his own kids up as sacrifices, sawed Isaiah in half, and filled Jerusalem with blood, and the Bible even says that God sent Judah into captivity because God couldn't forgive Manasseh's sins.

Yet in spite of all that, when Manasseh was in a dungeon in Babylon, he turned to God and prayed, and God forgave him personally even though He could not forgive the nation as a whole for those sins, and Manasseh was restored to his throne.

Then he immediately went about trying to undo all the damage he had done. Of course he couldn't succeed in that entirely, but he tried, and that's all that God is looking for.

Now if God could pardon Manasseh, he most certainly can pardon you and me. Praise His name!

Do you believe that? That's the first and biggest step, to believe. Would you take that step just now?

Bob

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This is Danny's defiant reply to the appeal he had just received, a reply that it appears someone else may have written.

One of the most concerning parts of this reply from Danny or his penman is his apparent accusation that Dr. Walt Thompson, his ardent defender and staunch supporter, is lying. When Danny calls all allegations lies, including the allegations that are based on Dr. Thompson's testimony, then he in essence is calling Dr. Thompson a liar.

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**From:** Danny Shelton  
**To:** Bob  
**CC:** Walt Thompson  
**Subject:** RE: Truce?  
**Date:** Wed, 6 Dec 2006 23:18:59 -0600

Bob,

If you really are a pastor I feel sorry for you. You should know better than to listen to rumors and false accusations and judge those are doing the work of God. It seems your time would be better spent winning souls than trying to destroy people.

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Please don't feel sorry for me. I am very happy. I have spent the last 22 years of my life doing what God has called me to do.

God's word does not tell us that serving Jesus will be easy. Look what happened to the Son of God when he walked among people. They wrongly judged Jesus just as you and Gailon and others are doing with me and the 3ABN board and others as you see fit. You are a pawn in Linda's hand and you apparently don't even know it or maybe it's just that you don't care. I don't know.

You might want to ask yourself how you would have stood had you lived on earth when Jesus was here. Would you have judged Him also and found Him wanting?

I feel sorry for you and Gailon and others who have fallen for lies. I am very confident that an unbiased ASI group will see truth when it is presented to them.

You and Gailon have judged me based on rumors and lies. The ASI group will judge me and Linda based on evidence. I have told you all along that I have evidence that I have not presented to you because I didn't need to. I was saving it for the right time if necessary. I believe that now is the time to present eye witnesses and evidence at the ASI hearing.

3ABN has always had check and balances. Our financial records are in perfect order. We have nothing to hide. It's just that we don't have to show every one who comes along all our records just because he thinks he is a Sherlock Holmes as you and Gailon seem to think you are.

You have bought Linda's lie hook line and sinker because you have believed a few people who claim to "know" certain things.

You will ultimately find you are wrong even tho you may never admit it. Linda knows all the bad seeds she has planted about the management of 3ABN is not true. It is all a smoke screen. If all this wrong doing had been going on all these years then she would also be accountable as she was the VP of 3ABN. Yes, she was privy to all facets of this ministry. No secrets were kept from her.

Why is she now "spilling the beans". If she honestly saw

such terrible mis management why didn't she do the right thing and bring glory to God by giving everyone a chance to correct wrong doing or as a last resort "spill the beans" to the right authorities. We are supposed to love God more than father mother sister or brother. I realize all this is going over your head, but for some reason I'm writing it anyway.

3ABN is God's ministry. He will take care of us as He has for the last 22 years.

I'm amazed that if those of us in leadership are so crooked and such awful liars as you and your group seem to think, that God would continue to bless us in every way.

This has been our best year ever financially. Our wills and trust department has brought in more money this year than ever before also. Virtually every day I hear from or about people around the whole world who have given their life to Jesus by watching 3ABN and others who have already joined the SDA church because of the ministry of 3ABN.

The bible says we will know people by their fruits. The fruit of 3ABN's labor under the direction of our 3ABN board, with God's added blessings, has been wonderfully successful in the last 22 years. But the truth is we have never grown so fast as we have the last 2 1/2 years.

Bob, you are trying to look at the physical side of the controversy between good and evil. Satan is the prince of the flesh. Those who follow after flesh will/have been deceived. You will only make it through to the kingdom of God when you begin to live in the spiritual world

If I lived in the physical realm I might be troubled and discouraged and might even want to quit. But because the picture that God shows all of us when we look at the spiritual realm is,,, that God has us in the palm of His hand! He will never leave us or forsake us. In the spiritual realm one praises God for trials and tribulation thrown at him. This is the Jesus treatment. We all deserve this kind of treatment. It purifies us as gold in the fire.

No Bob, the last thing on my mind right now is resigning from 3ABN. I will resign when the Lord is ready for it.

Most of the complainers are not the prayer warriors and

financial contributors to 3ABN. You have a few people following the deception road you are traveling, but for the most part, people support those who are giving them spiritual food.

You can believe Gailon and Linda if you choose. But I know first hand about their lies they have told. Barb Kerr just wrote me and told me that Gailon is voicing that he has uncovered at least 8-10 affairs that I have had since I married Linda. God knows and I know that is lie. There has never been one!

I have talked to church leaders who tell me that Gailon Joy could not be Christian. They judge him by his fruits, his emails he sends them. He is not making an impact on responsible SDA's for the good. Quite the contrary. To the spiritually discerning Christian, it is easy to read Gailon's arrogance, his pride, his hatred towards me and any who oppose his views. In the long run, I'm predicting that he will be no help to Linda's cause. I shocked that you as a pastor, if you are one, would rally behind someone with so un Christian of a spirit. It seems it would be easy for you to see. Most people I have talked to that he has sent emails to them, say things like "This guy is a nut". Some have said he is obviously led by the Devil, ect, ect. When you wake up outside your little chatroom world you will find he has no credibility. People finding out that he is a convicted embezzler has helped your little group also.

You don't need to answer this email to you.

Ps. I didn't read the last two emails from you. I just deleted them so I don't know what story you are talking about, but you don't need to bother to re send it.

Thanks,

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The following two communications are in answer to Danny Shelton's defiant reply to the appeal sent to him three days before.

A number of other issues are brought up in this communication, including previous communications in which Danny gave every indication that he had made a killing from the free distribution of the *Ten Commandments Twice Removed* book, and was hiding those profits from his distribution of marital assets proceedings.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Bob  
**To:** Danny Shelton  
**CC:** Walt Thompson, Elder Ken Denslow  
**Subject:** Re: Truce?  
**Date:** Sat, 09 Dec 2006 20:41:13 -0600

Greetings.

I hesitate to send a copy of this to Elder Denslow too, since some of the points seem less important than the major, major issues we have been discussing the last ten days, but since he is the conference president and a member of the 3ABN board, I do think I need to keep him abreast of all of

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this correspondence. Particularly, I think he needs to see the pastoral appeal I wrote to Danny late Wednesday, as well as your reply to it, both of which appear at the bottom of my reply to yours.

You'll have to pardon me, but I'm not exactly sure who to address this reply to. I can see at least five internal clues in your reply that Danny Shelton was not the author. And a couple others who have read it are likewise absolutely positive that Danny didn't write it. So I will address you as the author, but speak of Danny in third person.

You write:

"It seems your time would be better spent winning souls than trying to destroy people."

You will be happy to know that just last Sunday afternoon, I spent four and a half hours in a Bible study in a home of a family of ten. Wasn't sure what to expect since the idea was for them to share with me where Adventists could improve in their doctrines. We ended up covering the topics they chose such as the Spirit of Prophecy, the scapegoat, the investigative judgment, the perpetuity of the law of God and spiritual gifts, law and grace, Christ in the Old Testament, and the Sabbath. We parted with them asking for literature about the Sabbath.

We didn't discuss the state of the dead, though. My daughter had covered that last time we met.

You write:

"I feel sorry for you and Gailon and others who have fallen for lies. ... You and Gailon have judged me based on rumors and lies."

I am not sure what to make of this. Since our current discussion began Wednesday a week ago because of Dr.

Walt Thompson's written statement that Danny had essentially misled him regarding the serious nature, wide extent, and recent timing of the Tommy Shelton child molestation allegations, are you trying to say that Danny's trusted board chairman and staunch defender was lying to me?

You write:

"I am very confident that an unbiased ASI group will see truth when it is presented to them. ... The ASI group will judge me and Linda based on evidence."

In my opinion, Danny's persistent refusal to allow ASI to review all the allegations, including the elaborate fabrication Dr. Thompson indicated that Danny told him in 2003 in order to cover up the serious nature, wide extent, and recent timing of his brother's child molestation allegations, that persistent refusal is a fatal mistake. And that fact is obvious to nearly everyone who knows about it.

You write:

"Our financial records are in perfect order. We have nothing to hide. It's just that we don't have to show every one who comes along all our records just because he thinks he is a Sherlock Holmes as you and Gailon seem to think you are. You have bought Linda's lie hook line and sinker because you have believed a few people who claim to 'know' certain things."

Maybe Danny didn't tell you that I didn't believe outright what Gailon wrote about his trying to hide during his distribution of marital assets case the amounts that he pocketed from the free distribution of *Ten Commandments Twice Removed* last spring. That's why I wrote Danny on Oct. 31 and asked him if he was indeed trying to hide that,

and I also asked him how much royalty was paid by whom and to whom. Did he really get 11 cents a book x 4.5 million books = roughly \$500,000?

Since in Danny's four replies he evaded all attempts to clarify that figure, he thus led me to believe that his personal profits from that free distribution must have been substantial. And on Nov. 3 he did say:

"The info Galon or whomever, gave you about royalties and costs of books ect. is a lie also. ...

"I will not at this time devulge any more info about this book at this time. I may when mine and her settlement case is over."

And as I made very clear in my next reply to Danny, I took these words to mean that he was indeed hiding how much he had profited from the free distribution of *Ten Commandments Twice Removed* during the distribution of marital assets proceedings. Correct me if I am wrong, but Danny did not correct my perception in his replies of November 4 and 5, and still today, I am at a loss to take his words in any other way.

In other words, I have come to believe that Danny did make a killing on the free distribution of *Ten Commandments Twice Removed*, and that he was trying to hide the amounts of those profits during his distribution of marital assets proceedings, I have come to believe that because of Danny's own testimony, not because of what Gailon or any of Danny's critics have said.

You write:

"Linda knows all the bad seeds she has planted about the management of 3ABN is not true. It is all a smoke screen. If all this wrong doing had been going on all



these years then she would also be accountable as she was the VP of 3ABN. Yes, she was privy to all facets of this ministry. No secrets were kept from her."

This has been my concern almost from the beginning. I have been concerned that Danny might try to take anyone and everyone down with him, including the totally innocent and those who have simply made some innocent mistakes.

Whether Linda falls into that category, I cannot say and do not know. But I would advise Danny that it will not be good PR for his cause if he starts trying to drag a host of others into the midst of this.

"I'm amazed that if those of us in leadership are so crooked and such awful liars as you and your group seem to think, that God would continue to bless us in every way. This has been our best year ever financially. Our wills and trust department has brought in more money this year than ever before also."

I am a bit puzzled at this. The book of Job; Mat. 5:45; Luke 12:16-20; 16:23-25; Rev. 3:17; and other passages all tell us that material blessings are not necessarily evidence that we are in the Lord's will, and Seventh-day Adventists have always believed and taught that. Are you suggesting that Danny no longer believes this?

You write:

"No Bob, the last thing on my mind right now is resigning from 3ABN. I will resign when the Lord is ready for it."

I think any unbiased onlooker to our discussions the last ten days would say that the Lord is ready for it. Shall we take a poll?

"Most of the complainers are not the prayer warriors and financial contributors to 3ABN."

This may in part be due to the fact that Danny apparently ensures that those who don't personally agree with his course are removed from or prevented from being on 3ABN's email lists. I only suggest that because I signed up a long time ago and have yet to receive a thing.

And of course, anyone who finds out that Danny's own board chairman has essentially admitted that Danny misled him regarding the serious nature, wide extent, and recent timing of the Tommy Shelton child molestation allegations would likely hesitate to continue financially supporting 3ABN, until these extremely serious issues are resolved. Most folks probably do not want to contribute to a ministry if they think their contribution just might possibly get diverted from the Lord's work and be used instead to defend and settle cases of alleged child molestation. And with the apparent negligence that Danny has shown in this matter, one can only dream of the amount of punitive damages a jury just might award.

"You can believe Gailon and Linda if you choose. But I know first hand about their lies they have told. Barb Kerr just wrote me and told me that Gailon is voicing that he has uncovered at least 8-10 affairs that I have had since I married Linda. God knows and I know that is lie. There has never been one!"

For the record, I am basing what I believe to be fact upon what Danny, Dr. Thompson, Hal and Mollie Steenson, John Lomacang, Melody Firestone, and the O'Briens have said.

As far as how many affairs Gailon said that Danny has had, Gailon's actual wording in his email of Nov. 26 states that Danny has had "inappropriate relationships," not "affairs." I would very much appreciate Danny writing back and stating unequivocally that he has not had one single inappropriate relationship in the last 22 years.

Regarding Barb Kerr's main reason for writing Danny:

"I am writing once again to ask you to donate the master copies of all of my cooking videos to my ministry. I now have my non-profit 501(c)(3) status and would be happy to give you a receipt for your donation. I would also like, in writing, a statement that gives me the rights to use the programs as I see fit. I appreciate so much your generosity towards my ministry since you are no longer airing the programs or selling them."

Will Danny be donating the master copies of and rights to Barbara Kerr's cooking programs that she put so much effort and time into, and if so, when, and if not, why not?

"I have talked to church leaders who tell me that Gailon Joy could not be Christian."

Which church leaders have told Danny that? How can we be sure that this statement is any more factual than the fabrication that the child molestation allegations against Tommy Shelton are all 30 years old?

"People finding out that he is a convicted embezzler has helped your little group also."

Yes, as he explained in detail to Danny, Gailon did convert to his own use money that he had an interest in, which according to Vermont statute constitutes embezzlement. In laymen's oversimplified, imprecise, and not quite accurate terms, he stole his own money. This sounds just a tad more serious than the charge that Ellen White plagiarized since she didn't use quotation marks and cite references in every instance where she copied from her own writings.

"Ps. I didn't read the last two emails from you. I just deleted them so I don't know what story you are talking about, but you don't need to bother to re send it."

Here is something which one of Danny's friends pointed out to me when he called the other day. Danny wrote on Tuesday:

"According to you and Gailon and several others, the 3ABN leadership including myself, have covered up my wrong doing by making Linda the scape goat. ... Should ASI decide that the 3ABN board and myself did not 'scapegoat Linda' ...."

I replied in my next to last email:

"I believe the term 'smokescreen' would be more appropriate than 'scapegoat.' "

And in this email you write:

"It is all a smoke screen."

Danny's friend thought that this indicated for sure that either you or Danny had indeed read my next to last email, contrary to your assertion. Or, as someone pointed out, instead of reading them, maybe Danny had someone read my last two emails to him. Thus, he could have known their contents without actually reading them.

Thanks so much for passing on this reply to Danny.

Bob

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Bob

**To:** Danny Shelton

**CC:** Walt Thompson, Elder Ken Denslow

**Subject:** Re: Truce?

**Date:** Sun, 10 Dec 2006 09:03:58 -0600

Sorry to bother you again, Danny's penman, but I think the following should be added to my reply to your reply.

Romans 2:1 says, "Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things."

You wrote:

"I have talked to church leaders who tell me that Gailon Joy could not be Christian. They judge him by his fruits, his emails he sends them. He is not making an impact on responsible SDA's for the good. Quite the contrary. To the spiritually discerning Christian, it is easy to read Gailon's arrogance, his pride, his hatred towards me and any who oppose his views. In the long run, I'm predicting that he will be no help to Linda's cause. I shocked that you as a pastor, if you are one, would rally behind someone with so

un Christian of a spirit. It seems it would be easy for you to see. Most people I have talked to that he has sent emails to them, say things like 'This guy is a nut'. Some have said he is obviously led by the Devil, ect, ect."

Arrogance, pride, hatred toward anyone who opposes his views, an unchristian spirit. If that really is the correct way to characterize Gailon Joy's emails, then perhaps you and he have a few things in common. Take, for example, the emails Danny sent Johann on May 31 and June 3, 2004, or some of the ones Danny has sent me. "It seems it would be easy for you to see."

Truly hoping that you both might surrender all to our Lord Jesus at this eleventh hour,

Bob

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**Danny Shelton Admits Surreptitious Recording**

**A Felony Under Illinois State Law**

**The Issue**

In this section we consider 3ABN president Danny Shelton's admission in two emails to having committed what appears to be a felony under the laws of the State of Illinois. 3ABN board chairman Dr. Walt Thompson has on occasion also alluded to this recording.

What is at issue is an alleged recording of a long-distance phone conversation between Linda Shelton and Dr. Arild Abrahamsen. The conversation is supposed to be so bad and so convincing, that just 30 seconds worth of audio is proof of biblical grounds for divorce.

Whether it really is that bad and convincing we cannot say, since the recording is top secret, and no one is allowed to hear it. That being so, we cannot vouch that in its present form it hasn't been altered, since the Danny Shelton Corruption Scandal also includes allegations of documents being fraudulently altered. So we can't say whether or not the tape really condemns Linda.

Yet one thing does appear fairly certain in Danny's admission about all of this: He appears to have committed a felony, along with all those who have disseminated information obtained from this recording, a recording made without the permission of any of the parties to the conversation.

**How the Law Reads**

**CRIMINAL OFFENSES  
(720 ILCS 5/) Criminal Code of 1961.**

(720 ILCS 5/Art. 14 heading)

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(720 ILCS 5/14-1) (from Ch. 38, par. 14-1)

**Sec. 14-1. Definition.**

**(a) Eavesdropping device.**

An eavesdropping device is any device capable of being used to hear or record oral conversation or intercept, retain, or transcribe electronic communications whether such conversation or electronic communication is conducted in person, by telephone, or by any other means; ...

**(b) Eavesdropper.**

An eavesdropper is any person, including law enforcement officers, who is a principal, as defined in this Article, or who operates or participates in the operation of any eavesdropping device contrary to the provisions of this Article.

**(c) Principal.**

A principal is any person who:

(1) Knowingly employs another who illegally uses an eavesdropping device in the course of such employment; or

(2) Knowingly derives any benefit or information from the illegal use of an eavesdropping device by another; or

(3) Directs another to use an eavesdropping device illegally on his behalf.

**(d) Conversation.**

For the purposes of this Article, the term conversation means any oral communication between 2 or more persons regardless of whether one or more of the parties intended their communication to be of a private nature under circumstances justifying that expectation. ...

(720 ILCS 5/14-2) (from Ch. 38, par. 14-2)

**Sec. 14-2. Elements of the offense; affirmative defense.**

(a) A person commits eavesdropping when he:

(1) Knowingly and intentionally uses an eavesdropping device for the purpose of hearing or recording all or any part of any conversation or intercepts, retains, or transcribes electronic communication unless he does so (A) with the consent of all of the parties to such conversation or electronic communication ...; or

...

(3) Uses or divulges, except as authorized by this Article or by Article 108A or 108B of the "Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963", approved August 14, 1963, as amended, any information which he knows or reasonably should know was obtained through the use of an eavesdropping device. ...

...

(720 ILCS 5/14-4) (from Ch. 38, par. 14-4)

**Sec. 14-4. Sentence.**

(a) Eavesdropping, for a first offense, is a Class 4 felony and, for a second or subsequent offense, is a Class 3 felony. ...

...

(720 ILCS 5/14-6) (from Ch. 38, par. 14-6)

**Sec. 14-6. Civil remedies to injured parties.**

(1) Any or all parties to any conversation upon which eavesdropping is practiced contrary to this Article shall be entitled to the following remedies:

...

(b) To all actual damages against the eavesdropper or his principal or both;

(c) To any punitive damages which may be awarded by the court or by a jury; ....

("720 ILCS 5/ Criminal Code of 1961.")

## Danny's Email on the Afternoon of May 26, 2005

The following email is important for several reasons:

- It admits that a recording of some sort of conversation between Linda and Arild Abrahamsen does indeed exist.
- It demonstrates the type of respect Danny Shelton typically shows aged, retired, Seventh-day Adventist ministers that he happens to strongly disagree with.
- It provides an example of the degree of carefulness with which Danny conducts his investigations before making his accusations. (We are fairly certain Pastor Thorvaldsson did not write the "story" in question.)
- It shows just how serious one should take Danny's threats of lawsuits. (After nearly two years since these threats were made below, there is still no court case over the "story" in question.)

Why no court case? One real difficulty is that litigation would allow for discovery via subpoena in order to see whether the claims made in the "story" are true or false. Actually, that one real difficulty isn't a difficulty at all, if Danny has nothing to hide.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Danny Shelton

**To:** Johann Thorvaldsson

**Subject:**

**Date:** Thu, 26 May 2005 13:29

...

He says I should encourage you and Linda to press charges against me about a certain tape that you believe was taped illegally so that it can be brought to court and become public record. He knows the situation surrounding this certain conversation between Linda and this man in Norway. He believes it would be good to have this tape

public so that it would be available to anyone who really wants to find out the real relationship between this man and woman. ...

The more you support them the worse you will eventually look to all of those that you put your credibility on the line to. Especially when they find out that you've known the truth all along and still support a lie. You forget to tell them that you are aware that Linda and the Dr. stay in his home alone while she is visiting him in Norway. Or that he stays with her when he is in Springfield. You must be a miserable man to have dropped your mission of truth to get the gospel into all the world and now in your sunset years have become a fictional novel writer about theft and scandal and \*\*\*\* and all the filth that goes along with it. Surely God must be pleased with his servant Johann.

Please Johann, wake up before it is too late to turn back to God.

People are asking me why an retired minister would write a fictional novel with all the filth involved. Someone said that maybe is is now getting to write or act out his own fantasies. I had to admit that possibly that's true.

It would be one thing for you to stand up and make accusations and be willing to put your money where your mouth is and defend your charges in court, but to admit that you are using a fake name and writing \*\*\*\* explicit material and promoting it even over the internet and admitting that it is all made up in you and your co writers minds, who all claim to be Christians, speaks volumes to those listening.

\*\*\*\*\* says that even though you have now put a disclaimer on what you wrote, that your intent to harm is still undeniable, and you will lose in court. It may take both you and whoever presses charges, years and boo coo bucks, but truth and justice will prevail in such a case. You just keep digging your hole deeper.

Danny Shelton

### **Danny's Earlier Email That Morning**

The following email also demonstrates the type of respect Danny customarily shows the aged that he happens to strongly disagree with. Moreover, it denies that the recording was done through wire tapping. So how was it done?

A source close to the situation indicates that a voice-activated tape recorder was used. Thus Danny is correct that this would not be a violation of federal law, since federal law only regulates wire taps. But the laws of Illinois read a little differently, for they govern the recording of any type of conversation.

My, how easily Danny says he can "prove" things in a "court of law"! He can even prove that he has "never wire tapped or bugged anyones [*sic.*] phones." We'd really like to see him try to prove that one. If he can roll out video footage of his entire life and play it for us, maybe, but short of that, no way.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Danny Shelton

**To:** Johann Thorvaldsson

**Subject:**

**Date:** Thu, 26 May 2005 05:54

As I've said many times before, truth has it's way of coming out. Linda just wrote me a strange email. It says and I quote, " Thanks very much for the proof of your illegally recorded phone call."

Why is that strange you say? Well I'm assuming that you sent her my message to you about \*\*\*\*\*'s daughter in law "knowing first hand" about Linda and the Dr.'s affair.

Johann, even you should get this one! If she were innocent, she should have denied there ever was such a phone call between her and the Dr.! But she doesn't deny it because she is accusing me of recording her illegally! Bingo!

In the past she has told me that she is going to press charges against me for wire tapping. I have challenged her to do it. First of all I have never wire tapped or bugged anyones phones. Yes, I can prove this one and will be happy to in a court of law. I just need her to press a charge that I in turn will have to prove is not true. If I do have a recording then I will be allowed to bring in to court and have it played. Then it becomes a matter of public record. I can prove no phone tapping was involved as that is against the Federal law I'm told. Once such a recording would be played for the court, then it is fair game for anyone to pick it up and spread it on the SDA chat rooms, Adventist Today or to anyone else



who has been deceived by Linda and this Dr. That would mean that even you would get a chance to hear your two heroes caught in the act of deception. Of course you would try to explain it away but it wouldn't change the truth. And just think you have risked everything you own when you wrote that book for her. What you have done is against the law and it can be proven in court. You fell hook line and sinker just like a rookie would instead of a supposedly seasoned veteran that you clam to be. Maybe you might even get to hear them talk about "old Johann" who has Alzheimers.

In accusing me of recording that phone conversation illegally she is indeed admitting that such a conversation exists!

Danny Shelton

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### **"Danny, I've Got Some Questions About That Recording"**

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The writer below shares with 3ABN president Danny Shelton his conversation with Steenson. Interestingly, there are some marked similarities between Hal's approach things and that of Danny's:

- If damage control is needed, regardless of the question or topic, switch the conversation as quick as possible to that of "evil" Linda.
- The proof of innocence is that since we are so godly, we must be doing what and can't be lying.
- If anyone dares ask to see something for themselves instead of just blindly to insult them with things like, "You're working for the devil."
- And if that doesn't shut them up, proceed with threats.

Thus far Danny has offered no response at all to the questions that follow about the recording he made of his then-wife's conversation with the doctor treating her son.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Bob

**To:** Danny Shelton

**CC:** Walt Thompson, Elder Ken Denslow

**Subject:** Questions pertaining to conversation with Hal Steenson

**Date:** Wed, 20 Dec 2006 22:29:36 -0600

Greetings, Danny.

In my email to you of December 6, I left you hanging a bit at the end, and I don't think that's fair. So I thought I'd write you again and fill my comment in a little. In that email I wrote:

"On November 4 you wrote to me and said, among other things,

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" I will just say this, ... I have done nothing legally wrong in my administration with 3ABN."

"According to what Hal Steenson and John Lomacang told me, I'm uncertain that this is true. But I won't go into that now."

It isn't fair to you to keep you hanging forever on that one, so I will touch on it now. On August 3 or 4 (most likely 4), 2006, at the ASI Convention, I had opportunity to privately ask Hal Steenson a few questions without anyone overhearing us. One of those questions was simply when your daughter Melody got married. Hal diverted the conversation to that of you and Linda, a topic I wasn't even going to touch, and gave me as proof of Linda's guilt three things:

- Since the only Bible grounds for divorce and remarriage is fornication, and since you got remarried, Linda has to be guilty.
- Since the board is composed of godly people and they went along with it, Linda has to be guilty.
- There is a recording that is so bad, conference presidents have listened to it and after 30 seconds they say, "Turn it off," it is that convincing.

As of late October, your conference president had not yet heard it. Thus,

**Question 32:** Who all has heard this recording, and which conference presidents have heard it, or did Hal get his details mixed up?

I found the following at <http://www.rcfp.org/taping/consent.html> and <http://www.rcfp.org/taping/states/illinois.html>, information that is particularly relevant to reporters. I would imagine that under the statutes individuals would be treated roughly similar, but I'm not an attorney, and so I do not know for sure. The actual state statute appears [here](#), and I'll quote just a little from it as well.

**"Criminal purpose.** Federal law requires only one-

party consent to the recording and disclosure of a telephone conversation, but explicitly does not protect the taping if it is done for a criminal or tortious purpose." (<http://www.rcfp.org/taping/consent.html>)

"720 Ill. Compiled Stat. Ann. 5/14-1, -2: An eavesdropping device cannot be used to record or overhear a conversation without the consent of all parties to the conversation under criminal statutes. An eavesdropping device is anything used to hear or record a conversation, whether the conversation is in person or conducted by any means other than face-to-face conversation, such as a telephone conversation.

"In addition, it is criminally punishable to disclose information one knows or should know was obtained through an eavesdropping device. Offenses of the eavesdropping law are punishable as felonies, with first offenses categorized as lesser felonies than subsequent offenses. 720 Ill. Compiled Stat. Ann. 5/14-4. Civil liability for actual and punitive damages is authorized as well. 720 Ill. Compiled Stat. Ann. 5/14-6." (<http://www.rcfp.org/taping/states/illinois.html>)

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...

"(3) Uses or divulges ... any information which he knows or reasonably should know was obtained through the use of an eavesdropping device." (720 Illinois Compiled Statutes 5/Article 14)

You'll notice that Illinois law appears to cover the recording of any type of conversation, while federal law seems to specifically concern just telephone conversations.

**Question 33:** Is Hal correct that such a recording exists and/or was made, and if so, how many parties were there to the conversation and how many of those parties gave their consent to being recorded?

**Question 34:** Assuming that the recording does exist and/or was made, to whom, besides myself, and by whom was information from that recording divulged, and can you demonstrate that the taping was not done for a tortious purpose?

Out of everything that Hal told me, this recording was the one thing that was concrete, not merely based on someone's word. I therefore told him I wanted to hear it. At that point he proceeded to say, "You are led of the pits of hell." "You are one sick puppy." "You are sick." "You need to get a life." "You need to be born again." He then repeatedly threatened to call security. It was quite an unnerving experience.

**Question 35:** Do you have any explanation for the stark contrast between the relative ease at least one 3ABNer manifested when talking about evidence of Linda's infidelity, and the apparently extreme paranoia manifested when asked to actually give proof that such evidence really exists?

That's it for this one.

Have you found anything to explain the title discrepancy yet? Or anything that would explain the discrepancies that Walt said you told him regarding your brother's child molestations allegations, and which Walt wanted me to verify? Did you get the email I sent Sunday about the proof you said you have about Linda taking a number of vacations with the doctor in the U.S. and Europe between May and October 2004?

Hope to hear from you soon.

Bob

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## Those Top-Secret Phone Card Phone Records

### Danny Cites Phone Card Phone Records

One issue that keeps popping up throughout 3ABN president Danny Shelton's correspondence regarding Linda Shelton's alleged affair with Dr. Arild Abrahamsen is the allegedly inordinate amount of time they spent on the telephone. And crucial to Danny's case are the alleged phone card phone records that document all these calls. But do these phone card phone records really exist? And if so, were they obtained illegally?

First of all, let's look at one of a number of emails written by Danny Shelton that refer to these phone card phone records:

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**From:** Danny Shelton

**To:** [Arild Abrahamsen]

**Date:** Wed, 21 Apr 2004 08:21:02 -0500

Doctor,

...

2. ... She has told me how you think I'm out to lunch and that I'm physcotic and all of these things.

...

5. I want to hear you justify the dozens of hours you have talked to her on the phone, some conversations of up to 4 hours and 9 minutes, according to the phone records. Please convince us they were about Nathan. The problem is, my wife admitted to the neutral marriage counselors, that she chose, that you and she talked negative about me on a number of occasions, and that you have convinced her I'm out to lunch.

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you because you could bring no good into her life, only destruction.

6. You must think I'm stupid, I have a record of every phone call between you and she up to this day. Even though she started using phone cards, which you probably suggested, I still can monitor every number and for how long the conversation is. I also can monitor every phone call that has come in to you and all those going out. She knows this now I just told her yesterday. I was waiting to give you doctor, as they say in America, "enough rope to hang yourself". and you've done just that.

7. Yes, I not only look forward to meeting you here in America with our board chairman and our attorney and conference President who is also on our board, but I intend to meet with or without you in Norway, with your conference officials also.

8. You should have stopped all of this a long time ago. Of course you still maintain you have done nothing wrong. My wife says you tell her that your just trying to help her and the ministry! Well, we'll see, what these other folk think about all of your "help".

...

It is quite clear from the above that the real issue was not the frequency and duration of all those phone calls, but the content of those calls. Danny was extremely perturbed that Dr. Abrahamsen had allegedly discussed his mental stability. In fact, he was hopping mad about it.

As far as that 4 hour and 9 minute phone call is concerned, current AT&T prepaid phone card rates for calls to Norway run from 7 to 20 "minutes" per minute of talk time, depending on whether one is calling a land line or a cell phone. Thus a phone call that costs 249 minutes actually lasted but 12.5 to 35.5 minutes, assuming that there were no additional surcharges.

## **AT&T Prepaid Phone Cards; Dozens of Recorded Phone Conversations**

Here is a second, earlier email that also refers to phone card phone records. But this one adds the detail that the phone cards were AT&T brand cards, and it also refers to "dozens of recorded phone conversations," the making of which would constitute a felony under the laws of the State of Illinois.

Notice Danny's interesting requests not to ignore him and to apologize to him. We therefore have reason to expect Danny Shelton to be prompt in his replies and to be eager to apologize whenever necessary, and are puzzled that this has not been the case.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Linda Shelton

**Organization:** Three Angels Broadcasting Network

**To:** Arild Abrahamsen

**Date:** Thu, 25 Mar 2004 20:17:39 -0600

I was thinking about our conversation on the phone when you said you were not emotionally or otherwise involved with my wife, that you had not crossed any professional or Christian lines. Well all of that has been proven a lie. She has confessed everything all the lies, all the phone calls, some for over FOUR HOURS AND NINE MINUTES at a time. At other times you talked to my wife, March 15, for example for 59 minutes, then another conversation for 75 minutes, then another for 13 minutes, plus that same day you called her from your phone at least once that I know of and talked between 30 minutes and an hour. All in one day! And you maintain that we did not cross a line with her. The eye of flesh got in the way. She's young, beautiful, and intelligent, and a television personality. You used her son to get to her. The devil deceived you both.

Sabbath March 13th, when she was at Brenda's house you talked for 4 hrs and nine minutes according to ATT prepaid phone card records! And you still have the nerve to lie about your involvement with my wife? Those dozens of recorded phone conversations were not about her son or the high and lofty spiritual things that you both lied about but now at least is admitted by my wife. During those conversations you tried to get her to say she was afraid of me. Now I know why.

... Brenda told me that you wanted her to promise that if I ever abused her, that she would let you know. ...

You had planted those seeds in her, as she has never even mentioned the word abuse until the last few weeks, when she would contend that she was now being mentally abused.

...

...



I expect a confession and apology on your part or am praying about contacting your Division, Union, and local conferences, to inform them as what you almost accomplished.

...

Please ask God to forgive you and then apologize to me as the bible would have you to do.

I'm using Matt. 18 to resolve this. I first went to you by phone, and then by email. ...

You can't ignore me. I first contacted you, to know avail, next I contacted pastor John, to no resolve and if you don't answer me now then according to the bible I should contact the church.

So if you pretend that you didn't get this email, the next you hear from me could be your local church.

...

You can contact me with a written apology if you choose to resolve it this way at \*\*\*\*\*@\*\*\*\*\*

So that 4 hour 9 minute phone call was made from Brenda's house? Really? How could Linda have ever made a phone call lasting that long from Brenda's house? Is Danny in the above message giving us evidence that that phone call really lasted but 12.5 to 35.5 minutes?

Then we have Danny listing above three other phone card phone calls:

- **13 Minutes:** A phone conversation that lasted perhaps 40 seconds to 2 minutes.
- **59 Minutes:** A phone conversation that lasted perhaps 3 to 8.5 minutes.
- **75 Minutes:** A phone conversation that lasted perhaps 3.75 to 10.7 minutes.

### **Pastor John Lomacang Says, "I Saw Them"**

By August 24, 2006, Pastor Lomacang had invited anyone who had questions to call him and ask them. That invitation resulted in a phone conversation on September 1 in which he claimed to have personally seen phone card phone records amounting to hundreds of hours of phone calls between Linda Shelton

and Dr. Arild Abrahamsen, calls made prior to March 9, 2004, the date he first became involved in the matter.

Pastor Lomacang promised that whoever wanted to could come to 3ABN and see these phone card phone records. He claimed that that wasn't his decision, indicating that either the board or management had decided to do that.

So based on Pastor Lomacang's testimony:

- There are phone card phone records amounting to hundreds of hours of phone calls between Linda and Dr. Abrahamsen.
- Pastor Lomacang had personally seen these phone records, and he indicated that those calls had been made prior to March 9, 2004.
- Anyone who wants to can see these phone records if they simply come by 3ABN.

## **AT&T's Phone Card Policies**

AT&T has informed us of the following policies:

- They do not give out written records of phone cards without a subpoena.
- They do not give out call-from or call-to numbers without a subpoena. (Only area codes or country codes are given without a subpoena.)
- Verbal records can only be given out to those possessing the card and the PIN number.

We are therefore perplexed to know how John could have seen these phone card phone records when AT&T does not give out written records. Was John lying, or were the phone card phone records illegally obtained?

Additionally, we cannot figure out how Danny knew that Linda had called Dr. Abrahamsen instead of Pastor or Mrs. Johann Thorvaldsson, or some other Norwegian friend. Without the called-to number there would not be any way to know for sure who Linda called.

## **AT&T Current Prepaid Phone Card Rates**

As already mentioned, current AT&T prepaid phone card rates for calls to Norway are 7 to 20 "minutes" per minute of actual talk time, depending on whether one is calling a land line or a cell phone. And that doesn't include surcharges.

John Lomacang claimed that the phone card phone records detailed hundreds of hours of phone calls, calls he stated were made prior to March 9, 2004. "Hundreds of hours" would at the very least amount to 200 hours.

Were these 200 hours in fact only 10 to 28.6 hours (200/20 to 200/7), or were

·they in fact 200 actual hours of phone calls?

## The Largest AT&T Prepaid Phone Card

The largest phone card denomination that Wal-Mart currently sells is a 1000-minute card.

200 actual hours of phone calls to Norway are the equivalent of 12,000 actual minutes. Now using our current rate figures of 7 to 20 billed "minutes" per actual minute of talk time, we end up with 84,000 to 240,000 prepaid phone card billed "minutes."

Thus, in order for John Lomacang's figure of hundreds of hours to be correct, Linda would have had to have used the equivalent of 84 to 240 AT&T 1000-minute prepaid phone cards.

Something just doesn't add up.

## Anyone Can See These Phone Card Phone Records

Don't count on it.

Read one person's account of his failed attempts to take John Lomacang up on his offer, and how John broke his promise.

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**Questions About Those Phone Card Phone Records**

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Here is one person's account of trying to take Pastor John Lomacang up on his offer to see phone card phone records amounting to hundreds of hours of phone calls made by Linda Shelton to Norway.

For Danny's admission of the existence of these phone card phone records, see ["Those Top-Secret Phone Card Phone Records."](#)

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**From:** Bob  
**To:** Danny Shelton  
**CC:** Walt Thompson, Elder Ken Denslow, Pastor Lomacang, Mollie Steenson  
**Subject:** Questions on John Lomacang's claims.  
**Date:** Tue, 02 Jan 2007 14:09:31 -0600

Hi Danny.

Before getting to the subject of Pastor Lomacang's claims, I'd like to review just a little bit. This series of communications was initiated by yourself when you wrote me on November 23. That email exchange led to Dr. Walt Thompson's emails to me of November 24 and 27 in which he gave me information about the Tommy Shelton child molestation allegations, and your handling of those allegations, at the end of which Walt wrote:

"I would like to request that you ...  
varify [this letter's] contents."

Since Dr. Thompson, your board chairman, had given me only one named source out of two sources for his

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information, and since you were that single named source, the only way I could fulfill this part of Dr. Thompson's request was to contact you further. I therefore wrote you on November 29, December 5, December 6, and a second time on December 6 seeking verification for the information Dr. Thompson had given.

Yet to date I have received nothing at all from you that makes any attempt whatsoever to verify Dr. Thompson's information. With that in mind, please note the following from Judge Rowe's opinion in 3 Angels Broadcasting Network v. The Department of Revenue of the State of Illinois:

"I must conclude from the evidence of record, that applicant is controlled by Danny and Linda Shelton, and all final decisions are made by them and not by a disinterested impartial board of directors" (p.36).

I think it very important to make some sort of reply to the questions raised as soon as possible, for each week that goes by just raises more questions: If the wishes of the 3ABN board chairman can so easily be ignored by yourself over such serious issues as the alleged mismanagement and cover up of child molestation allegations, is Judge Rowe correct in her assessment after all? And could that potentially be used to undermine a future appeal of her decision?

Toward the end of my second email of December 6, I wrote:

"On November 4 you wrote to me and said, among other things,

" I will just say this,  
... I have done  
nothing legally

wrong in my  
administration with  
3ABN.'

"According to what Hal Steenson and John Lomacang told me, I'm uncertain that this is true. But I won't go into that now."

In my email to you of December 20, I explained to you what Hal Steenson had told me, but I made no comment about what John Lomacang had told me. I will do that now.

On or before August 24, 2006, Pastor John Lomacang wrote a gentleman named Jonathan the following, which was posted on the adventism\_prophecy at yahoogroups.com email discussion list:

"If you honestly want to know the truth you can call me. Sorry for the misrepresentations that you have read and heard. When we talk on the phone you can ask me any questions that you wish. I am leaving my home number. Please call me. If there is anyone who is willing to hear what they are not being told you can have them call me there also."

Taking Pastor Lomacang up on his invitation, I called him on September 1. In that conversation he referred to a concrete piece of evidence against Linda, namely phone card phone records. According to him:

- These phone card phone records amounted to hundreds of hours of phone calls made by Linda to Norway.
- Regarding how these records were obtained, John

stated that there is a phone number one can call to get them.

- When asked whether he had personally seen these records, John replied, "Yes."

I either was told by or got the impression from John that these phone cards were purchased from Wal-Mart. Linda agrees with this detail:

"I do not remember everything precisely, but I do know I purchased phone cards from Walmart."

Wal-Mart's web site presently lists three Wal-Mart branded, AT&T prepaid phone cards. I therefore called AT&T and spoke to multiple customer service representatives to ensure that I was getting the correct information. These representatives told me:

- Anyone who has access to both the phone card and the PIN number can obtain the following information for 60 days after a call is made:
  - The called-from and called-to area codes and/or country codes, but not the actual called-from and called-to numbers.
  - The date and time of the call, the duration of the call, and the amount of total "minutes" or billed units the call cost.
- These records are available verbally over the phone. They are not available in writing or through the mail, a policy that has been in force for at least several years.
- The only way to obtain written records and actual called-to and called-from numbers is by subpoena.

In light of the recent Hewlett-Packard scandal, it seems appropriate to ask,

**Question 36:** Did you or anyone else obtain a subpoena to obtain these records, and if not, were these records either obtained illegally or forged, or was John being less than truthful when he said he had personally seen these phone card phone records, or is there any other explanation for this

major discrepancy?

Since according to AT&T call-to and call-from numbers cannot legally be obtained without a subpoena,

**Question 37:** How exactly did you determine which calls were made by Linda, and which calls were made to Dr. Abrahamsen, which ones to Pastor Thorvaldsson, which ones to Irmgard Thorvaldsson, and/or which ones to some other individual in Norway?

As far as phone card phone records actually existing, it would be nice to chalk this one up to an innocent mistake, but that does not appear possible, as will be seen later.

Here are a couple other details from Pastor Lomacang's conversation:

- John promised that I could see for myself the same phone card phone records that he had seen if I came to 3ABN.
- He promised that I could bring anyone I wanted to with me, and we could all see these phone card phone records.
- When I told him that it was unrealistic to ask someone to travel all that distance (there are less expensive ways to obtain such documentation), he said that that wasn't his decision, and that if it were up to him, he would have nailed the coffin shut a long time ago.

Thus, according to Pastor Lomacang, since it wasn't his decision and since if it were up to him these records would be more freely available, it must have been the decision of the 3ABN board or 3ABN management that this piece of evidence could be seen if one traveled to 3ABN. Therefore,

**Question 38:** Whose decision was it that these phone card phone records could be seen by whomever came to 3ABN and asked to see them?

This phone conversation with Pastor Lomacang was September 1. By September 8 it had dawned on me that if I went to my brother's wedding, I would be returning home right by 3ABN on October 23. That fact led me to pursue taking John up on his offer to see these phone card phone



records. I accordingly communicated with him via email on the following dates:

- September 8.
- October 2.
- October 3 (a).
- October 3 (b).
- October 10.
- October 16.
- October 17.

Why I wrote that many times may be apparent shortly.

The only reply I ever got was on October 2:

"I received your email. You will need to contact the general manager of 3ABN to make an appointment. Her name is Mollie Steenson. If she approves then your trip will occur. She will determine the usefulness and necessity of your meeting."

It did sound a bit strange that Mollie would decide whether I could go to my brother's wedding, but it is likely that John just made a poor choice of wording.

I accordingly wrote Mollie on:

- October 3.
- October 10.
- October 16.
- October 17.

The only reply I have ever received came on October 17, before the final communication listed above:

"Rather than making the evidence available to individuals, which 3ABN has that validate the basis for the actions we have had to take in this matter, we

have turned this matter over to a group of respected church leaders who will be looking at all the evidence, not just portions of it, and they will publicly give their findings in the near future."

Out of the eleven emails I sent John and Mollie regarding seeing these phone card phone records as promised, the phrase "phone card(s)" occurs ten times, and that does not include when a previous email was attached to a new one for reference purposes. Not once in the two replies I got from John and Mollie did they indicate that there had been some mistake, and that these phone card phone records were really something else or did not exist after all. Thus it is difficult to assume that there has been some sort of misunderstanding.

I also mentioned in my email to Mollie on October 3:

"[John] indicated that that wasn't his decision. So I assume that it was 3ABN's board or management that determined that those interested in seeing this evidence can indeed see it if they come to 3ABN."

Mollie thus far has made no correction to this conclusion that it was a decision by the 3ABN board or 3ABN management that anyone who wished could see these phone card phone records if they came to 3ABN.

Now for the next troubling discrepancy. John explicitly said on September 1 that these phone card phone records documented hundreds of hours of calls. I used the phrase "hundreds of hours" 15 times in my eleven emails to John and Mollie, not including the number of times that this phrase appeared in the previous emails I attached. Not once did John or Mollie indicate that John was mistaken in his claim.

But here is information from Wal-Mart and AT&T that

raises questions about this claim:

- Wal-Mart currently sells Wal-Mart branded AT&T prepaid phone cards in denominations of 150, 500, and 1000 minutes.
- 1000 minutes would be the equivalent of 16 hours and 40 minutes if the calls were domestic calls that were billed at that flat rate with no surcharges, and thus "hundreds of hours" would require a minimum equivalent of 12 phone cards.
- Each minute of actual time to a land line in Norway currently costs 7 "minutes," and thus "hundreds of hours" using 1000-minute cards to a land line in Norway would require a minimum equivalent of 84 phone cards, assuming that there were no surcharges.
- Each minute of actual time to a cellphone in Norway currently costs 20 "minutes," and thus "hundreds of hours" to a cellphone in Norway using 1000-minute cards would require a minimum equivalent of 240 phone cards, assuming that there were no surcharges.

Since every phone card has different PIN numbers, in order to legally obtain information for "hundreds of hours" of calls, one would need to get a hold of a lot of Linda's phone cards, and she does admit that you did borrow one and refused to return it. Thus,

**Question 39:** How many of Linda's phone cards did you in actuality get a hold of, and how many hours of time do they really represent, including and not including recharges?

In my eleven emails to John and Mollie, I asked the following question a total of six times beginning with September 8, and though it is rapidly approaching four months later, neither of them has had the courtesy to give any sort of reply. Thus,

**Question 40:** Did John's statement that there were hundreds of hours of phone calls by Linda to Norway refer to a) actual time spent on the phone or b) billed units; in other words, did "hundreds of hours" really mean 10 to 30 hours of actual time spent on the phone, since we must divide the value of the phone card by a factor ranging from perhaps 7 to 20?

John also stated on September 1 in our phone conversation

that his involvement in this whole matter began on March 9, 2004. In trying to figure out the details about these phone card phone records, I asked him whether these calls were made prior to March 9. He said that they were. Thus,

**Question 41:** Over how long a period of time do these phone card phone records cover, and over that period of time, how many days was Linda actually in the States and Dr. Abrahamsen actually in Norway, and according to these phone card phone records, what was the total amount of time Linda spent on the phone to Norway (allowing us to calculate an average amount of time per day and per week)?

To make it easy to follow everything, here is Mollie's sole reply again from October 17:

"Rather than making the evidence available to individuals, which 3ABN has that validate the basis for the actions we have had to take in this matter, we have turned this matter over to a group of respected church leaders who will be looking at all the evidence, not just portions of it, and they will publicly give their findings in the near future."

There were a total of four questions in my reply of October 17 to the above:

"1) Has there been a change of policy since September 1, when Pastor Lomacang promised that we could see the phone card phone records if we came by? He indicated that that wasn't his decision. Or was he somehow totally mistaken?

"2) Pastor Lomacang indicated that these records showed hundreds of hours of phone calls, but I have thus far been unable to confirm from him that these

hundreds of hours are actual time spent on the phone rather than billed phone card units. Can you confirm this?

"3) What group of respected church leaders has the matter been turned over to? Who are they?

"4) Will they be making public the evidence that supports their findings, or will they only make public their findings?

"I ask this last question because from a damage control and apologetic perspective, the only real way to put all the rumors to rest once and for all is to come across as if 3ABN has nothing to hide.

"Take for example these phone records, which Pastor Lomacang stated emphatically that he had personally seen. After he promised that we could see them if we stopped by, it has taken more than five weeks to discover that 3ABN will not allow this, and that gives the impression that they either do not exist or that they do not say what he claimed they say.

"This is even more so the case since I asked him on September 8 and October 2 and October 3 and October 10 and October 16 whether the hundreds of hours were actual minutes or billed minutes, and though I did get a short reply from him on October 2, he has yet to answer that simple question. The definite impression being given is that there never were hundreds of hours spent on the phone."

Since it is now two and a half months later and still no reply from Mollie, I will ask the following of you:

**Question 42:** Who made and authorized the dramatic change in policy between September 1 and October 17 regarding who could see these phone card phone records, and why did it take from September 8 (one week after John promised they could be seen) until October 17 to be informed that there had indeed been a change in policy?

**Question 43:** What group of respected "church leaders" has the matter been turned over to, have they agreed to investigate the matter and is it certain that they will do so, and if so, what specific issues have they agreed to investigate, and if not, why have they not agreed and/or why is it not certain?

**Question 44:** Have they agreed to examine the question of whether the phone card phone records or any other evidence, such as the recording Hal Steenson alleged exists, was legally or illegally obtained, and if not, will evidence of this sort even be allowed to be considered?

**Question 45:** Will both the findings of, and the evidence considered by, these respected "church leaders" be released, and if not, what sort of process is in the works to assure Seventh-day Adventists everywhere that the findings will not constitute yet another attempt at evasion, stonewalling, and/or cover up?

Trusting that this new year will be much more pleasant for you than last year has been,

Bob

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## The Apologists of Danny Shelton et. al.

For quite some time now, concerned Seventh-day Adventists from around the globe have been discussing their concerns about the financial, ethical, and moral allegations swirling around the administration of 3ABN president Danny Lee Shelton on such internet websites as [Maritime-SDA-Online.org](http://Maritime-SDA-Online.org) and [BlackSDA.com](http://BlackSDA.com). The former has a forum which is only open to registered members who are Seventh-day Adventists, and in early December a second forum was created where all guests can view certain types of material. The latter has had an unrestricted forum from the beginning.

As can be imagined, Danny and some of his friends and family have come by these forums and have staunchly defended what has taken place. Of course, in such an environment which fosters debating, it is easy for both sides to say inappropriate things in inappropriate ways.

Yet in these discussions on these forums, some particularly troubling statements have been made and, in some cases, have not been retracted, statements that go way beyond simply losing one's cool or making an unkind remark. We present these for your review in this section of [Save3ABN.com](http://Save3ABN.com).

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In the following post, Lee attempts to defend Danny Shelton's lying about Tommy's child molestation allegations and/or Tommy Shelton himself by suggesting that if a minor child is "consenting," or if (contrary to the facts) six of the seven alleged victims in Illinois were adults at the time of the alleged incidents, there is somehow a difference as far as Danny and Tommy's employability at 3ABN is concerned.

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Even if it were adult men rather than boys that Tommy Shelton allegedly propositioned, or even if the boys were "consenting," we think that justifies neither Tommy's alleged misdeeds nor Danny's covering them up in 2003.

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Seventh-day Adventist lay ministries who not just profess but who truly practice the "undiluted three angels' messages" do not knowingly hire as production managers men who engage in such activities, especially when those individuals are replacing alleged adulteresses who got fired without any evidence being actually produced.

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<b>Tommy Shelton Vindicated!</b>	
<b>Lee</b>	<b>Posted on: Jan 3 2007, 11:41 AM</b>
	<p>Bob, you said out of the seven people supposedly molested by TS, one is under age over on Maritime. Did I understand you correctly?</p> <p>If so, then six of the seven would be considered "consenting" adults. And perhaps even the one under age was consenting, who knows if any of this is true. I have my doubts not because you posted it or because Mr. Joy investigated this, but because none of the 7 prosecuted TS or took him to court. I would certainly suggest to them that they do so as soon as</p>



	possible.
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Another point that gets brought up repeatedly by these apologists, as Lee has done above, is that since these boys were allegedly manipulated into silence by Tommy Shelton, or were too ashamed to come forward for years and years, that all these allegations from so many folks in two states against one man, that all these allegations just have to be false.

And that repeated claim will likely cause the blood of some to boil, the blood of those who have endured years of pain, sorrow, disgrace, and silence all brought on by the betrayal of trust between a family member or clergyman or neighbor or teacher and an innocent child.

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Sources close to Danny Shelton believe that Bystander, the author of the post at the bottom of this page, is Danny himself since in various posts, it is claimed, he used a number of distinctive phrases that Danny uses. Though no one knows with absolute certainty, the post we included at the bottom of this page, due to the nature of its content, does raise some questions. Regardless though, Bystander is an avid Danny Shelton apologist.

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It seemed kind of strange that all of a sudden the apologists at [BlackSDA.com](http://BlackSDA.com) multiplied and their activity intensified, but the situation suddenly changed on January 30, 2007, when [Bystander](#), [wwjd](#), and [Dewayneholden](#) were banned by [BlackSDA.com](http://BlackSDA.com) administration for the following stated reason:

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Pinned: Administrative Action Taken	
<a href="#">calvin</a>	Jan 30 2007, 03:42 PM
	<p>I don't usually make known or give reasons for any action I take to ban members. Because this usually recreates more drama. I am making an exception because the 3ABN threads are such a hotly charged discussion.</p> <p>I have banned Dewayneholder, wwjd, and Bystander from BSDA. It is highly likely that they are one in the same person. All are using the same IP addresses (meaning same computer). This is a clear violation of our policy for having more than one membership account here.</p> <p>Please email me at calvin at <a href="mailto:calvin@blacksda.com">blacksda.com</a> if you want to return by providing proof to prove me wrong.</p>

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As one user pointed out:

Unanswered Questions	
<b>PeacefullyBewildered</b>	<b>Jan 30 2007, 04:54 PM</b>
	Calvin, I just had an odd experience. A while after I read dewayneholden's posted remarks I went back to Forum Home and looked at the list of members on the bottom to find his name. When I clicked on it to see if he had made posts elsewhere it took me to Bystander's personal information! What happened? ☹
	Forum: <a href="#">3ABN</a> · Post Preview: <a href="#">#174058</a> · Replies: <b>47</b> · Views: <b>1,320</b>

Now comes Bystander's post that we wanted to bring to your attention:

Asi Responds	
<b>Bystander</b>	<b>Jan 24 2007, 05:38 PM</b>
	We confess that if we would have known how to resolve the matter we would have done it, but we don't, but God does. We urge that all who have a concern be respectful, restrained and apply the Golden Rule as you would wish it for yourself. ASI Executive Committee  by Harold Lance  <b>***Aletheia already posted this sans GM's comments in Post #12. I am deleting that portion of your post along with your less than Christ-like</b>

**comment. We are not going to do it again Please read before you post\*\*\***

Cudos Linda, I give credit where credit is due. You are crazy like a fox. The plan that you set up here is absolutely brilliant. Here is the scenerio: You know that 3ABN has solid evidence against you that gives reason for the divorce and your dismissal. So.. How could you make it appear that you welcomed an ASI investigation into the divorce when in reality, you had much to fear? Simple. Choose someone as your representative that has no credentials, no real insight on this subject (except what you have told him) and appears to have "the I am Somebody" syndrome so, would therefore, welcome, his 10 minutes of fame. Aka ....Gailon Joy. Could you have known in advance that he was convicted of embezzlement while representing himself? That he claims only to have taken money that belonged to him which one would think, would be fairly easy to prove if one was competent at all. Not only could he not prove it the first time, he could not prove it through several appeals. So, Linda, all you had to do was convince him that you were "victimized" and needed his help to "clear" yourself. Now readers, stay with me here, it is complicated. Gailon was chosen, (as well as Pickle I would assume) because of his lack of knowledge and credentials. Why? Because Linda knew that Gailon would bumble and fumble his way through the ASI intervention with unrealistic rules, requests and wanting to bring in many other topics that were never to be considered by ASI. Having done this, ASI had no choice but to withdraw before any "evidence" could be brought forth for their consideration. Bottom line...Linda looks like she

wanted ASI's involvement when in fact, it appears she set about the make sure they wouldn't be involved. Great strategy? Absolutely. Only one problem. What excuses can the people on this forum come up with for ASI's findings? So far, everyone that has defended 3ABN and it's leadership has been (according to this forum) Scared, threatened, intimidated, paid off, ect ect.... Will the same apply to such a highly respected organization as ASI? Or are you going to accuse ASI of being corrupt like you have 3ABN leadership and the whole board? I think not. We know that ASI is comprised of many accomplished business men and women with the highest integrity. The McNeilus Family & Harold Lance just to name a few. I hardly think that the McNeilus family needs to take a "payoff" from 3ABN or that they would be "intimidated" by the leadership there. That is laughable. People, there are no more excuses, only the facts. ASI had no ulterior motives to make the statement that they did, other than, it is the truth. They are not partial or biased in any way to one side or the other. They have no reason to be. Their findings are based on fact. But...whether Linda set out purposely to derail the investigation or, whether she just got lucky in choosing Gailon, I guess we will never know for sure....

BRING IN THE NEXT TEAM 

Forum: [3ABN](#) · Post Preview: #172273  
 · Replies: 169 · Views: 3,979

Though the above vitriol is mild in comparison with another of Bystander's recent posts, one that the moderators entirely deleted, something they rarely do, several points can still be noted:

- **Gailon wanting fame and embezzling:** Sadly, Gailon hasn't been the only one accused of that lately.

- **Convicted for taking his own money:** Vermont state law includes as embezzlement the keeping of money belonging to another, even if they owe you the same sum. See *Vermont Statutes Annotated*, ch. 57, title 13, § 2531.
- **Bumble, fumble, lack of knowledge:** Years ago, Gailon was part of a team that took Exxon to court, and won. He was more inexperienced then than he is now.
- **Unrealistic rules:** Linda has demanded that all of the evidence against her be made public. Thus a rule that requires public disclosure might be considered unrealistic if one has something to hide, or if one doesn't want one's ex-wife's reputation restored.
- **Bringing in other topics:** The ASI panel review process was requested for the purpose of looking into the Alyssa sexual assault allegations against Danny and the child molestation allegations against Tommy. It would be less than straightforward to suggest that it was requested for the sole purpose of looking into whether Danny's divorce and remarriage was biblical.
- **Harold Lance's statement is the truth:** We ask either Bystander or Danny to spell out for us which parts of Harold Lance's statement are indeed true.

On what constitutes embezzlement in the state of Vermont, Danny Shelton acknowledged receipt of a copy of the applicable Vermont state statute on November 23, 2006.

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What follows is an extremely disturbing serious of posts about 3ABN's laxity in hiring a number of sex offenders without alerting employees of that fact. What makes the posts particularly disturbing are the comments of avid Danny Shelton apologist Bystander (see comments about him at the top of "Linda, You Are Crazy Like a Fox!").

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It is strange that Bystander has access to the type of information no one else seems to be able to get a hold of. Yet his conclusions are ... well ... read them for yourself.

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**Two More Sex Offenders Identified**

husbandoftheyear is a current employee of 3ABN who uses a pseudonym in order to escape retribution.

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Save 3abn Website	
<u>husbandoftheyear</u>	Jan 19 2007, 09:11 PM
	<p>I wasn't trying to be coy, I just didn't think this was a secret.</p> <p>Since I have children, I make it a point to regularly check the national list of sex offenders. It is a very good habit for parents to get into and would suggest that everyone do this. (Not to say that there isn't forgiveness and a change of heart, but preparation is always a plus. And I wouldn't take any chances!)</p> <p>There are two people that I know of that are on that list that have been or</p>

	<p>are currently working at 3ABN. You may check the facts out for yourself at <a href="http://www.nsopr.gov">www.nsopr.gov</a> Just type in their names or town and click for a picture.</p> <p>One is Herb Grimm. He is no longer at 3ABN that I know of. The other is Bill (William) Cochran who is currently working in the Production department and on the Production Truck. I do not know the specifics in either of their cases.</p> <p>For the bleeding hearts out there, there is no mistake here since their pictures are also on the site. It is as simple as that.</p>
	<p>Forum: <a href="#">3ABN</a> · Post Preview: <a href="#">#171268</a>                  · Replies: <b>357</b> · Views: <b>9,982</b></p>

### Corroborating Testimony

<p>Save 3abn Website</p>	
<p><b>JustTana</b></p>	<p><b>Jan 20 2007, 04:47 PM</b></p>
	<p>Dear HOTY:</p> <p>I know for sure that you are telling the truth as I have wondered for some time about Herb Grimm. You have answered my questions because while I knew that he had moved down to that area, I was not certain that he had ever worked at 3ABN.</p> <p>So folks, YOU CAN TRUST WHAT HOTY SAYS because Herb's first wife was a classmate of mine many years ago as was his twin brother's wife. Herb's sister-in-law told me not long before he and his second wife, Sue, moved down to Thompsonville that Herb had molested her son, his nephew, when he was over at Herb's house playing with his cousin. How many times this happened before she found out about it I don't know.</p>



	<p>Thanks for the honest reporting, HOTY. ●</p> <p>JustTana</p>
	<p>Forum: <a href="#">3ABN</a> · Post Preview: <a href="#">#171383</a> · Replies: 357 · Views: 9,982</p>

**Was Anyone Told?**

<p><b>3abn Jan. 2007 Letter</b></p>	
<p><b>PeacefullyBewildered</b></p>	<p><b>Jan 27 2007, 10:59 AM</b></p>
	<p>HOTY, when you first brought up the fact that Herb Grimm and Bill Cochran were registered sex offenders who work/worked at 3abn I neglected to ask what I think are some important questions:</p> <p>Was it common knowledge that these two men were registered sex offenders?</p> <p>Did the producers of the children's programming know they were registered sex offenders?</p> <p>Were all parents advised that both were registered sex offenders so they could have this important information in order to make proper decisions about having their children around them?</p> <p>Or, were they allowed around children without any accountability while those in charge crossed their fingers, held their breath and hoped nothing bad would happen?</p>
	<p>Forum: <a href="#">3ABN</a> · Post Preview: <a href="#">#173170</a> · Replies: 123 · Views: 2,646</p>

**Did 3ABN Know? Were Any Employees Told?**

<p><b>3abn Jan. 2007 Letter</b></p>
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<b>husbandoftheyear</b>	<b>Jan 27 2007, 05:03 PM</b>
	<p>Well, I can't say what people knew, obviously. Dan Shelton and Brenda Walsh are the "Executive Producer" and "Producer" of Kids Time, respectively.</p> <p>The offenders could have lied on their application about being convicted of a felony, I don't know. I don't know if background checks are done on anyone. It seems to me that Bill Cochrans was brought into 3ABN by a Shelton relative, but please don't quote me on that. Perhaps someone has more info.</p> <p>To my knowledge, the parents, children, production staff were not told. So, the answer to the last question would be "yes."</p>
	<p>Forum: <a href="#">3ABN</a> · Post Preview: <a href="#">#173260</a>                  · Replies: <b>123</b> · Views: <b>2,646</b></p>

### Danny Apologist Bystander Tells All

- "3ABN knew."
- "Cochran's situation was consenting."
- "Not a child."
- "Parents pressed charges."
- "Not a child molester in any sense of the word."

<b>3abn Jan. 2007 Letter</b>	
<b>Bystander</b>	<b>Jan 27 2007, 05:32 PM</b>
	<p>When I saw that you posted this sometime ago, I looked into it. Here is what I found out.</p> <p>Herb Grimm was never an "employee" he was a construction subcontractor. Hardly a position to be around children. I am not clear on this but I believe that when he moved to southern Illinois with his family that he was not a convicted molester. Those</p>

charges were brought (if I understood correctly) by his wife during separation and divorce and obviously was convicted of whatever charges were brought against him.

The story on Bill C only takes a few phone calls to the right officials. 10 or 12 years ago in a town in Southern Illinois Bill was a teacher in upper high school grades or lower college grades (wasn't clear on that) He made the huge mistake of having an affair with a female student. (Not a child or even a young student). Her parents found out and pressed charges.

It was not a Shelton (even though they are getting blamed for everything) that brought him to 3 Angels but another worker that was friends with Bill. The worker explained the whole situation to management and said that incident was in the past, Bill had paid for it, was sorry for it and had turned his life around and just wanted a chance. Administration then called the sheriff off the town that he was convicted in and got a glowing report. Said it was a bad decision but the situation had been consenting that he was not a (child molester) in any sense of the word and he (the sheriff) would appreciate 3ANGELS giving him a chance. Now to me, when the sheriff that handled the case says that, that says it all. On the sheriff's recommendation and that of the 3ABN employee Bill was indeed given a second chance. By all accounts, he has made a dependable, respectful and hard working employee. For those of you that have seen his picture on the Offenders website, you can see he is not a spring chicken. I, therefore, commend 3ABN for giving him a chance. That should be what all ministries are about.

	For those who do not believe this, get the info off of the offenders website and make your own phonecalls to verify this.
	Forum: <a href="#">3ABN</a> · Post Preview: #173269 · Replies: 123 · Views: 2,646

### Aggravated Criminal Sex Abuse ... Under the Age of 18

3abn Jan. 2007 Letter	
<u>PeacefullyBewildered</u>	Jan 27 2007, 06:03 PM
	<p>The web site says his crimes were aggravated criminal sex abuse/victim 13 - 18 and that the victim was under the age of 18. While this young woman may have felt that the situation was consenting, a young person under the age of 18 does not have mature judgement and can be easily swayed by a person in a position of trust like a teacher or a pastor. I can say with near certainty that, as this young lady matures, she will have a much different view of the situation and will feel betrayed by a person she trusted.</p> <p>I am not saying that he should not be given a chance, far from that, but those he is working around need to be made aware of his past so that they can help him with his accountability.</p> <p>PB</p>
	Forum: <a href="#">3ABN</a> · Post Preview: #173277 · Replies: 123 · Views: 2,646

### Bystander: "I Might Disagree About Informing the People That Work Around Him"

3abn Jan. 2007 Letter	
<u>Bystander</u>	Jan 27 2007, 05:32 PM
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	<p>I agree with your opinion of what the girl thought later. It has been 10 or 12 years and I am sure she already does. I might disagree about informing the people that work around him for this reason.. it was quite some time ago, I believe he went through counseling as part of his rehabilitation and most of all because this was a one time incident and has never happened again. Just a matter of opinion I guess. But the release of this info from hoty was to imply that 3abn is lax in who they hire while I wholeheartedly agree It was good of them to give him a chance.</p>
	<p>Forum: <a href="#">3ABN</a> · Post Preview: <a href="#">#173286</a> · Replies: 123 · Views: 2,646</p>

### Aggravated Isn't Consenting

<p>3abn Jan. 2007 Letter</p>	
<p><a href="#">husbandoftheyear</a></p>	<p>Jan 27 2007, 07:57 PM</p>
	<p>Okay, now you really cannot believe this stuff, right? Oh my, well what can I say?</p> <p>Let's start with, yes I do believe that ministries and people should accept that people can be delivered from their sins. Absolutely. However, I do not think it wise to hire a known sex offender for a position in the Production Department where there are children. That seems like common sense.</p> <p>I said at the beginning of this that I did not know the circumstances in Bill's case, but I can say that you don't get slapped with "aggravated" anything unless it was either unwanted or forced. I don't believe it was a romantic liaison gone bad.</p> <p>Since you know the story, I have some</p>

	<p>questions...</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Exactly how many convictions would have made the light bulb to turn on?</li> <li>2. As you admit that 3ABN knew Bill was a sex offender, where was the memo to the staff and parents who brought there children into the station telling them of this?</li> <li>3. Wasn't Bill brought into 3ABN by J. Yeager, Dan's son-in-law? Doesn't that make him a Shelton family member (you know, the "ones being blamed for everything?")</li> <li>4. What is the difference in being an "employee" who is at the station everyday around children and a "contract worker" at the station everyday around children?</li> </ol>
	<p>Forum: <a href="#">3ABN</a> · Post Preview: <a href="#">#173316</a>                  · Replies: 123 · Views: 2,646</p>

**Parents Pressed Charges? Then Must Have Been a Child**

<p><b>3abn Jan. 2007 Letter</b></p>	
<p><b>husbandoftheyear</b></p>	<p><b>Jan 27 2007, 09:50 PM</b></p>
	<p>Bystander, you said that this girl that Bill had the "affair" with wasn't "a child or even a young student. Her parents found out and pressed charges."</p> <p>In order for them to do this, wouldn't the girl have had to be under 18, a minor, a child, you know -- young?                  Just checking...</p>
	<p>Forum: <a href="#">3ABN</a> · Post Preview: <a href="#">#173377</a>                  · Replies: 123 · Views: 2,646</p>

**Under 17?**

<b>Another newbie critical of BSDA</b>	
<b>PeacefullyBewildered</b>	<b>Jan 28 2007, 10:32 PM</b>
	<p>Cindy, you have 2 boys right? How old? After hearing the testimonies of the Clem brothers and Brad Dunning, if you were invited to leave your boys with Tommy Shelton for several hours would you? If not, why not?</p> <p>Also, if the age of consent is 17 in Illinois, then the young woman who had what Bystander called a consenting affair with William Cochran must have been younger than 17 to have gotten him convicted of Aggravated Criminal Sex Assault Victim 13 - 18. Correct?</p>
	<p>Forum: <a href="#">3ABN</a> · Post Preview: #173609                  · Replies: 314 · Views: 8,529</p>

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### **Leonard Westphal Said That and Got Away with It?**

#### **Where This Article Went**

Everything is still here, but is no longer visible to web browsers.

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We have covered elsewhere how various ones affected by the various scandals and allegations swirling around Danny Shelton and 3ABN have had concerns that they might reap retribution if they do not remain silent regarding what has happened. The sources for our story here have similar concerns, and have asked that we pull this story until a later time. We have decided to honor their request.

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It should be pointed out, though, that if everyone remains silent, no reforms will be made, and the same abuses and corruption will continue. That scenario is not an option.

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What is particularly relevant regarding this story is that we see here a repetition of a familiar pattern:

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Added on 3/17/2007  
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- Definite concerns and perceived wrongs are pointed out.
- An investigation is done improperly or not at all.
- The wrongdoers get rewarded, while the concerned get punished.

Added on 3/16/2007  
Pregnancy Test

We trust that the particular situation we addressed in this story will be properly resolved in a professional, Christian manner. If that does not happen, then it will undoubtedly be released to the media once again.

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**Gerald Duffy to Gailon Joy: "Cease & Desist!"**

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In desperation at the growing crisis, not wanting to consider stepping aside, unwilling to explain the growing number of allegations, wishing to silence any and all opposition, and resistant to the idea of apologizing for his many alleged lies, Danny Shelton secured a cease and desist letter from a Minneapolis law firm. This letter was sent to Gailon Arthur Joy on January 30, 2007.

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Why a Minneapolis law firm when D. Michael Riva of West Frankfort is usually the one who handles such things? Perhaps Gailon Joy is not quite as bumbling and fumbling as Danny Shelton would have us believe, and thus Danny has to resort to a firm with greater expertise.

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Yet the fact that the law firm was out of Minneapolis and has been used in the past by Garwin McNeilus, a long-time supporter of 3ABN, is troubling. We trust that McNeilus is not involved in any way in the cover up of the various allegations of the Danny Shelton Corruption Scandal.

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One thing that is definitely certain is that the cease and desist letter below makes no threat whatsoever of litigation, suggesting that there probably is no legal basis for its demands.

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Comments will follow.

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January 30, 2007

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Gailon Arthur Joy:

This law firm represents Mr. Danny Shelton and the Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc. ("3ABN"), which has informed us that you are involved in the use and exploitation of 3ABN's trademarked, copyrighted name in your website, "[www.save3abn.com](http://www.save3abn.com)." Use of 3ABN's name without our client's license or other authorization to do so constitutes an illegal misappropriation of the same, in violation of state and federal copyright and trademark laws. Additionally, use of the phrase "3ABN" in your domain name is likely to cause confusion among the public as to the source,

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sponsorship or affiliation of your website, resulting in dilution of 3ABN's trademark, which is a separate and additional violation of federal law.

It has also come to our attention that you have inappropriately copied and posted a lengthy excerpt from a 3ABN broadcast on the website referred to above. This action constitutes a violation of 3ABN's exclusive copyright on all audio and video productions created by the Network and on all television transmissions of the same, and is a blatant violation of federal law. Moreover, the presence of this excerpted broadcast serves to heighten the likelihood that the public will be confused into believing that your website is somehow sponsored by or affiliated with 3ABN, which only furthers 3ABN's claim of trademark dilution.

Finally, we have been informed that you have maliciously published outrageous, highly damaging and defamatory statements about both Danny Shelton and 3ABN on this same website. These despicable statements include, but are not limited to:

- 3ABN, through its board chairman has "admitted in writing that Danny [Shelton] had been involved in a cover up" of criminal conduct
- Danny Shelton knowingly lied regarding a feud between Tommy Shelton and Glenn Dryden
- 3ABN directed an attorney to use "intimidation tactics to cover up allegations of child molestation"
- Danny Shelton attempted to cover up and silence child molestation allegations
- Danny Shelton "abuses his power" and "steam roll[s]"

over alleged victims of his brother Tommy's sexual misconduct."

(hereinafter the "Statements").

The obvious meaning of these horrendous falsehoods is that Danny Shelton and 3ABN participated in an orchestrated effort to cover up alleged criminal conduct. The actions you falsely attribute to our clients would be a crime and, as I am sure you are aware, false accusations of criminal conduct constitute defamation *per se* by you.

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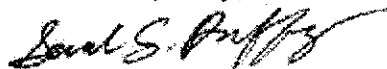
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Yours very truly,



Gerald S. Duffy

/jmw

## Comments

### Common Law Copyright

Duffy seeks to prohibit the publication of his letter through the invoking of "common law copyright." Besides giving credence to the accusation that there is a cover up going on, his invoking of common law copyright is really the invoking of a "legal doctrine" that was "repudiated" by the United States in 1834:

**Common law copyright** is the legal doctrine which contends that copyright is a natural right and creators are therefore entitled to the same protections anyone would be in regard to tangible and real property. The doctrine was repudiated by the courts in the United Kingdom (*Donaldson v. Beckett*, 1784) and the United States (*Wheaton v. Peters*, 1834). ("Common law copyright")

### 3ABN's Trademarked Name Used in Domain Name

#### "Confusion ... As to the Source, Sponsorship or Affiliation of Your Website"

On February 7, 2003, a rather famous case as far as the internet is concerned was decided by the U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, *The Taubman Company v. Webfeats, et al.* Here is a quote from that Appeals Court decision which directly addresses one of Duffy's stated concerns:

"Under Lanham Act jurisprudence, it is irrelevant whether customers would be confused as to the origin of the websites, unless there is confusion as to the origin of the respective products."

The questions is, which holds sway? First Amendment free speech rights or the Lanham Act which governs trademark issues in the U.S.? The Court quoted the following from the Lanham Act:

Any person who shall, without the consent of the registrant  
a) use in commerce any reproduction, counterfeit, copy, or

colorable imitation of a registered mark in connection with the sale, offering for sale, distribution, or advertising of any goods or services on or in connection with which such use is likely to cause confusion, or to cause mistake, or to deceive . . . .

The court then noted:

- If the use of the trademark is not commercial speech, then the Lanham Act does not apply.
  - The Lanham Act has jurisdiction if there is advertising on the site, such as links that go to commercial sites.
  - The Lanham Act applies if there has been a habit of reselling at high prices domain names that contain trademarks.
- The presence of a disclaimer and the use of "sucks" in the domain name reduces the likelihood of confusion.
- Even if a website is intended to cause economic harm, it must also create confusion as to the origin of respective goods.
- The defendant in the case was not peddling competing goods.

As far as Save3ABN.com goes:

- There is no advertising on this website, and we are not selling anything.
- We do not buy such domain names and sell them at a high profit margin.
- There is a disclaimer on our home page, and the domain name is prefixed by the word "Save."
- This site is not intended to cause economic harm, and everyone can plainly see that we are not 3ABN.

### **Is the "Save" Really Necessary in Save3ABN.com?**

On April 4, 2005, a decision by the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in the case of *Bosley Medical v. Michael Steven Kremer* was filed. We quote from that opinion:

Defendant Michael Kremer was dissatisfied with the hair restoration services provided to him by the Bosley Medical Institute, Inc. In a bald-faced effort to get even, Kremer started a website at www.BosleyMedical.com, which, to put it mildly, was uncomplimentary of the Bosley Medical Institute. The problem is that "Bosley Medical" is the registered trademark of the Bosley Medical Institute, Inc., which brought suit against Kremer for trademark infringement and like claims. Kremer argues that noncommercial use of the mark is not actionable as infringement under the Lanham Act. Bosley responds that

Kremer is splitting hairs.

Like the district court, we agree with Kremer. We hold today that the noncommercial use of a trademark as the domain name of a website — the subject of which is consumer commentary about the products and services represented by the mark — does not constitute infringement under the Lanham Act. (*Bosley Medical v. Michael Steven Kremer*)

Perhaps, our domain name wouldn't even have to be prefixed with the word "Save," and it would still be all right.

### **Excerpts of Broadcasts Posted on Website**

Duffy's assertions conflict with 3ABN's own, posted copyright notice:

#### **Copyright Statement and Acceptable Use Policy**

Except where otherwise noted, all content within the domain of [www.3abn.org](http://www.3abn.org) is owned by and under the copyright of Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc. (3ABN).

Use of any content on this site — including use of online media, logos, graphics, names, or information — to impersonate 3ABN or act as an unauthorized representative of 3ABN is prohibited. Use of the 3ABN logo without express permission from 3ABN is prohibited. Any slanderous, obscene, or immoral use of any content on this site is prohibited.

3ABN permits the not-for-profit recording and distribution of television and radio programs produced by 3ABN, provided such distribution meets the criteria specified in the preceding paragraph. (However, not all programs aired on 3ABN are produced by 3ABN; some programs produced by other organizations may be protected by additional copyright restrictions.) (<http://www.3abn.org/copyright.cfm>, accessed Feb. 4, 2007)

The only possibility for problems appears to be if the posted video itself is "slanderous." But then, why would 3ABN broadcast programs that are slanderous?

### **The Judgment of God**



Duffy wrote, "... we proudly withstand the ongoing judgment of God and the continuing examination by our supporters and viewers." Doesn't "withstand" mean to "defy" or "resist"? Did Duffy really want to say a thing like that?

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January 30, 2007

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Gailon Arthur Joy:

This law firm represents Mr. Danny Shelton and the Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc. ("3ABN"), which has informed us that you are involved in the use and exploitation of 3ABN's unregistered, copyrighted name in your website, "www.save3abn.com." Use of 3ABN's name without our client's license or other authorization to do so constitutes an illegal misappropriation of the name, in violation of state and federal copyright and trademark laws. Additionally, use of the phrase "3ABN" in your domain name is likely to cause confusion among the public as to the source.

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sponsorship or affiliation of your website, resulting in dilution of JABN's trademark, which is a separate and additional violation of federal law.

It has also come to our attention that you have inappropriately copied and posted a lengthy excerpt from a JABN broadcast on the website referred to above. This action constitutes a violation of JABN's exclusive copyright on all audio and video productions created by the Network and on all television transmissions of the same, and is a blatant violation of federal law. Moreover, the presence of this excerpted broadcast serves to heighten the likelihood that the public will be confused into believing that your website is somehow sponsored by or affiliated with JABN, which only furthers JABN's claim of trademark dilution.

Finally, we have been informed that you have maliciously published outrageous, highly damaging and defamatory statements about both Danny Shelton and JABN on this same website. These despicable statements include, but are not limited to:

- JABN, through its board chairman has "admitted in writing that Danny [Shelton] had been involved in a cover up" of criminal conduct
- Danny Shelton knowingly lied regarding a feud between Tommy Shelton and Glenn Dryden
- JABN directed an attorney to use "intimidation tactics to cover up allegations of child molestation"
- Danny Shelton attempted to cover up and silence child molestation allegations
- Danny Shelton "abuses his power" and "scream[ed] at" over alleged victims of his brother Tommy's sexual misconduct."

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Gerald S. Duffy

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#### Insults and Quasi-Threats

On January 24, 2007, Bystander, probably 3ABN president Danny Shelton, or someone writing on his behalf, accused Linda of choosing Gailon as her representative during the ASI panel review process negotiations "because of his lack of knowledge and credentials ... because Linda knew that Gailon would bumble and fumble."

Added on 4/1/2007  
Furniture

Six days later on January 30, a law firm out of Minneapolis, with 18 names on the letterhead, sent a cease and desist letter to Gailon Arthur Joy demanding that he surrender the domain name Save3ABN.com to 3ABN, cease to post video clips from 3ABN programs anywhere, and cease making certain statements about Danny Shelton and 3ABN.

Added on 3/28/2007  
Defy the Board  
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Three days later, on February 2, bumbling, fumbling, "lack of knowledge" Gailon Joy emails his old acquaintance Gerry Spence, asking him for a referral to a law firm that would be interesting in tackling the Danny Shelton Corruption Scandal.

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----- Original Message -----  
**From:** G. Arthur Joy  
**To:** Gerry Spence  
**Subject:** Litigation assistance needed  
**Date:** Fri, 02 Feb 2007 05:26:35 +0000

Counsellor Gerry Spence:

Need a referral for a firm that would take on a worldwide televangelist media known as 3ABN that has an alleged history of wrongfully terminating dissenting employees protesting numerous civil rights issues, alleged financial

abuses of the 501(c)3, sexual harrassment, et siq. and then claims to be exempt from EEOC oversight.

Have EEOC letter authorizing suit. Likely a class action. Will need contingency arrangement.

There are several collateral claims that need close examination as they have various potential tort claims. One would be the cast-aside ex-wife and co-founder of 3ABN by divorce in Guam but no property settlement. It appears that she was wrongfully terminated without due process, slandered, libeled and defamed, and they maliciously interfered with post termination and divorce work attempts. It appears there has been ongoing electronic surveillance, e-mail intrusion, possible post-divorce entry into the private residence of the ex-wife and probable interception of cell phone conversations. Strong paper trail to support her claims.

3ABN Executive was fired and clear trail of malicious attempts to prevent his work in field with competitors with no non-compete clause. Paper or e-mail trails abound including letters libeling this consulting contractor with demands to current contract master to terminate the consultant on letterhead written from 3ABN ministry executive.

Other concerns too numerous to outline here that need to be researched, discovered and addressed.

Have much research and am willing to work with discovery team. FREE!!!

Will require very aggressive litigation team but assets of the ministry, it's founder and directors are substantial.

In my experience, strong possibility of recovery from jury demand and believe we have documentary foundation for punitive damages.

Case requires serious attention as some issues are closing in on statute of limitations. In some cases the statute of limitation may be tolled in action similar to various plaintiffs versus Archdiocese of Boston and New York, et al. May require some multiple jurisdictions. Federal jurisdiction without doubt in most cases as we have

diversity of interest and claims well in excess of federal minimum.

You told me that if I ever needed any help to call. I don't yet, but these victims of religion gone awry clearly do need assistance and as soon as possible to recover damages.

With Warmest Regards  
(In spite of those cold winter winds),

Gailon Arthur Joy  
Off: \*\*\*-\*\*\*-\*\*\*\*  
Cell: \*\*\*-\*\*\*-\*\*\*\*

PS: Enjoyed our meeting at Senator Illuzzi's office in Northeast Kingdom of Vermont following the Island Pond Raid and arrest of entire colony of men, women and children. What a breach of constitutional law!!! Did you notice it was Judge Cashman, (yup, one and the same) that O'Reilly recently went after?

He sure saved the day for constitutional law that Friday!!! What an exhilaration it was to see every one of those families go home in unison that day ... a real triumph for the Law, God and country!!!

Love your stories!!! My wife still covets your "home to live in" as seen in a recent issue of *Log Homes*. She was so impressed she went out to buy the log home book. Great pictures of "the den".

I have also missed your common sense analysis on talk shows lately. Am pleased to see you have addressed the issue in your new book. Should shake up the media elite. Is it a wonder there is total silence? When do they start interviews??? Huh, huh!!! It is a must read for libertarians & Americans.

## Comments

My, what a hornets' nest Danny Shelton has just gotten into. Why can't he do the dignified thing and apologize, ask forgiveness, and resign? Why fight to the death and risk 3ABN's future in the process? Does he really think 3ABN's finances will hold out till the end of all the lawsuits that could be coming down the pike? Can he really suppose that his donors will support him through all

this mess?

One thing for certain, Danny should be glad that Gailon is inexperienced. Imagine how bad things would be for Danny right now if Gailon really knew what he was doing. ... On second thought, do Bystander's comments about Gailon's inexperience constitute another example of prevarication on the part of Danny, especially since Danny wanted to exclude Gailon from the ASI panel review process?

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### **Comments on Gailon Joy Email to Gerry Spence**

#### **Mable Dunbar**

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Mable Dunbar is president of Polly's Place Network and is a Licensed Professional Counselor, Certified Cognitive Behavioral Therapist, and Certified Domestic Violence Counselor. She is the author of *The Truth About Us: How to Discover the Potential God Has Given You*, and a contributing author to *Intimate Violence and Peace and Healing*.

Added on 4/1/2007  
Furniture

Because the nature of her ministry and work covers a number of the topics involved with the allegations swirling around Danny Shelton et al., Mable has had a special interest in the matter, and has been watching closely as things develops.

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----- Original Message -----

**From:** Mable Dunbar

**To:** G. Arthur Joy

**Subject:** RE: Litigation assistance needed

**Date:** Thu, 1 Feb 2007 21:36:06 -0800

Oh Gailon:

I did not realize you are on such good terms with Gerry Spence. Wow! This is indeed wonderful. I have seen him on T.V. and he is absolutely brilliant. God is working. I am praying for you, Keep up the good work.

Mable Dunbar, Ph.D., L.P.C., N.C.P.  
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### **Pastor Glenn Dryden of the Churches of God Lends His Support**

#### **"I Hope Dr. Thompson Will Soon Take Heed to Your Logic"**

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----- Original Message -----

**From:** Glenn Dryden

**To:** Bob

**Subject:** blacksda.com POSTING

**Date:** Fri, 1 Dec 2006 19:42:46 -0500

Greetings from Pastor Dryden,

I have taken the opportunity to read the postings at [blacksda.com](http://blacksda.com). Assuming you are the author of the message to Dr. Thompson of 26 Nov 2006 11:07:44, I would like to commend you for the logic in your plea to him.

I think Dr. Thompson must be a good and well-intentioned man and I hope he will soon take heed to your logic.

Glenn Dryden

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----- Original Message -----

**From:** Bob

**To:** Glenn Dryden

**Subject:** Re: blacksda.com POSTING

**Date:** Sat, 02 Dec 2006 18:17:05 -0600

Thank you so much for your encouragement, Pastor Dryden.

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Many Adventists will feel skittish about meeting this thing head on, because they fear that the cause of God will have reproach brought upon it, and thus there might be a negative effect upon evangelistic efforts. Of course, I share that concern, and thus I want to deal with this very carefully. It is a delicate balance. I covet your prayers for the wisdom of God in the days ahead. I know you must have wrestled with these very same thoughts, since it certainly was not good PR for your faith.

Having said that, ... I wonder if you would allow me the privilege of quoting what you wrote below, attributing it to either yourself explicitly, or perhaps better yet to simply a pastor of another faith. For our people to read such encouraging words from a pastor of another faith would help calm their fears.

...

Thanks so much for your prayers, and we will pray for you as you work further with the situation there.

Bob

## **"Less Will Be Lost by a Full Disclosure and Honesty Than by Cover-up and Deceit"**

We received permission to release both Roger Clem's name and the information about the young man in Virginia.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Glenn Dryden

**To:** Bob

**Subject:** Re: blacksda.com POSTING

**Date:** Sat, 2 Dec 2006 20:25:25 -0500

Dear Bob,

I am sure we share similar emotions regarding this matter. Perhaps an argument may be made for the criticism you

have received regarding the e-mail postings, but I should tell you that they have served to make me comfortable communicating with both you and Mr. Joy and if they serve to put pressure on Danny and Tommy, you may carry the criticism as a badge of commendation.

You should know that I have FAXed to Mr. Joy a copy of Mr. Riva's letter to me dated June 13, 2003, along with excerpts from my reply to Mr. Riva.

As to the skittishness we all suffer, I find a remedy in a Biblical principle. That principle perhaps may be best expressed "The truth shall set you free!"

Too many for too long in too many venues have feared reproach and negative effects. The number of victims has increased as a consequence. Though a foul path, we should shod our feet appropriately and march forward and attack the issue head-on! Ultimately, less will be lost by a full disclosure and honesty than by cover-up and deceit. Not the path of least resistance, but does not this path seem more like the one Jesus would take?

You may quote me by name on anything *except the fact that I am personally aware that Tommy Shelton molested a young man here in Virginia in the mid to late 1990s. Give me until after the meeting here Sunday and then check with me regarding that.*

You may make public my 2003 letter to Dr. Thompson and action items (which were compiled by the congregation of the Ezra Church of God) and may note that the action items were also sent to Mike Riva, Tommy's attorney, with my reply to his letter of June 13, 2003. You may note that I gave you my permission to do so.

In early 2003 Roger Clem first confided to me his victimization by Tommy Shelton. It was within a week or less that Tommy called me. **Please give Roger the courtesy of a call and do not make public his name unless he gives you permission.** If necessary, call me and I will call Roger ahead of you that he might feel comfortable speaking openly with you.

This is a divisive issue here and our Board of Trustees and I welcome your prayers in advance of our meeting tomorrow

afternoon.

Pastor Glenn Dryden

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### **"I Finally Admitted My Guilt!"**

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Thank you, GPF, for sharing such an encouraging testimony with us. May God bless you abundantly, and may He bring repentance and cleansing to all those involved.

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**To:** AUReporter at Save3ABN.com  
**Subject:** 3ABN Mess  
**Date:** Mon, 29 Jan 2007 11:00:08 -0800 (PST)

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I don't know you; in fact until yesterday had not heard your name. But let me tell you that you are being used of God to unearth, reveal, and uncover "sin in Israel." As a "fallen pastor" I know how the devil blinds the eyes of those whom he would destroy. I finally admitted my guilt and started life over again. I am free! Cleansed by the blood of the Lamb! But not until there is admission and full repentance can this happen.

Please don't give up! God is not blessing 3ABN, in my opinion, any more than He is blessing the Roman Catholic Church, guilty, as they are, of defying Him in so many areas. the devil can cause good things to happen making it look as though God is blessing. God will bless only those who are surrendered to do His bidding.

May God continue to bless you. I will pray for wisdom for you to know just what to do and what to leave undone.

--GPF

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### **Dr. Mable Dunbar Speaks Out**

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Mable Dunbar, Ph.D, is the president of [Polly's Place Network](#). She is a licensed professional counselor, a certified domestic violence counselor, and a certified cognitive behavioral therapist. She has been watching the ongoing situation at 3ABN with great interest for quite some time, since many of the issues involved are those with which she continually deals with in her ministry.

Thank you, Mable, for calling us all to take a stand against sin and for righteousness.

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Sunday, February 4, 2007

Dear Mr. Pickle, Mr. Joy and Mr. Matthews:

First of all I want to commend you for seeking truth and your determination to see that justice and truth prevail in order to advance the work of the Lord. I write this letter with a heavy heart, and I am deeply troubled by some of the posts I am reading on [BlackSDA.com](#) and [Save3ABN.com](#). It appears that there are Christians who find it difficult to accept the facts regarding the sexual abuse/molestation charges as documented. It takes great courage for victims to come forward and admit that they were molested and abused. When they do so, they need to be validated and supported for this courageous act. I would like to affirm Duane and the other victims for being bold enough to stand firm. I also want to state my appreciation to those of you who have publicly offered him support and refuse to be intimidated by threats and innuendos.

I have been counseling abuse victims for over 20 years, and have seen first hand the devastating effects they experience as a result of their victimization. If there are victims out there who need to talk with someone, feel free to contact me

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**JW Shares from Her Own Experience**

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We received the following fax on February 6, 2007, from JW, a Seventh-day Adventist lay person who serves on a local conference executive committee.

We appreciate your sharing these insights, JW, insights drawn from your own painful experiences. Thank you so much.

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**From:** on behalf of jw  
**To:** AUReporter@Save3ABN.com  
**Subject:** If you really want to save 3ABN . . .

An open letter to supporters of 3ABN:

I am a lay person who was interviewed on 3ABN in 2006. At the time, I knew nothing of the troubles plaguing the station, or I would have seriously reconsidered any involvement or affiliation with the institution. I also serve on a local Adventist conference committee and am concerned about our lax or apathetic attitude when it comes to redeeming erring Christians while holding them accountable for their actions. Without a miracle from God, I have serious doubts that Danny, Shelton will ever resign or admit any wrong doing. Here is why.

I must let you know, I am not a psychologist or mental health professional. I am, however, recently divorced (1 year) from a man counselors diagnosed as a narcissist. A true narcissist will lie as easily as look at you. They are very charismatic, powerful, men of influence, and are very believable, because they truly believe their own lies. Masters of manipulation. Counselors explained to me that narcissists can never be wrong about even the smallest thing. The most severe cases will die rather than admit wrong. After reading a letter from the "Doctor" I received last fall, the similarities between my ex-husband and Danny Shelton made my skin crawl.

I watched our counselor push my husband on a particular point to try to make him face a problem. He danced around the issue for a while, and became more and more agitated until he finally began shaking and he held his head in his hands and said "Stop, stop, you're killing me, you're killing me." The counselor told me later, he backed off because had he continued, it's very possible he could have had a heart attack or stroke. My husband's mother actually had a heart attack following an argument with him once, and she always blamed it on him. It's amazing what runs in families. (That's also a possible explanation for Tommy Shelton's illnesses when faced with his wrong doing.)

It is my "unprofessional" opinion that Danny Shelton will never admit any wrong-doing. Taking him to, court or facing him with in-your-face, indisputable facts will never yield an admission, or an apology, or save 3ABN. He cannot be at fault or he will die. He needs help he will never get, because he doesn't need help. Everyone else does. The rules do not apply to him. This is a serious illness, and while I have compassion on him (as I did my ex-husband for 37 years), we must not sacrifice a worldwide ministry, trying to save him.

God still performs awesome miracles, but He also has specific instruction we must follow about discipline among the body of Christ.

If we really want to save 3-ABN (and we can't afford to wait much longer), the board will have to fire he & his brother from their positions. And when they do, it is very possible the lives of the board will be in danger. After my husband left, my counselors told me I could never have left him. He would not have allowed it. He had to call the shots, and of course I wasn't a good wife so he was forced into the arms of another woman. I was in danger and didn't know it.

Please . . . Please. Call in mental health professionals and ask them to evaluate the situation, and then act accordingly. if they concur, this is no small matter and must not be taken lightly. If the board removes him, and I believe it is the only answer, steps should be taken to assure the safety of employees, board members, and especially Linda.

Thank you for listening, and my prayers are with you.

jw

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**Pastor Mike Fortune Says, "Truth Can Afford to Be Fair"**

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Pastor Mike Fortune currently serves the Toledo First Seventh-day Adventist Church. We saw a couple versions of his letter floating around and asked him if we could post it. His response made us wonder if we even had to ask.

Pastor Mike sent out copies of the release, "Linda Shelton demands that the evidence be made public!!!", to quite a number of folks. That generated some replies, and his letter below is a response to those replies.

If you visit the Toledo First Church for services, make sure you give him our regards.

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**From:** Mike Fortune  
**To:** \*\*\*\*\*  
**Subject:** Re: Linda Shelton Demands the Evidence Be Made Public  
**Date:** Thu, 22 Feb 2007 08:24:05 -0500

Thank you for writing \*\*\*\*\*.

Re: 3ABN, I think there are way too many unanswered questions for any of us to have any clue what really happened there. But quickie divorces in Vegas or Guam, suggested or enacted, are things dirty politicians do, not Christian leaders of multitudes. So I am not impressed with how 3ABN has handled this situation. And while I'm glad there are those ... who have reserved judgment and are helping save 3ABN, I don't think in a million years 3ABN will honor Linda's request. But because some Adventists I know are demonizing her, I forwarded "her side."

I think we have to be Christian first, which includes not only total compassion but total honesty. In my opinion, 3ABN would survive anything because they have experienced too many miracles for them not to trust that

God could bring them through another. Should they both, like David, be completely transparent with God and the countless people that, because of the nature of the ministry they do, look up to them. And while one of them is apparently willing to do so, the other is obviously not. So what are we to conclude? Would it be ugly? Yes. Would it benefit one or the other? I don't know. Would it hurt the ministry and the church? Probably. But not nearly as much as I think it does when we who are supposedly lifting up truth hide behind it. I don't like the pretense. That everything is okay. When it's not. If it were, Linda wouldn't be banished writing the things she's writing.

Ellen White wrote in *Counsels to Writers and Editors* page 35, "There is no excuse for anyone in taking the position that there is no more truth to be revealed, and that all our expositions of Scripture are without error. The fact that certain doctrines have been held as truth for many years by our people, is not a proof that our ideas are infallible. Age will not make error into truth, and truth can afford to be fair. No true doctrine will lose anything by close investigation."

And if that's true of doctrines, how much more is it true of those who teach and preach them? I will never be convinced that hiding truth and using the tools of the devil to start or sustain the Lord's work is acceptable whatever the fallout.

But maybe that's just me. God bless. ...

Pastor Mike

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## **Mike Bisson Says, "This Is a Very Reasonable Request"**

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Mike Bisson is a retired Commercial Property Casualty Agent. He has been a Seventh-day Adventist for 32 years, and is a member of the Sterling, Massachusetts, Church. He is one of the adult Sabbath School teachers and leads out in the Wednesday night prayer meeting. He has a number of Bible studies going at the Sterling church, and assists the pastor where needed.

Around mid-January 2007 Mike had the special privilege of watching his pastor, Nahor Muchiutti, baptize seven people that the two of them had had Bible studies with. They are studying with about that many more as of the time of the writing of his letter below.

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**From:** [Mike Bisson]  
**To:** [G. Arthur Joy]  
**Subject:**  
**Date:** Mon, 26 Feb 2007 13:14:56 +0000

Dear Gailon,

I am in receipt of your letter from Linda Shelton requesting that proof regarding her unfaithfulness to Danny Shelton be forthcoming. After reviewing her letter and discussing it with a number of friends and supporters of 3ABN we all came to the same conclusion. When Danny Shelton divorced Linda he took away **her marriage, her occupation and her reputation**, (most people have a very hard time handling any one of these being taken from them). She is only asking that the so-called proof of her adultery be shown. We think that this is a very reasonable request. I cannot imagine any honest Christian supporting Danny or 3ABN until this is done in the way she has requested. It is my opinion that this basic fairness of her request will resonant with the Adventist community. If I can be of any help in this matter, please let me know.

God Bless,

Mike

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### **CS says, "Danny Told Me!"**

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CS says she would never have known what was going on, if 3ABN president Danny Shelton hadn't have repeatedly told her about it on the air.

Thanks so much for the publicity, Danny. You have done a lot toward making our "Save 3ABN" campaign as much of a success as it's been.

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**From:** \*\*\*\*\*  
**To:** Webmaster  
**Subject:** A PROBLEM?  
**Date:** Wed, 7 Mar 2007 18:49:18 -0600

Hi,

I was on save3abn and noticed you had placed some additional information on today; ....

Personally, I believe you have done an incredible job of documenting all of this sordid information and the amazing thing is that people like my husband and I would have never learned about what was really going on if it hadn't have been for Danny Shelton himself. We've listened to 3abn for a dozen years now and for a long time we've kept hearing Danny complaining that there were people on the internet who were saying such terrible things about him. After hearing him complaining over and over I finally began looking and it took me awhile to begin to see what he was talking about. The truth must be that Danny is most likely sending many more people to get the facts because of his own big mouth!!!!

Thanks,  
CS

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# **"The Situation Is Messy ... That Is No Excuse Not to 'Clean The House' "**

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Our friend below has served the Seventh-day Adventist Church in a number of ways. The reason for his request for anonymity becomes clear when he bares his soul regarding his own children.

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**From:** \*\*\*\*\*

**To:** AUreporter

**Subject:** You may share this.

**Date:** Thu, 8 Mar 2007 10:31:33 -0800 (PST)

Gentlemen:

By bringing the work that has been apparently done under the cover of "night" to the "light" of day, your work is to be commended!

Moral and ethical accountability is not typically an operational standard that thrives in religious systems. On the other hand, an operational standard that seems to too often trump all other considerations is blind loyalty.

Not only have multiple victims been made to suffer due to alleged immoral and alleged unethical conduct, they have been forced to suffer further because thus far church leaders have either trivialized the incredible allegations by their silence, or have exposed the powerful influence of the "clerical collar line," a line of blind loyalty that thus far has been crossed by too few.

When another religious system initially trivialized the suffering of children who had been sexually violated by clergy, church members at campmeetings across America certainly shook their heads in disbelief at such a poor response. Next summer as people head to campmeeting they

might just see imaginary "millstones" hanging from the necks of preachers who seem to have a lot to say at campmeeting time, but nothing to say right now....

Nothing to say but maybe a little grinding of teeth at night as the growing knowledge of specific acts of behavior continues to find accessibility to a world wide audience due to technology.

Sadly, I believe that employees and ministers who were silent when it mattered, will become "singing canaries" when it doesn't matter. In the mean time, the world will witness whether Christian laity and ministers from across the world will continue their acquiescence towards this forced silence of the lambs, or whether they will hear the cries of every precious lamb, and take a decisive stand!

The idea that people in the pew can't do anything is just an excuse for doing nothing. I have no doubt that church leaders will all of a sudden find a voice and the conviction to act if church members the world over vote with their pocketbooks. I'm told that in Europe when scoundrels in business abuse the people, the people immediately unite in a boycott towards the companies or entities until reform occurs. Can anyone tell us when church authority became a blank check to authorize unaccountable behavior? To believe such nonsense is to bow the knee to a religious system that wrote the book on this subject.

The "church" has a media tool which begs the question: Should people stand by and do nothing, invariably contributing to the progressive growth of unquestionably "cultic like" behavior within the ministry, or should people stand united to save this ministry from itself; ultimately getting professional help for the growing number of broken people within it?

Because the ministry aligns itself with the church, the church can certainly use its administrative authority to apply various measures of discipline if the church so desired; including the placement of a new minister to assist at the heart of the problem. How long would the ministry survive if the leadership received church discipline, or if the organization was no longer a blessed entity of the denomination? Thus a "Pilate's hand-washing" because the ministry has a "separate board" is not an option, and never

has been an option.

Finally, I know what it is to be the parent of children who were sexually molested by a deacon of the church, and to have that information covered up and withheld from me by other members of the church; including my children's own mother and grandmother.

For the sake of mending broken people, especially the children, I sincerely hope and pray that every Christian will seek his or her responsibility before God regarding this situation!

Yes, the situation is messy, but that is no excuse not to "clean the house." Yes, church leaders and board members did make some serious mistakes, and were obviously only privy to a portion of the facts, but that is no excuse for pride to continue, and for pride to cause the ruination and fall of this ministry. So let the cookies crumble. They will anyway.

May we never cease to pick up our cross in service to Jesus!

Sincerely,

Anonymous (to protect my precious children)

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**From:** Gailon Arthur Joy  
**To:** Directors, Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc.: Walter Thompson, Carmelita Troy, Elder Ken Denslow, Elsworth McKee, Mollie Steenson  
**Subject:** Emergency Board Action Required  
**Date:** Thu, 07 Dec 2006 15:05:43 +0000

Some of you may have been following closely the saga of revelations relating to issues perceived and defined regarding the administration of Danny Shelton at 3ABN.

Probably none is as descriptive of the malfeasance and mismanagement and failure of oversight as the issue of Tommy Shelton.

During the early 1980's Tommy was serving as pastor at the Ezra Church of God, West Frankfort, Illinois. Several young men made specific allegations regarding sexual molestation of a minor from the Church School at Ezra by the Administrative Pastor, Tommy Shelton. There was substantial debate amongst the parishioners regarding the support of Tommy versus submitting to the discipline of the Illinois General Assembly of Church of God.

Tommy Shelton and the Ezra Church of God refused to submit to church discipline after Tommy admitted to the molestation of minors and conducting a homosexual lifestyle.

In 1985 Tommy was relieved of his license and credentials.

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The Ezra Church of God subsequently separated from the General Assembly and became a congregational church. Tommy left for approximately a year to assist in the development of a church school in Marion, Ky. Tommy returned to serve as pastor for an additional two years and during this period there were additional allegations of child molestation against Tommy Shelton by young men of the church school of Ezra Church of God. Tommy became ill and left the pastorate of Ezra COG.

Tommy Shelton was given carpentry work. At some point Tommy was made the production manager at 3ABN. In late 1991 Melody Shelton Mundall and Derrell Mundall gave several pages of written statements to Illinois Conference President BJ Christiansen.

[That] statement resulted in a board meeting and the board decided that Tommy Shelton could not work at 3ABN. Tommy was severed from the payroll and was given contract work promoting 3ABN with cable companies until he took a media consulting position and assistant pastor for media ministries with Dunn Loring Church of God, Dunn Loring, Va. in 1993. In 1995 the Senior Pastor left for mission service and Tommy became the senior pastor. During his pastorate 3ABN reportedly contributed a bus to the Dunn Loring COG [that] was not approved by the board of directors.

In 1999 3ABN issued a \$10,000 check to Tommy Shelton in Dunn Loring, Va. This was done without the approval of the board. However, in late 2000 Tommy's own family confronted Tommy regarding concerns related to his adopted son and at least one other minor male child. Danny Shelton declared he had forewarned of this and stated, "I told you so, he's done it again." Tommy suffered a nervous breakdown and went on leave and finally resigned his pastorate in the spring of 2001. He moved his family to Marion, Ky.

Danny Shelton hired Tommy to manage and organize the Tapes and Masters Archives mid 2001 without asking the board of directors and over the objection of Linda Shelton.

In May of 2003 the Chairman received a letter by Certified Mail from a Pastor Dryden of the Ezra Church of God warning them that there were new allegations regarding

sexual misconduct, commonly referred to as the Dryden Letter. The Chairman brought the letter to the attention of the entire board in June 2003. Danny is reported to have misled the board and clearly stated the conduct was thirty years old and was over when he knew there were fresh allegations in West Frankfort, Il. as well as in Dunn Loring, Va. Bill Hulsey declared that this was all in the past and they could move on and a letter was sent back to Pastor Dryden telling him simply that the matter was taken up by the board and dealt with when in fact the board simply brushed it aside without investigation or exploration.

Tommy continued in this position until mid 2004. After Linda Shelton was terminated by the Chairman, Tommy was given Linda Shelton's Office and her job, again without the approval of the board. Tommy also began playing the piano for Kids Time and other children's programming.

In 2006 a young man came forward and admitted to the senior pastor and the Chairman of the board of trustees of the Dunn Loring COG that he had been molested by Pastor Tommy Shelton and needed counseling and other assistance. The church made contact with their insurance carrier. Two other males have come forward and stated they were solicited by Pastor Tommy Shelton. Another young man that was admittedly very familiar to Pastor Tommy Shelton is leading an openly gay lifestyle.

I have attached a copy of a communique that identifies specific contradictions between the Chairman and the CEO, Danny Shelton, with hyperlinks to supporting documentation.

It is imperative that the board needs to meet immediately and determine if Tommy Shelton should be terminated from 3ABN, [and] determine if Danny Shelton has been sufficiently insubordinate and has deliberately misinformed the board such as to require the resignation of Danny Shelton as president and CEO of 3ABN.

The board should be able to resolve these issues within a period of 72 hours, thereafter we shall assume that the matter shall be reserved to the "stock-holders in the pews" for their individual interpretation and determination.

Below is a far more succinct description of the seriousness

of the matter at hand and the need to resolve the same.

Gailon Arthur Joy  
AURporter

Greetings Deb, Ron, and Harold.

I believe I have a responsibility to pass on to you my recent correspondence with Danny, which he, not I, initiated on Thanksgiving Day, so you can assess the situation for yourselves. It is possible that you are already aware of the situation, but just in case you are not, I will forward separately the five communications we have had since last Wednesday to you.

You can read all the correspondence online, as well as supporting documents, in three threads:

[Correspondence leading up to Dr. Thompson's admission of apparently being misled.](#)

[The Glenn Dryden and related Documents.](#)

[At Walt Thompson's suggestion, letters to Danny Shelton seeking verification of Walt's statements.](#)

I will be less equivocal than how I have stated things online and in my correspondence with Danny: What we basically have here is Walt in essence admitting that Danny intentionally lied to him in 2003 regarding the serious nature, wide extent, and recent timing of the Tommy Shelton child molestation allegations. We aren't talking about a small discrepancy. We are talking about obvious, extensive fabrications about a very serious problem that has potentially compromised the financial security of the Illinois Conference.

And the fact that Danny ceased to immediately respond, like he usually does, to my courteous, kind, but thorough emails, except with one lame exception, indicates that he knows he is in real trouble, with no way out. And Danny's online apologists who counter the "rumors" on the forums have totally disappeared.



We obtained permission from one of Tommy's alleged victims, Roger Clem, to post his 2004 letter to Tommy, a letter sent a year or so after he went public in his church and community there in West Frankfort, a letter in which he, as well as venting his anger on Tommy for abuse that occurred or began in 1988, implicates Danny and a 3ABN attorney in pressuring people into silence. A letter from that 3ABN attorney doing that very thing is also posted.

We also have a statement from the pastor of the Church of God congregation in Virginia where Tommy used to pastor from 1995 to about 2000, saying that there are three incidents of sexual misconduct there, one involving a male who was a minor at the time.

Contrast this with Walt's statements that Danny told him in 2003 that the allegations were 30 years old, and that Walt was led to believe that Pastor Glenn Dryden is the only one who has accounts of these allegations. There is absolutely no way that Danny in that little community would not know that Roger Clem had come forward publicly in 2003 at a time prior to when [Walt] was told by Danny that the allegations were 30 years old. And I am mentioning only a few of the discrepancies.

So we have an alleged pedophile who has been accused of molesting boys and propositioning adults for maybe 22-30 years, depending on whether Walt's 30-year figure was an exaggeration on the high side or not. That individual was hired by 3ABN with at least the president and probably others knowing full well about these allegations, and when it was brought to Walt's attention in May 2003 by Pastor Dryden, Walt relied on Danny's word and, according to his written statement to me, never contacted, as he was invited to do by Pastor Dryden, any of the six alleged victims, their families, and the two associations that had ordained Tommy and then later revoked his credentials.

I am not an attorney, but my hunch is that all that constitutes gross negligence, and the fact that Tommy apparently has ready access to kids at 3ABN, that the IL Conf. has or is moving part of their academy operations to Thompsonville, and that Tommy has already been employed at 3ABN for more than five years makes for a potentially disastrous situation.

Over the last four months, an informal and unofficial network of active and retired pastors and administrators, as well as some laymen, has formed, and the whole situation has been pondered. The consensus has been, as I understand it, that these recent developments since Thanksgiving cannot be covered up and must be gotten out. Mind you, these are folks that are of a conservative bent, from what I understand, folks that appreciate supporting ministries. I certainly do, having worked at three, and I appreciate ASI. This is not an effort by liberals to discredit a supporting ministry.

We all need the wisdom of God to know what to do. Is there anything we can do to save the ministry of 3ABN? I surely hope so. Do you have any ideas?

I sent a pastoral note to Danny tonight of a very different flavor. If he would only be willing to step aside after implementing some basic changes that would institute some checks and balances, that would be ideal. But whatever is done, it is of the utmost importance that it be done quickly and immediately, for my understanding is that there are other issues in the wings that could have an equally detrimental impact on the ministry of 3ABN as well as the reputation of Seventh-day Adventism.

Please keep me abreast of developments on your end, if that is appropriate, so that I can better make wise decisions of what to do or not do.

God bless you all at this extremely difficult and troubling time.

Bob

## Notes

Our current understanding is that Tommy became assistant pastor of the Community Church of God in Dunn Loring in 1995, and that he became senior pastor in 1996 when the former senior pastor retired and relocated.

The bus referred to as being donated to the Dunn Loring congregation during Tommy's pastorate was in poor condition and was donated for the use of In Jesus' Name Street Ministries. Originally an independent ministry serving the needs of the homeless, In Jesus' Name Street Ministries eventually came under

the umbrella of the Community Church of God, the home church of its founder.

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### **Linda Shelton Now Demands,**

## **"Make the Evidence Against Me Public!"**

### **"We're Protecting Her" Ain't No Excuse Anymore**

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Added on 4/1/2007  
Furniture

For years now 3ABN president Danny Shelton, Dr. Walt Thompson, and others have claimed to have solid evidence that Linda Shelton committed adultery, but thus far they have refused to allow it to be seen by those who ask. Why? They don't want to hurt her, they say, as they go on and on about all her faults, failings, and sins.

Added on 3/28/2007  
Defy the Board  
Board Action

In Linda's letter below, a letter that breaks her long silence, she calls for all the evidence against her to be released and made public. Thus Danny's one impediment is now removed. We await her request to be granted as soon as possible so that we can post all the secretive and elusive documentation right here on [Save3ABN.com](http://Save3ABN.com).

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----- Original Message -----

**From:** G. Arthur Joy

**To:** AUReporter

**Subject:** Linda Shelton demands that the evidence be made public!!!

**Date:** Thu, 15 Feb 2007 05:35:29 +0000

In keeping with Linda Shelton requiring an open and transparent ASI sponsored hearing, Linda has now published a letter that includes a clear demand that 3ABN and Danny Shelton produce the evidence they claim to have for inspection and verification by the entire church membership and by the *stockholders in the pews*. Danny Shelton in various forms and under various aliases has repeatedly referenced evidence that he claims to have thereby giving him a basis for divorce and remarriage. The chairman of 3ABN on *AToday* has made it clear they have

no *proof* of an adulterous affair. Linda Shelton and Arild Abrahamsen have repeatedly asserted that there was no basis for divorce, that no inappropriate relationship occurred and that there is no evidence to support Danny Shelton's claims.

We have repeatedly asserted that if there is no proof, then a remarriage would constitute an adulterous relationship. Danny Shelton was married at 3ABN in March 2006 to a Brandy Murray, a 3ABN employee that reportedly arrived at 3ABN of Thompsonville in July of 2004.

Here is the letter from Linda in its entirety and is also available at [www.LindaShelton.org](http://www.LindaShelton.org) and on [www.Save3ABN.com](http://www.Save3ABN.com). I believe it reflects the same Linda, a bit stronger and less naive than in the past, but as deeply committed to her relationship with the Lord as we all remember so well on that porch at 3ABN.

Linda Shelton does respond to email and will be happy to have a concert or a deeply spiritual service at your location, wherever you may be.

February, 2007

My warmest greetings,

A couple approached me with tears in their eyes and said, "We have just missed you and we wanted to see you to make sure you were okay." As I saw the pain in their eyes over the events that have transpired in my life in the last few years, it was as if my heart was pierced again. *"We are just so happy to see you smiling, in church and still serving God."* Our meeting took place a few months ago at the Bible Chapel Seventh-day Adventist Church where I am a member. I enjoyed my visit with this caring, Christian couple, along with the compassion and love they showed toward me.

Some people act surprised that I am still a member of the SDA church. But why? ***God is still the same awesome God that He always has been, the incredible Bible truths embraced by Seventh-day Adventists are still just as true today as they ever were, and although a "thousand shall fall on my right and a thousand fall on my left," nothing will ever change these facts. We must hold firm to our faith during troubled times!***

Many have written to me over the past many months asking me to update my website. This I have prayerfully considered for quite some time, nearly a year. Quite frankly, I just have not known what to say. ***I feel that this scandal has made a large, festering, open wound in my Church. Perhaps the truth revealed will ultimately bring the healing that everyone needs.*** Then we can grieve together and move on. I am certain, in essence, I have died a thousand deaths over the events of the last couple of years. But, with the Lord's blessing, I will try to address issues which have been brought to my attention in the kindest manner possible.

For the first time in nearly three years I will not simply deny the accusations, but will directly address certain issues. I do not take pleasure in speaking of these things. I think I have always been the one who would rather receive hurt, than be the one to inflict hurt upon others. But during the course of this last year I learned some valuable lessons through Dr. Mable Dunbar of Polly's Place Network; she has been an incredible support and help to me. ***Mable is a woman who truly loves the Lord and is not afraid to stand up for what she***

*believes is right, even if a whole army would stand against her.*

***Polly's Place Network is a ministry which empowers abused lives and aids them through their difficult circumstances.***

It is a marvelous organization and so needed for this age when Satan has focused his wrath upon breaking up the security and circle of love God intended for our families. I videotaped some interviews for Polly's Place at the SDA Conference office in Spokane, Washington with several individuals who had been through incredibly painful situations. Each of them, in essence, had the same healing story. It was when they were able to come forward and express the truth about what happened to them that their healing came. Inspired by these individuals, now I can accept and believe it is God's job to protect the ministry I have loved and co-founded, and it is my right and my healing to tell the truth about what has occurred.

I am co-authoring a book and its purpose is to share the silver lining of the amazing lessons the Lord has taught me through this crisis. I feel the Lord has lifted a veil and allowed me to see the world that He sees, a world far different than we see. I see that the darts of false allegations that Satan has thrown toward me and my ministry were not directed solely for my downfall, but the aim was much wider. Although I was the apparent target, Satan was attempting to destroy the ministry I loved and co-founded and cripple the witness of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. My perspective has been forever changed through my experiences and my book

will give me the opportunity to share these lessons more fully with all of you. (I will keep you posted as to the release date of this book.)

John Knox once said, "Kings [or leaders] have not an absolute power to do in their government what pleases them, but their power is limited by God's Word; so that if they strike where God has not commanded, they are but murderers; and if they spare where God has commanded to strike, they and their thrones are criminal and guilty of the wickedness which abounds upon the face of the earth, for lack of punishment." John knew his Bible. ***It is a Biblical principle that if we see a wrong and only look the other way or feebly say, "I will let the Lord deal with that one," then that wickedness is applied to our slate, plain and simple.***

The most devastating blow a televangelist can get is the false accusation of adultery. Although I have already made this statement on my website I want to address those of you who have loved and valued my Christianity, integrity and my ministry for the 19 years that I was at 3ABN. ***I want to clearly emphasize that I was 100% faithful to my husband. I loved, trusted and believed in him to a fault.*** Imagine my shock when I realized that the false allegations in the form of libel, slander and defamation directed my way were initiated by two of the closest people to me on planet earth; one was my beloved partner and the other was my closest lady friend. I loved them both and trusted them both to the point that their close communication did not bother me in the least. I know that sounds naive,



but I did not believe that Dan would do anything that would harm the ministry we had built together.

In 2004 there was a tremendous outcry at my departure. There was suspicion over how swiftly I was fired from my position and divorced. There was suspicion over the fact that I never had the opportunity to talk to the Board and defend myself. There was suspicion over the fact that every trace of my presence was completely cleared out of the campus of 3ABN, even before my termination, as well as the website, television and radio broadcasts. I was made a sacrificial lamb in a scheme calculated to remove me from both my home and my ministry through an orchestrated campaign of malicious lies circulated around the globe. *No words can begin to describe the absolute agony this has brought to my life, but there are other victims as well, and may God bless and spare the young lives and tender souls who have also felt the stinging thrust of this sword of scandal.*

It has completely broken my heart to see the emails and letters which have come from the Chairman of the Board, Dan and others at 3ABN, to hear of the television and radio programs where erroneous references have been made to the situation, to watch the ministry that I helped build with much devotion used to destroy me and also to hear of the reports of what is being said on the SDA chat sites about me today by those bent on my destruction ... nearly three years later.

It was the false accusation of adultery which caused the loss of my marriage, my reputation, my employment, and

everything else. I challenge the 3ABN Board to produce the "irrefutable evidence" which caused a co-founder, a lifetime Board member, Vice-President and Secretary of the Board to be removed in that May 2004 meeting! ***I am asking, no demanding, that the information be made public at my request! Cast aside those pretended desires to "spare me"! The world is waiting with baited breath!***

The stakes are high. I, as well as others, have personally experienced electronic surveillance, email theft, interception of cell phone calls, post-divorce entry into my private residence to the point where charges were filed with the police. It is not easy to live your life when you feel that you can never know for sure if you are being followed, watched or recorded ... even now. I have had invitations to do ministry thwarted because of continued allegations by those, who, like wolves in sheep's clothing, attempted to stop my ministry.

I want to make this absolutely clear: ***I left my home because I was not safe, I was not welcome.*** I was witnessing the murder of my reputation and ministry day by day. I stayed as long as I felt I could. I hoped, believed and prayed that things would change but they only got worse. ***The statements made that I left my husband for another man are absolutely and totally false.*** Any thinking person would realize that I had everything a Christian woman could have wanted in this life: a husband I loved and the opportunity to minister to millions of people about the tremendous love of my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, though the ministry that we spent so

many years building together. Although two of the people who I loved best have called me "Gomer," yet a more accurate term would be "Hosea," which I would only discover later. But I prefer simply, ***Linda, "SAVED by the Blood of the Lamb!"***

I do not visit the chat sites. This has been a mega-trial for me and my way of coping has been to try and focus on other things. I realize that the individuals which make up our Church need healing from this disaster too. And perhaps the chat sites have served to help people give expression to their frustrations and hurts in this situation. I am grateful to each of you who have prayed and interceded for me. It has meant so much during my dark days. You'll never know just how much!

Now my kids are grown and I am alone ... but not really alone, although I have no husband. Now I belong to everyone and everyone belongs to me! And I still sing, "Thank you for being my family, thank you for being my friends: May God bless and keep you in all that you may do until we meet again!"

It is my goal to just make your journey and mine a little lighter and brighter. ***I have faith that the Lord still has a work for me to do, a new ministry. I am ready and available for church services, weeks of prayer, concerts, etc. as the Lord opens the doors.*** I do not know what my future holds, but God does and that's enough for me.

Just in closing I want to make an appeal to you to get out your binoculars, dust them off, bring them into focus and then

search. *Love your neighbor enough to be a Good Samaritan.* When he is broken and bleeding in the middle of the road, focus your binoculars with the love of Christ, but don't stop there; reach out and meet his need in his time of crisis. Christianity is not something that "just happens." True Christianity occurs when a decided action is taken ... when we search, when we fill a need, when we mend a broken heart and when we are just "there" for hurting people. There are a lot of them. But *there are too few Christians who focus their binoculars with love.*

Thank you for being my family! Stay close to the Shepherd!

Blessings to you and yours,

Linda Shelton

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### **Special News Bulletin!**

We have received the following special alert:

#### **Prayer Requests February 21**

#### ***Special Request***

God has impressed 3ABN's administrative staff that we need to call for a day of fasting and prayer to seek His face. This special season of prayer has been scheduled for:

Thursday, February 22, 2007, 9:30am-4:30pm

*Ten department heads will be gathering together at the Thompsonville Church to fast and pray during those hours—an Upper Room experience, if you will. 3ABN's Board of Directors, and leaders of several other ministries will be joining us in spirit in this effort.*

*We will alternate between group and individual prayer time for those seven hours. Our prayer focus will begin with repentance, consecration and a desire for united hearts (specifically to be one in spirit with the Lord, operating by the mind of Christ). We will be praying for the Holy Spirit to fall upon us as*

*He did on the day of Pentecost. Our goal is to seek God's guidance—asking Him to outline our plan of defense against Satan's attack, praying for Him to root out the enemy from within (giving them a change of heart and possibility of restoration), asking for ministry direction, praying for funds, and asking God's protection over the spiritual babes He has brought into the fold through 3ABN's ministry (that their faith will not be destroyed, and they will not be snared by the web of lies Satan is weaving).*

*Pray the Lord to cause us to hear His still, small voice, making clear His will for the direction we should take, as King Jehoshaphat did in 2 Chronicles, chapter 20, when—surrounded by his enemies (that God did not permit him to destroy)—he proclaimed a fast in all Judah, and assembled the people for prayer. We will look to the Lord for all the answers, and trust He will provide the plan for victory!*

In honor of 3ABN's day of fasting and prayer, we invite everyone to join with them in praying that God will reveal to them the true source of difficulty, the true enemy within.

We would also like to extend to them the offer that we will cease publishing additional material about the various allegations once an adequate plan is put into place to address the various issues in a thorough, impartial, meaningful, and Christian way, something we have been asking for for more than six months.

In the blessed hope,

Gailon Arthur Joy  
AURporter

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Letters of support for our efforts to save 3ABN and documentation that would help our efforts may be sent to AUReporter, or faxed to (206) 203-3751.

Please specify whether we may publish your letter of support, with or without your name attached.

Letters of concern may be sent as well.

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**Mollie Steenson**

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**From:** Trust Services  
**Sent:** Monday, May 07, 2007 9:38 AM  
**To:** Mollie Steenson  
**Subject:** FW: [Spam]Just wondering...

Dear Mollie,

I am forwarding this to you as you may wish to respond to this e-mail. I will print a copy for Leonard and Rita and they can respond when they return from Europe.

3ABN Trust Services

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**From:**  
**Sent:** Mon 5/7/2007 4:30 AM  
**To:** Trust Services  
**Subject:** [Spam]Just wondering...

Why should I give donations or put funds in this ministry until all of the allegations are cleared up? Why would Amazing Facts be a part of all of this? Does this mean that Amazing facts is condoning what is going on? Jesus is coming soon and this needs to be cleared up so that His work can go forward...The article below only states what thousands of people all over are thinking... Thank you very much,

 adventist today

ATNewsbreak  
 Reporting for Adventist moderates and progressives

May 1, 2007

An open letter to Danny Shelton:

*Editorial Comment: An earlier version of this open letter to Mr. Danny Shelton, dated April 26, 2007, was e-mailed to various Seventh-day Adventist organizations and denominational officers including Adventist Today, Ms. Mollie Steensen and Mr. Danny Shelton of 3ABN, Douglas Batchelor of Amazing Facts and the Office of the President of the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists. The original letter was not signed. Adventist Today does not publish anonymous communications, unless we have direct contact with the author, determine his or her standing including the purpose for writing the letter, and the reason for wishing the communication to be unsigned. This AToday has done. The letter writer states that he has multiple sources inside the 3ABN ministry. He has requested that his name be kept confidential and that the letter be signed only by his initials to avoid any possible embarrassment to members of his family. The letter writer does not want to see the church embarrassed by the problems at 3ABN. In the letter writer's view, these problems will "especially shake the foundation of faith of new converts to Adventism brought in*

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*by the ministry of 3ABN." – Erv Taylor, Executive Editor, AToday.*

Dear Mr. Shelton:

First, thank you for having the vision to create a satellite based SDA ministry to help spread the Gospel. You'll be remembered as the driving force behind 3ABN. There may be many stars in your crown in the Kingdom for your efforts. Along with Linda Shelton, you have done a wonderful thing by establishing a worldwide media platform for spreading the Gospel when our own church leaders failed to have the same vision.

Now, as with all entrepreneurs, there comes a time when it is right for your departure from the ministry. And, as with many entrepreneurs, you may have overstayed your time at 3ABN. Your continued involvement now stands to jeopardize all the good work you have done helping to spread God's message of Salvation.

Your presence at 3ABN increases the chances that wrongs you stand accused of doing, by employees of 3ABN, will become public knowledge ... way beyond 3ABN's audience and SDA Church members. This situation is explosive. It contains titillating elements the popular media loves in stories that show Christians in a negative way (abuse of power, money, sex, adultery, misuse of charitable funds, extravagant expenditures, pedophilia and homosexual behaviors by a minister of God). It has the potential to bring great shame upon the SDA Church – such as has never been seen in its almost 150 year history. You are the lightning rod that attracts criticism from many Seventh-day Adventist. Criticism, not because of whom you are or your background, but, because of your own questionable actions and possible wrong doings during your tenure at 3ABN. Power is very corrupting and it appears, unfortunately, that you and your family may have failed the test.

For too long, according to sources inside the ministry, you have been allowed to run 3ABN as your personal fiefdom, rewarding those you like, and persecuting or punishing those whom have lost your favor. The Board of Directors has been incredibly weak, lacking depth of character in applying sound judgment and proper oversight on the operations of 3ABN. They have failed to properly manage the ministry to keep it out of harms way. It now stands to lose some or all of its tax exemption standing in the State of Illinois. Collectively, your actions have jeopardize the charitable standing of the ministry and you have put all of our donations at risk – causing us to cheat the IRS if we have claimed past donations as charitable contributions -- when 3ABN's status as such is revoked.

Danny, our money was given to 3ABN in trust. These funds were not given to Danny Shelton. They were actually gifts to God from all of us who want to help spread His message of Salvation. We did not give our money and items of value to 3ABN for the personal benefit of you and your family. Once you began asking for broader financial support in donations from SDA Church members, your personal use of 3ABN should have ceased as you had a fiduciary duty to use these monies in an appropriate manner by employing them solely in the work of spreading the Gospel. As trustees for God's funds, you and the Board of Directors are held to high standards for their use. Unfortunately, it appears that the temptation to abuse your power of the purse may have proven too strong for your own soul.

Do you really think you are being persecuted, as you mentioned on a 3ABN broadcast a number of weeks ago when speaking a Conference President who had once been relieved duties by his constituency? You are not. You are, however, being called to account for your actions and

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asked to make things right. Your belief that you are being persecuted tells me the Holy Spirit is still working on your conscious. Ask for God's forgiveness and do not lose that beautiful crown He has waiting for you in His Kingdom. Unfortunately, the longer you stay at 3ABN, and the longer this mess festers, the longer Satan has to harden your heart against repenting publicly for your sins. You are placing your Heavenly reward in jeopardy. What a shame, you gain the whole world of 3ABN but you lose your own eternal soul.

I have been impressed by God to send you this message:

*"Mene, Mene, Tekel, Parsin"*

*Mene ...* God has numbered the days of your reign at 3ABN, and they are soon ended.

*Tekel ...* You have been weighed in God's balances and have failed the test.

Jesus said if you break one of "my" Commandments you are guilty of breaking them all.

*Thou Shalt Not Commit Adultery ...*

What happened to the sanctity of marriage in the SDA Church? Your third marriage took place just weeks after a stealth offshore divorce from Linda Shelton was granted. According to Linda's own web site, where she refutes your allegations of adultery, it was a short 3 ½ month period from your first accusation against her to the date your divorce was granted. That hardly seems to be enough time to seek spiritual counsel to save a marriage. If the allegations of adultery that you and the 3ABN Board of Directors have publicly made against Linda Sue Shelton do not hold true, then yourself are guilty of committing adultery in the eyes of God. Statement number 23 of the Fundamental Beliefs of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church on 'Marriage and the Family' (see [www.adventist.org](http://www.adventist.org)) states, "Regarding divorce, Jesus taught that the person who divorces a spouse, except for fornication, and marries another, commits adultery."

In my opinion, individuals whom entered into questionable "quickie" divorces and then subsequently marries another in a matter of just weeks should not be a public face of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church. Yes, I know 3ABN is not "owned" by the Church and may not receive Church funds directly. It does, however, receive direct ongoing Church support through broadcasting of Church developed or sponsored programming, by frequently broadcasting from local SDA Churches, and by near daily appearances of Church employee's as guests or speakers on 3ABN. Your network was also given the privilege of broadcasting the recent General Conference meetings held in St. Louis. As President of 3ABN and its primary representative, you are a de facto spokesperson for the worldwide Seventh-Day Adventist Church.

*Thou Shalt Not Steal ...*

Allegations made by others suggest there have been questionable book royalty deals between yourself and 3ABN. Your family also stands accused of not paying fair value to the ministry for certain gifts given by donors to 3ABN but now in the possession of the Shelton family. An expensive grand piano has been mentioned. It is suggested that you also gave donations of up to \$20,000 in 3ABN funds to a local public high school for

purchase of new gym equipment. I gave my money to 3ABN to help spread the Gospel ... not to help enhance your personal esteem in the local community. Danny, most shocking are allegations suggesting you might be enjoying new furniture paid for by the ministry but delivered to your home instead of the 3ABN set for which it was purchased. I understand that 3ABN got your old living room furniture. Be that as it may, I personally accused you of abusing power by spending 3ABN funds unwisely and frivolously on a private jet aircraft. Dateline NBC advanced the same embarrassing criticism when they did their revealing exposé of corruption the Benny Hinn Ministry. Spending ministry money for your personal comfort instead of being a good steward and flying on less expensive commercial aircraft, albeit a bit more inconvenient is in very bad taste. It shows poor judgment on the part of the Board of Directors when those funds could have been better spent on other things to help advance God's cause. Jesus suffered on the cross for our salvation. Couldn't you suffer a bit too by flying on commercial flights instead of using an obscenely expensive Cessna Citation jet?

*Thou Shalt not Lie ... Thou Shalt not bear False Witness*

I was incredibly saddened to learn of Linda's sudden departure from 3ABN almost two years ago. After all, it was her on-air presence that first drew my attention to the ministry. She is largely responsible for opening the heart of this backsliding SDA member to reaffirm his commitment to Jesus Christ. She has a wonderful comforting way of communicating and 3ABN lost a great asset when her employment was abruptly terminated. Shamefully, you and others at 3ABN perpetrated lies about Linda Shelton's departure, including members of the captive Board of Directors. If I am wrong, prove me so by agreeing to the public ASI sponsored hearings that she has requested and you seem to be making every effort to avoid. Let the truth see the light of day. If I am wrong, I herewith publicly apologize and ask for your forgiveness. However, I have no reason to question the truth of Linda Shelton's own statements. You believe she is wrong, has committed adultery, and you have evidence to prove that fact. If so, publicly show the evidence you say you have against her to prove that you yourself are not guilty of committing adultery.

*Parsin ... Your 3ABN kingdom will be divided and given to Amazing Facts and to those at 3ABN untouched by your family's corruption.*

Why do you still have a web-link on the 3ABN web page to your brother's personal web site when it is public knowledge that he has been a sexual predator / pedophile in the past? I give you the names of Pastor Brad Dunning, Duane and Roger Clem to name a few victims of Tommy Shelton's inappropriate sexual advances who have come forward publicly. Many e-mails are found on [www.save3abn.org](http://www.save3abn.org), as you are well aware that confirm these facts.

In conclusion, Danny, it is time for you to Repent. Publicly acknowledge your sins against Church members who have supported 3ABN in the past. Ask for forgiveness. Pay back any funds you and your family may owe the ministry from your past misappropriation or misuse of 3ABN assets.

Sadly, as a result of what appear to be unacceptable mistakes and inappropriate actions by yourself and the 3ABN Board of Directors, I along with many others, have made the decision to stop our financial support of 3ABN until there is an honest "spring" cleansing of its management. We have no other recourse to take except to withhold funds from 3ABN to help impress upon the leaders of the Seventh-day Adventist Church that the time has come for serious action. I ask that senior leaders of the General Conference get directly involved if Pastor Batchelor and the new 3ABN Board of Directors can not see the importance of cleansing the temple of SDA media of its nemesis.

5/7/2007

Danny, please save us all further embarrassment and quietly leave 3ABN before you end up destroying the ministry and its ability to be effective in saving souls.

Your brother in Christ,

DER of Palm Springs, California

P.S. – I don't know Linda Shelton. I have never met nor spoken with her or had any form of communication with her before this e-mail. All I know is ... she may have been unjustly accused and publicly persecuted by Danny Shelton and people beholden to him for their positions and / or incomes.

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Referral URL: <http://www.namesdirect.com>  
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Name Server: NS2.BLUEHOST.COM  
Status: clientDeleteProhibited  
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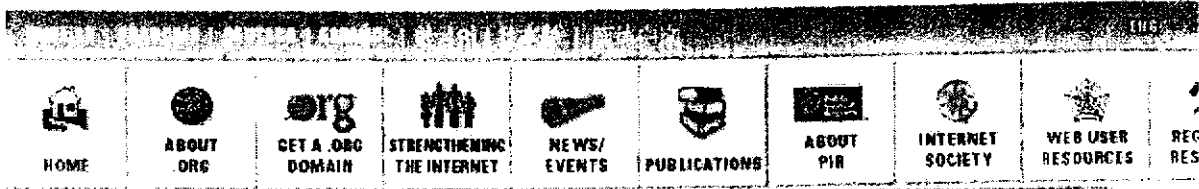
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### **Gerald Duffy to Gailon Joy: "Cease & Desist!"**

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In desperation at the growing crisis, not wanting to consider stepping aside, unwilling to explain the growing number of allegations, wishing to silence any and all opposition, and resistant to the idea of apologizing for his many alleged lies, Danny Shelton secured a cease and desist letter from a Minneapolis law firm. This letter was sent to Gailon Arthur Joy on January 30, 2007.

Why a Minneapolis law firm when D. Michael Riva of West Frankfort is usually the one who handles such things? Perhaps Gailon Joy is not quite as bumbling and fumbling as Danny Shelton would have us believe, and thus Danny has to resort to a firm with greater expertise.

Yet the fact that the law firm was out of Minneapolis and has been used in the past by Garwin McNeilus, a long-time supporter of 3ABN, is troubling. We trust that McNeilus is not involved in any way in the cover up of the various allegations of the Danny Shelton Corruption Scandal.

One thing that is definitely certain is that the cease and desist letter below makes no threat whatsoever of litigation, suggesting that there probably is no legal basis for its demands.

Comments will follow.

### **"Cease & Desist!"**

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January 30, 2007

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*VIA E-MAIL - [Gabbjoy@comcast.net](mailto:Gabbjoy@comcast.net)  
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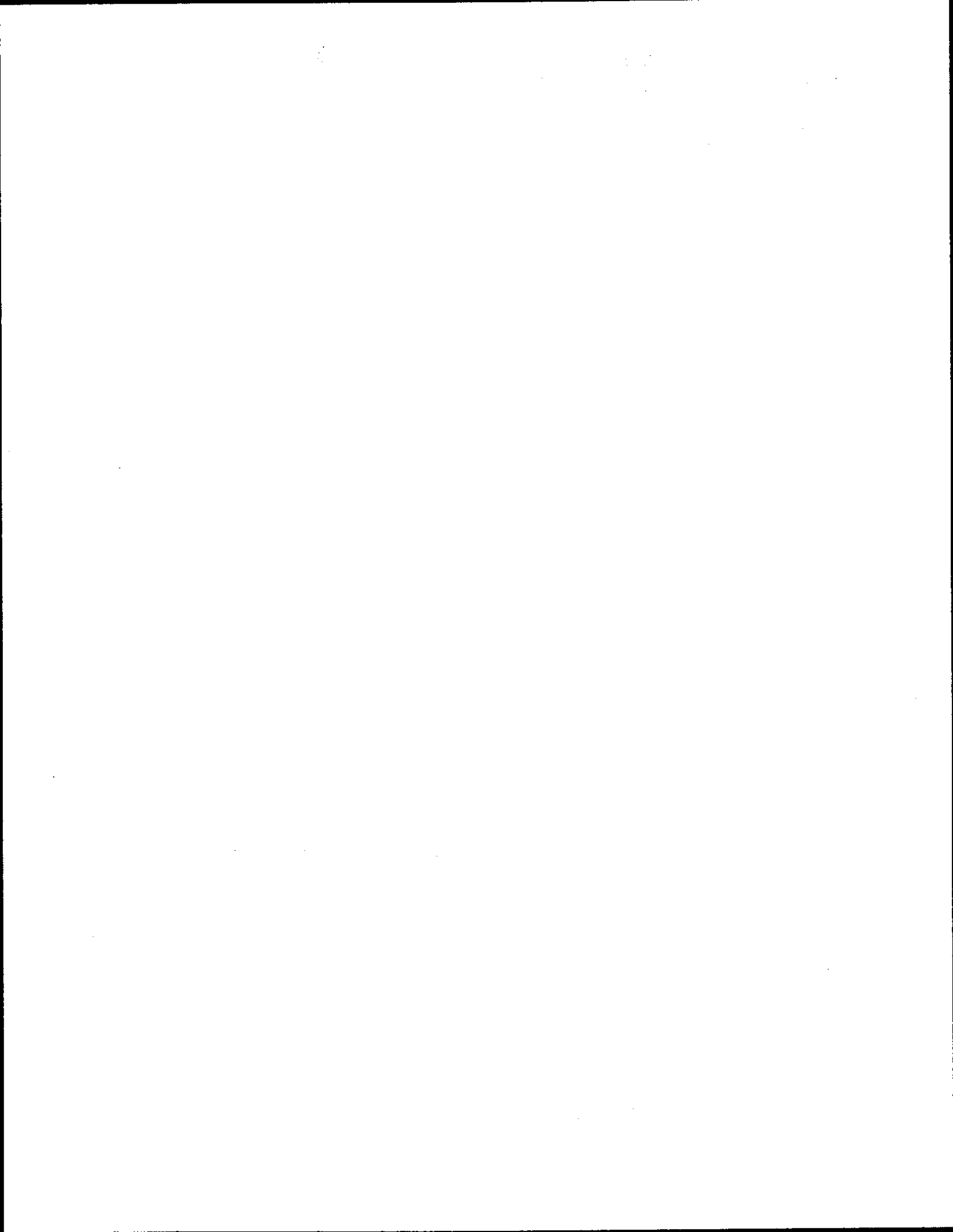
Gailon Arthur Joy:

This law firm represents Mr. Danny Shelton and the Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc. ("3ABN"), which has informed us that you are involved in the use and exploitation of 3ABN's trademarked, copyrighted name in your website, "[www.save3abn.com](http://www.save3abn.com)." Use of 3ABN's name without our client's license or other authorization to do so constitutes an illegal misappropriation of the same, in violation of state and federal copyright and trademark laws. Additionally, use of the phrase "3ABN" in your domain name is likely to cause confusion among the public as to the source,

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sponsorship or affiliation of your website, resulting in dilution of 3ABN's trademark, which is a separate and additional violation of federal law.

It has also come to our attention that you have inappropriately copied and posted a lengthy excerpt from a 3ABN broadcast on the website referred to above. This action constitutes a violation of 3ABN's exclusive copyright on all audio and video productions created by the Network and on all television transmissions of the same, and is a blatant violation of federal law. Moreover, the presence of this excerpted broadcast serves to heighten the likelihood that the public will be confused into believing that your website is somehow



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## Danny Shelton's July 2006 Financial Affidavit

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### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

FRANKLIN COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN RE: THE MARRIAGE OF )  
 )  
LINDA SUE SHELTON, )  
 )  
Petitioner, )  
 )  
 )  
vs. ) No. 05-D-30  
 )  
DANNY LEE SHELTON, )  
 )  
 )  
Respondent. )

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### FINANCIAL AFFIDAVIT

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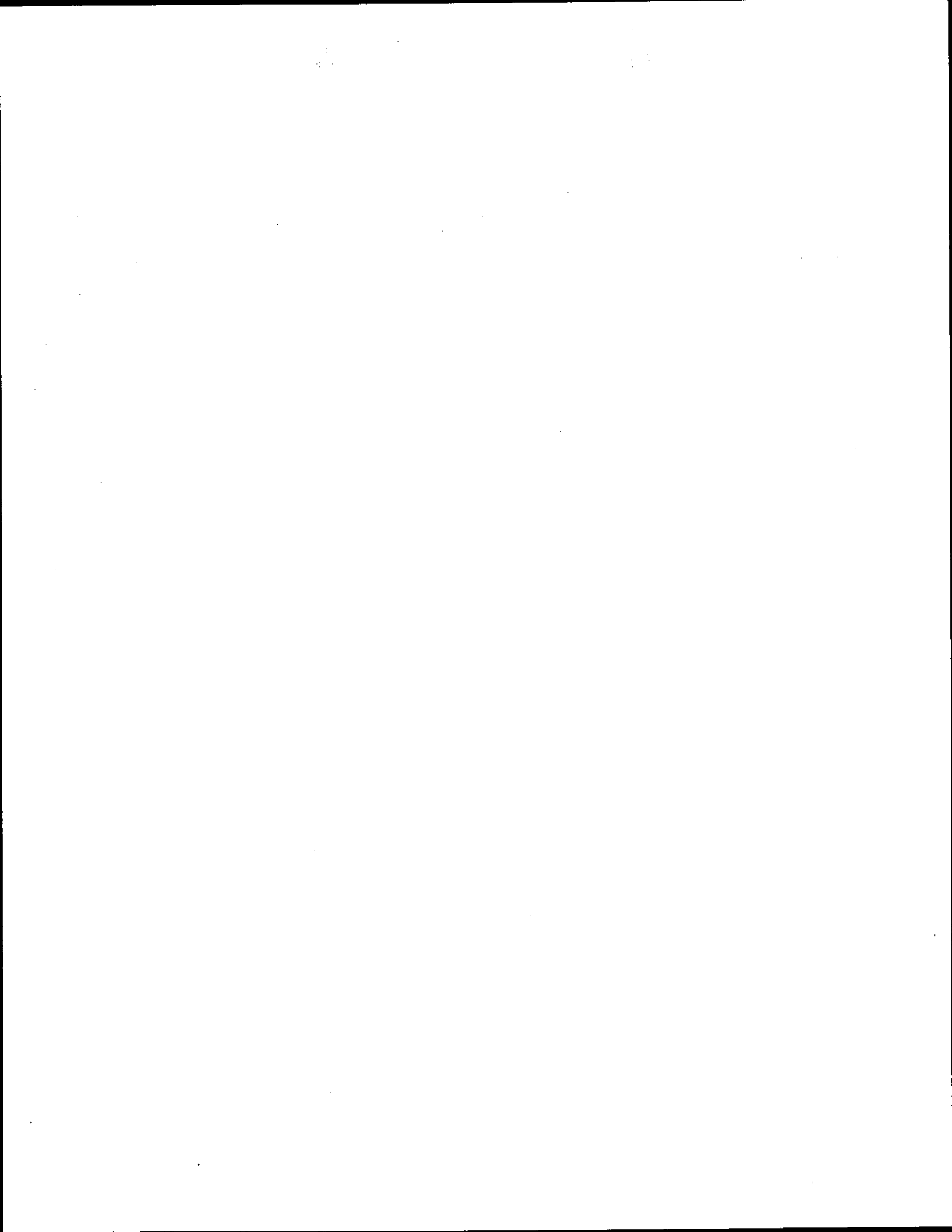
I, Danny L. Shelton, on oath state that my present age is 55, and that:

(b) (POST-JUDGMENT ONLY): The marriage of the parties was dissolved on June 25, 2004.

Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Section 1-109 of the Code of Civil Procedure, the undersigned certifies that the statements set forth in this instrument are true and correct, except as to matters therein stated to be on information and belief, and as to such matters the undersigned certifies as aforesaid that he verily believes the same to be true.

DATED: 7/13, 2006.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Danny L. Shelton



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**Danny Shelton's Book Deals**

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**"Probably Several Hundred Thousand Dollars"**

In the early days of the present 3ABN crisis, a former 3ABNer commented on 3ABN president Danny Shelton's book significance:

----- Original Message -----

**From:** \*\*\*\*\*

**To:** G. Arthur Joy

**Subject:** RE: MAP

**Date:** Tue, 19 Sep 2006 17:02:39 -0700

Hello Gailon,

...

I have wondered about the numbers. When I spoke with Danny about a month or so ago, he insisted that n were up by a couple of million. But when I spoke with a board member he indicated that the finances were well, in part relating to a tremendous amount of money 3ABN put into the "Ten Commandments Twice R- Book" which was distributed by the millions during the spring. I am quite certain that Danny received roy; this, probably to the tune of several hundred thousand dollars, although he is refusing to disclose the amou own board members. This is a gross conflict of interest and also an improper personal inurement that coul ministry to lose its tax exempt status if it came to light. ...

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**Danny Appears to Confirm the Problem**

One concerned individual, after hearing that Danny was not disclosing these profits in order to avoid having to share t in their marital property settlement, wrote to him directly. Danny made it quite clear that he was indeed keeping these the marital property distribution proceedings. But why would he do that, unless he really had made a hefty profit?

**The July 13, 2006, Financial Affidavit**

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**Not Much Money in the Bank?**



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Danny lists only two bank accounts in the affidavit, one containing \$1,500 and the other containing \$1,000. Since around his book, *Ten Commandments Twice Removed*, were distributed in the spring of 2006, and since Danny's personal he did make a lot of money on those sales, why does he list only \$2,500 in those two bank accounts?

### On the Other Hand ...

The amount declared in the affidavit for charitable contributions, \$500, suggests that there couldn't have been any royalties. The declared gross monthly income is \$5,991, and the charitable contributions are but 8.35% of this total.

After subtracting the taxes that got withheld, but before figuring in what the tax refund might be, the declared net monthly income is \$5,991. Thus the charitable contributions would amount to 11.57% of this figure. Given the Seventh-day Adventist teaching on tithing, it seems impossible that \$500 in contributions could represent tithe and offerings on both Danny's salary from 3ABN. thousands of dollars of alleged profits from book deals.

The declared gross monthly income figure of \$5,991 should be about right, since that would amount to \$71,892 for the year, comparable to the annual salary of \$70,944 reported for Danny on 3ABN's 2005 Form 990. (See Statement 9 on page "Information" attached to the Form 990.)

### 3ABN Area: Low Housing Costs

Since we are talking about the financial affidavit, we'll add this one item that doesn't pertain to royalties. Based on the appearance that right around 3ABN is an excellent place to find low-cost housing. Consider that Danny has declared that his home is worth only \$275,000. Just how much can one get for that sum? Our understanding is that his home has the following features:

- 4 bedrooms.
- 4 full baths.
- 1 half bath.
- 5000+ sq. ft.
- 2-car garage.
- Wrap-around porch.
- 18½ acres.
- Large pond.
- Large horse barn.
- Paved driveway.
- Swimming pool.

For comparison, consider the higher-priced area of West Frankfort, not very far away at all. (Actually, it's so close that the address is West Frankfort too.) There we have a home being offered for sale in March 2007 for \$204,300, a listing with 257978. Located at 18297 Lone Oak Terrace in the Forrest Ridge subdivision, you just can't get as much for your money in 3ABN:

#### Description

**Wooded-Cul-De-Sac-Over an Acre** Beautiful wooded lot in a country subdivision is the location for the well maintained home featuring a great room well arranged to entertain a large group or a cozy family evening. Large arched windows, crown molding, well designed kitchen with all appliances, dining room, master bedroom suite, with jet tub and separate shower in master bath.

#### Features

3 beds

2 baths  
2358 Sq. Ft.  
1.18 Acres

**Lot Features**

Lot Dimensions (203x210x235x28)  
Lot Topography (Wooded-Gently Rolling)  
Road Type (County)  
Sewer Utilities (Aerator)  
View (Wooded)  
Water Utilities (City)

**Building Features**

Cooling System (Central)  
First Floor Sq Ft (2,358)  
Gross Living Area Sq Ft (2,358)  
Heating System (Geo Thermal Electric)

**Interior Features**

Bedroom 2 Dim (12x11.5)  
Bedroom 3 Dim (12.5x112)  
Dining Room Dim (12.5x12)  
Great Room Dim (35x19.5)  
Kitchen Dim (11.4x14.2)

**Appliances**

Dishwasher  
Disposal  
Microwave  
Range/Oven  
Refrigerator

**Exterior Features**

Parking (2 car attached)

(Found on [DonnaPrattHomes.com](http://DonnaPrattHomes.com) on March

**On Second Thought ...**

On second thought, is it at all possible that this financial affidavit does not reflect reality, that Danny's house is worth \$275,000, that he does have a lot more than \$2,500 in two bank accounts, that he is trying to hide his book deal profit: have to fork over more to the lady he divorced and called an adulteress when he had no proof to that effect? Then that more sense out of comments by folks who live around Thompsonville and West Frankfort who think Danny is quite a millionaire.

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#### **April 6, 2004: "You Need Marriage Counseling"**

Before we look at Danny Shelton's email of September 8, 2004, we're going to backtrack just a little to April 6, 2004. It was on that date that Linda's brother-in-law wrote Danny and recommended the counseling services of Larry Ryan. Notice that Larry Ryan was from an area code that corresponds to the Wichita, Kansas, area. He also served at some point as a pastor of West Valley Church of the Nazarene in Yakima, Washington.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** \*\*\*\*\*  
**To:** Danny Shelton  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 06, 2004 10:14 PM

Your ministry and marriage are in trouble at this time. \*\*\*\*\* and I have a strong desire for you to call Larry Ryan at (home 316-\*\*\*-\*\*\*\*) (cell 316-\*\*\*-\*\*\*\*). He is more qualified than anyone to help the two of you work through this. Your marriage and the ministry is worth saving. I will check back with you to ensure you and Linda have followed through. Be vulnerable and open your heart and listen to the "still small voice" which is our Lord Jesus Christ. To do this you MUST BE QUIET.

#### **April 15, 2004: Trip to the Marriage Counselors**

When did Danny and Linda go to see the Ryans? The following email tells us that it was on April 15.

Bear in mind that Danny and Linda differ in their accounts of what exactly the Ryans said.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Danny Shelton  
**To:** Linda Shelton  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 24, 2004 8:19 AM

Linda Sue,

Remember, the Nazarene counselors to you that you have no right to tell this man bad

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things about me and our marriage because this was spiritual adultery. You agreed and said you could see that this was wrong.

On the flight home April 15, you promised not to talk to him again for two weeks, all the while planning on calling him the next day to tell him everything that went on. I have the phone records to prove it.

...

Love is forever!

Danny

### Danny Shelton's Email of September 8, 2004

Okay, now we are ready for Danny's email of September 8, 2004. In that email he appears to acknowledge that Linda was "innocent" up to at least the time that she spoke with Larry Ryan and his wife Gayla on April 15. Thus we have Danny on record as saying that Linda was "sure" that her "intentions were pure" up through at least that date. His gripe is not that Linda was immoral prior to April 15, but that Dr. Abrahamsen's "intentions for you were selfish."

Also in this email:

- Danny offers to resign "in a minute" from 3ABN if it would prove to Linda that he didn't "get rid of" her "for personal reasons."
- Danny states his conviction that God wanted them to reconcile rather than marry someone else.
- He again speaks of Linda's traveling to Europe after the divorce without mentioning:
  - Her medical reasons for doing so.
  - Her going to see Elder Johann and Irmgard Thorvaldsson.
  - Nathan's intention of accompanying her on one of those trips.
- Danny admits that he may have been talking and acting inappropriately prior to April 15, which is one of the reasons Linda claimed that she needed to make the phone calls.

As far as his claims of wanting "nothing to do with anyone else at this point in my life," that apparent resolution was short-lived, as we shall see later.

Again we want to say that we believe that Danny's likening Dr. Arild Abrahamsen to chocolate-coated horse dung is totally inappropriate.

None of the emails on this page were provided to us by Linda Shelton.

----- Original Message -----

From: Danny Shelton

To: Linda Shelton

Sent: Wednesday, September 08, 2004 12:11 PM

The Lord impressed me to write you this early this morning.

"The deception is in your perception!"

Think about it. Just because you perceived this relationship with this man to be innocent in the beginning, doesn't make it so.

While others, wise in years, and spiritual discernment, could see this man's intentions for you were selfish, you could not.

That's where you should have listened to the multitude of counselors, that the bible talks about.

You were so sure that your intentions were pure, that you ignored unbiased counsel like that from Larry and Gaila Ryan, who told you this relationship had to stop. The bible says the "HEART IS DECEITFUL ABOVE ALL THINGS". Linda, your heart deceived you. It still is. You have to know in your heart that even though we are divorced by man, that God would not have you in a relationship with another man that you are so close to that you would never look back at reconciliation. Without this man in your life, it is still possible that it would happen.

After the last two trips to Norway with him traveling all over Europe together, even your most ardent supporters now believe this has turned into a boyfriend girlfriend sexual relationship between you two. Why would anyone ever be able to feel differently.

Linda, if you had really planned on being in ministry you should have taken the higher road as your song says. You should be above reproach.

"The deception is in your perception"!

Please don't burn all your bridges back home, I believe that you are going to need them later, when the deception is broken.

I love you with all my heart. There is just nothing I can do for you right now to prove it. I cannot compromise 3ABN. It's bigger than us. If resigning would prove to you that this was not just a move to get rid of you for personal reasons, I would do it in a minute. But at this point I don't think that would help either.

When your perception of the deception is broken by God, you will see this relationship that you have bit into as a pile of horse dung that had chocolate coating. He was never a piece of chocolate cake for your life. He deceived you with words just like Satan did Eve in the garden of Eden.

Love is Forever!

Dan

ps. Linda, I've said all along that you would eventually have a physical relationship with this man. The Wichita counselors told you that too. You know the truth. You will deny it to man, but you cannot to God. Even if I had failed you, you should have gotten out of this relationship and tried to put ours back together. Instead, by early May, I heard you and he on the phone planning your vacations together to Scandinavia, and Las Vegas, and New York. I also heard you ask him to come across the ocean and rescue you from me. I also heard you tell him that you completely trusted him and I also heard you tell him that you

were glad that he didn't dump you when you sent him an email telling him that you were breaking off your relationship with him. Linda, all of that was sin. Even if you thought I was wrong in how I was treating you, you had no business in keeping that relationship alive. By all rights, you should have broken off that relationship to take the higher road regardless of what I was saying and how I am acted.

I am doing that now. There are already a number of women who have heard that we are divorce and want to get in the picture. But even though I believe with all of my heart you are in the wrong. I want nothing to do with anyone else at this point in my life. I have to give God time to work a miracle! Can't you see that. You should not be traveling around the world with this man. Rumor has it that he is planning on being back in the US and traveling with you in Oct. Anyway you and me should be spending time alone like your web page says that you've been doing the last several months.

I may have wasted my time, but I felt the Lord impressed me to write this. If there is truth in what I have written I'm asking God to prick your heart when you read this and help you to be miserable your last week in Norway with this man! Yes, you can swallow these feelings in you chose, but I believe that God will prick your heart!

### Between April 15 and April 27: Biblical Grounds for Divorce?

Just 12 days after the counseling session of April 15, Danny declared that Linda "no longer has a chance ... to ... save her marriage" since she had hidden his gun. What sort of chance is there that Linda committed fornication between April 15 and April 27, and thus gave Danny biblical grounds for divorce?

If Danny was willing to resign "in a minute" from 3ABN to prove to Linda that he didn't dump her "for personal reasons," is he willing to resign for the much graver allegation that he dumped her without having biblical grounds for doing so, and lied about it all?

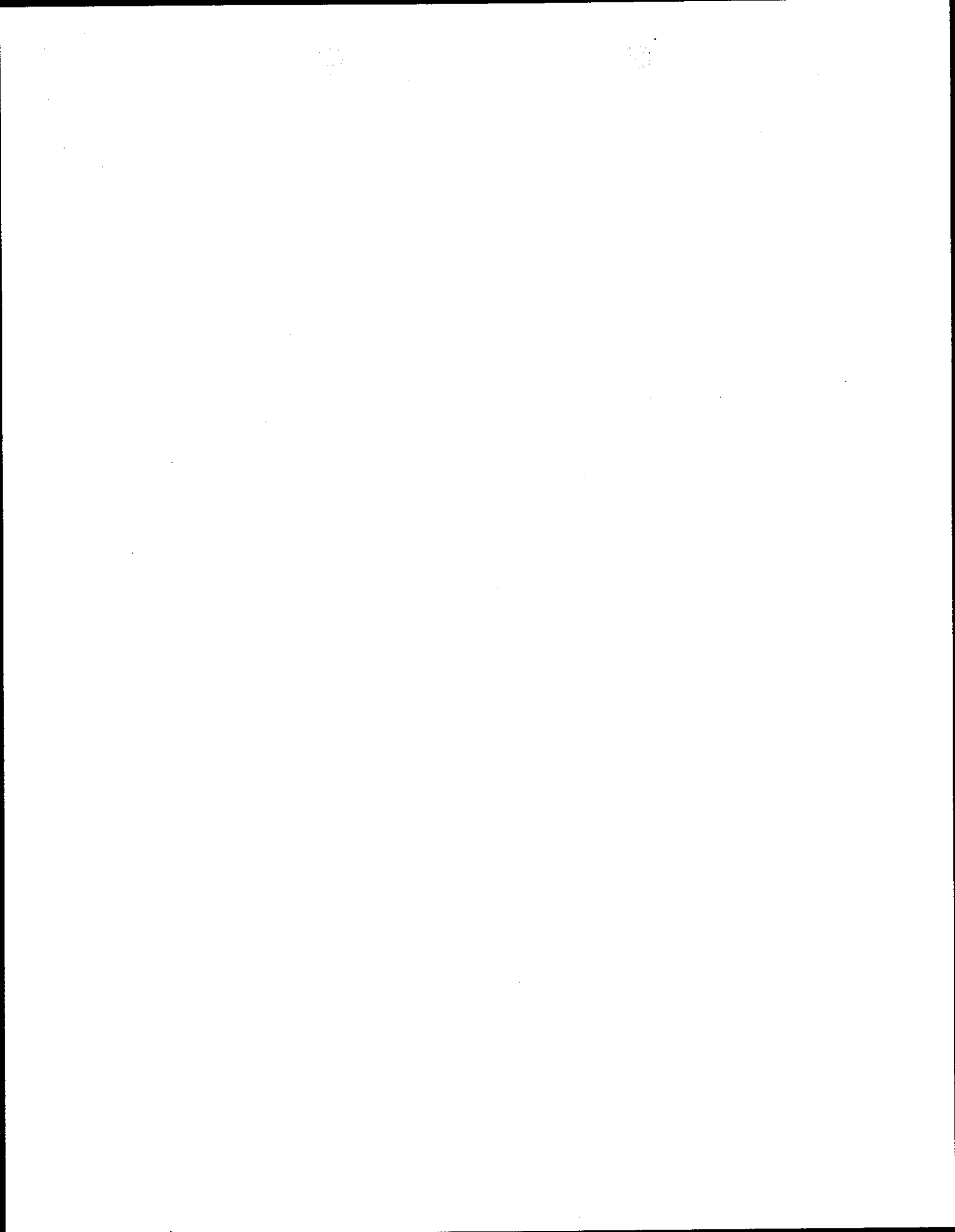
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### September 24, 2004: "Happy Sabbath!"

This series of communications begins with the following short email from 3ABN president Danny Shelton, "the love of [Linda's] life." He writes to his ex-wife of three months, and his ex-vice president and ex-co-founder of perhaps not quite four months.

----- Original Message -----  
**From:** Danny Shelton  
**To:** Linda Shelton  
**Sent:** Friday, September 24, 2004 8:37 PM

Happy Sabbath!

from: the love of your life!

### September 24, 2004: "Therapeutic for Me to Vent"

Three months after the divorce, Linda tells "the love of her life" her perspective. She feels Danny overreacted, and she remembers his many tears, but she claims that he admits to no mistakes.

----- Original Message -----  
**From:** Linda Shelton  
**To:** Danny Shelton  
**Subject:** Re:  
**Sent:** Friday, September 24, 2004 10:29 PM

I know this has never sunk in when you've heard it before. I know you're more concerned about how you feel as opposed to how I feel. But I guess it's therapeutic for me to vent and let you hear it one more time. But you not only destroyed me, you killed me. You used me to try to cover your mistakes. You over-reacted, you had a pity party with too many people which inevitably destroyed my character in this church. Bad news travels fast. I think it shocked you that it happened so fast...in fact, in about 3 weeks I was done. I remember your tears. Many tears...but it was too late. And now you continue to use me as the scapegoat. You know, I know and God knows that you can never, ever backtrack from what you've done or what you've said. The damage is repairable, but only at your expense...and you're not willing to put your neck on the line, even if it means making things right. You know Dan, like I said recently, I admit and have publically admitted that I could have exercised better wisdom during the time of crisis. But you admit to no wrong.

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I think if I were you I'd be concerned about this. Although you see things your way...maybe, just maybe you're wrong. Maybe you did over-react and stick your foot in your mouth. Maybe you did act in anger not knowing what the results would be. Maybe there is a bit of blood on your hands. As sinners born with carnal natures, we can never be too sure. Can we??

No, I probably will never get over this. It's been worse than a nightmare, because it goes beyond what a human mind can imagine. But I'll always know the truth. No matter how you try to sugar-coat it, I know the truth. I guess I am an extremist when it comes to positive thinking because somehow I think you can't really be that bad. You can't really have done what you did. You can't really continue to do what you do. And really someday you will make things right. But I suppose I'm delusional. My mistakes were mistakes but your mistakes were vicious attacks. May God have mercy on you. Many really miss my ministry that God gave me to do. Can man mess up God's plans at times?? Ask John the Baptist. Ask Peter. Ask the martyrs. Does God have plan B?? Sure He does and I'm asking Him to put me there. Dan, it's a crying shame!!

Have a nice life.

### September 24, 2004: "You Have to Acknowledge All of the Above and More Was Wrong"

Linda very clearly in the above email accused Danny of not admitting to any mistakes even though she had. Below is his reply in which he has an excellent opportunity to prove her wrong.

As mentioned previously, we do not condone Danny's choice of language in the first paragraph.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Danny Shelton  
**To:** Linda Shelton  
**Subject:** Re: Re:  
**Sent:** Friday, September 24, 2004 11:33 PM

Linda Sue, You sound so much like Kenny when you say you made some mistakes. I've yet to hear you say that this Dr. situation has been a pile of poop in our life. Not a piece of chocolate cake that you desire but can't have. Let me hear you say specifically what you have done. What mistakes do you admit to? Let me tell you a few important ones, as I see them.

[80 words about phone calls and Linda's February 7th broadcast.]

3. Buying tickets behind my back and planning on going on vacation to Florida with him behind my back. It doesn't make any difference whether Brenda was going with you or not, it was still wrong. ...

[339 words regarding allegedly planned trips, phone calls, phone cards, and a cell phone, bringing the mistakes Linda has to admit to up to 7.]

Linda, I could go on and on but I've said enough for you to get the point that at some time

in your life you will have to confess these sins to the Lord if you want his blessings on your new ministry. And at some point if you want to come back and start over with me, you have to at least acknowledge all of the above and more was wrong. You gave your heart to that man a long time ago.

Linda, your sins are destroying your ministry that God called you to do. Not mine or anyone else's but yours. You need to understand that.

I did not over react. I did the only thing that I knew how to do to keep you from going into the arms of another man and destroying our 20 yr marriage and ministry together. Had I slapped you around it would have been wrong. Had I done nothing but watch it all, I would have been wrong. I tried to intervene by getting spiritual counselors that I thought you would listen to. You did not and still don't.

Mark Finley told you the FIRST thing you had to do to start restoration was to drop the Dr. and you have refused. I will not be in a relationship with you as long as you think that this man is your friend and you want to run to him everytime something doesn't go your way.

Before I will let that happen, I am willing to stay away from the woman I love more than anything in the world, for the rest of my life. I could not live under those terms.

I have to see some actions on your part about dropping this Dr. first. Otherwise don't call and ask me questions about how it's going to be if you come back to 3ABN. I will NEVER take you back as long as you're so deceived that you think this man is your friend. He, not me, will ultimately be your destruction here and possibly in the eternity.

Please quit pointing your finger to me and ask God to show you the truth about what you have done. This man is not going to marry you. If he did, he will not treat you like a queen, making over your beauty and giving you back rubs and foot rubs, and allowing you to run freely with his money. He wants a Suzy homemaker. This relationship will end one way or the other. It will not last as it was spond by the devil. He knew your price, to get you to give your heart to another man.

It may have started innocent enough on your part, but it has become a far cry from innocent many months ago. As a Professional, he knew he was destroying your relationship with me all along. He coveted you and has now deceived you.

I've thought about this too Linda. I'm not willing to go back to that misery of always knowing you were driving around talking to him for hours at a time planning ways to be together all behind my back. I can never take anything like that again. It nearly tore my heart out. I truly hope it never happens to you!

I'll always love you. You are the love of my life. If we get together again, there will never be room for the Dr. or any other man in our life, the rest of our lives. The marriage counselors told me privately that 10 men can't fill the emotional needs that you have now. They said this Dr. will never satisfy you when it's just you and him. You will never satisfy each other. You two would never trust each other either because down deep, you both know what you have done, and you know it is wrong and sin.

Love is forever!

from the love of your life  
to the love of my life.

ps. I miss the old Linda terribly. Please do the right thing.

If it doesn't work for us, please let's don't be enemies. God could not bless either of us if we hate each other. We have to forgive. Linda I have already forgiven you. That's why I'm able to help you for the last several months. I just want to love you.

My oh my! Just imagine what his emails would be like if he had not forgiven her!

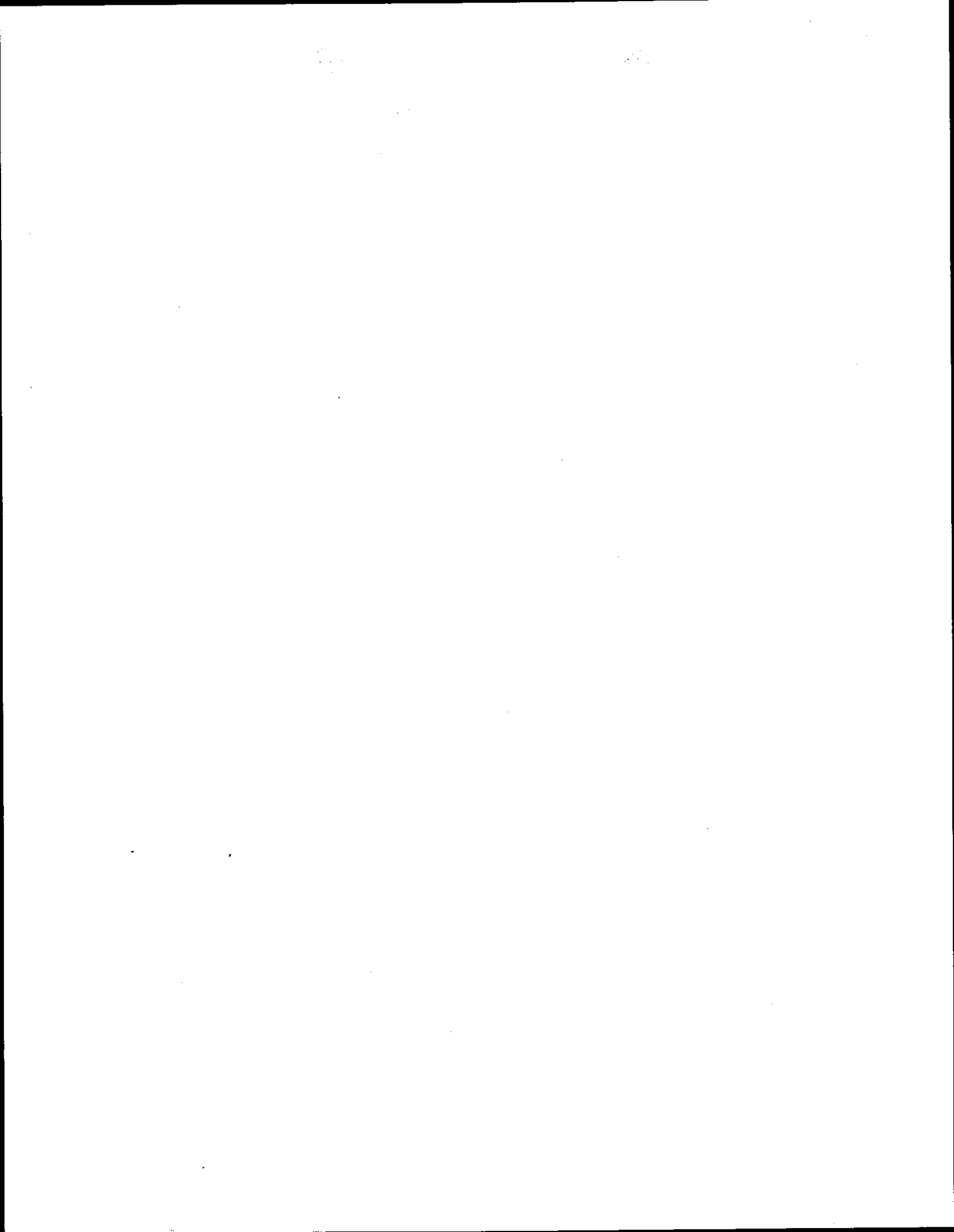
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### **"None of Your Business If I Have a Girlfriend Named Brandy"**

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#### **February 8, 2005: First Email About Brandy**

The following email by 3ABN president Danny Shelton is the earliest documentation we currently have of Danny having a new girlfriend named Brandy, the young lady he eventually married. There are reports that their relationship may have become noticeable at 3ABN around October 2004. Additionally, Danny himself informed a pastor at the ASI Convention in Grapevine, Texas, at lunch on Sabbath, August 5, 2006, that Brandy had been chasing him for 17 years, and that he finally gave in by marrying her.

#### **9 Hours 4 Minutes Before the Carrot**

The significance of the following email is that it was written just 9 hours and 4 minutes prior to [Danny's email](#) that held out a carrot to Linda of remarrying him and coming back to 3ABN.

At 1:20 AM: "... if I wanted to have a girlfriend now whether it would be a Brandy or a Jane Doe, it would be none of your business ...." At 10:24 AM: "I'm willing to talk to you about reconciliation of marriage and ministry." Now if you were in Linda's shoes, is it at all possible that your brain might become mush? And what if this kind of thing went on for 20 years?

We admit, some of Danny's accusations, allegations, and trashing leave unanswered questions, and some may wonder why Linda apparently hasn't had the sense to address some of these concerns in a forceful, direct, determined, concise, well-articulated, and convincing way. But then again, there are likely those who have been in similar situations that can guess why she hasn't done much of that at all.

#### **Other Points of Interest**

We can add a few comments about the accusations below:

- Linda has had concerns about her future financial security, compounded by fears that she may have trouble being employed in a ministry due to being branded as an adulteress. If Danny's accusations about her wanting more money from 3ABN are true, this might be the reason for her enquiry about getting a larger settlement.
- Danny admits that there are others than Linda who have felt wronged by him over the years. He mentions a gentleman named Steve in particular.
- Sometimes people assert that Danny doesn't run 3ABN, that the board does. In this email Danny thrice states that the board will not approve something unless he agrees to it.
- Danny asserts that he is ready to make public all his evidence against Linda. Yet even though it's been 49 days since Linda asked on [February 15, 2007](#), that he do that very thing, he still hasn't done so.

And perhaps that last point is one of the best ways to look at Danny's oft repeated allegations of vacations for now. If he really has so much proof and evidence of such things, and of Linda giving him biblical grounds for remarriage, even though [he admits](#) that he had no such grounds for divorce, why is he so hesitant to release that

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evidence, especially when Linda has requested that he do so?

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Now if he finally delivers on what he so often claims that he has, then maybe we can take a different position.

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**From:** Danny Shelton

**To:** Linda Shelton

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 08, 2005 1:20 AM

Linda, if you have something in mind you should let me know. If you want more money, you need to give me a reason why. If 3ABN gives you more money and you promise not to sue again, what's to make us think you won't turn around and sue after you spend that money also.

You should know that I don't think that this board is going to give you any kind of second settlement unless I agree to it. I know you would like to work around me, but my educated guess is, that it's not going to happen without me in the loop, and rightfully so. I am still President and CEO.

My board members tell me you are spreading pure smut about me and telling them that I have been a con all along. You have the same problem as Steve. That same demon has jumped on you too. If I've been a con all along, then why did you go along with it? You tell people the FBI and whomever is investigating me and you don't want me to go to jail, ect, ect. But the truth is, first of all, my accountants will confirm I've done nothing wrong, and secondly if there had been mismanagement going on, you also would have to answer as you were the Vice President all along.

You surely can see the similarities between you and Steve now! You have become a garbage collector just like him. And you know what? My board members aren't buying any of your garbage! They can see that you are only out to try to destroy me and this ministry.

The only chance of you ever getting back in this ministry is when you realize that this man has been a pile of poop in your life and not a piece of chocolate cake. I told you that from the beginning. You didn't listen then and you are still not listening. Please quit doing what you have seen so many others before you do, and that is trying to fight God's channel of blessing, 3ABN, and thinking that you are really fighting me.

If you want to talk to Nick along with your lawyer that's OK., I've encouraged him to talk to you both. At this point I am ready for you to break your word and contract and sue, so that I can make all info public as you will have forced my hand by taking me to court. I've talked to several people who have talked to you and thought that you got a raw deal. After I spend 15 to 20 minutes telling them the real truth, they virtually all apologize to me. I'm not scared to take everything to court. You will not get your job back or win a settlement because you were let go from 3ABN. I have many witnesses as to your "bad" management practices. Some have even told me that you made them lie for you from time to time.

Again, I also don't believe that by going to Larry W. that the board will somehow decide to give you another settlement, unless I agree to it.

If you think you should have more money coming I would suggest that you put it in writing and tell us why that it's ok to break your other contract and ask for more.

May says you are telling her things about me and Brandy. First of all you don't know, anything about what me and Brandy are or are not doing. And secondly, if I wanted to have a girlfriend now whether it would be a Brandy or a Jane Doe, it would be none of your business as you have now refused for over a year to let this Norwegian man go. You have refused all counsel that told you he must go, yet you and he still travel together and stay in each other's homes for up to two weeks at a time. I told you a long time ago that I can document all your travel schedule and I have. May says you told her that you have only been to Norway once and that was a year ago January. I told her that if she wasn't mistaken then you told her a big lie as I can document all your trips there. Surely she got that part of your conversation mixed up. I don't think you would think everyone is such simpletons that we don't know the truth about your solo trips to Europe.

Anyway, we've been divorced for nearly eight months and we all know that I have biblical grounds. If I want to date someone else I am free to do it. You dated this man for months while we were married. That is called sin, anyway you want to cut it.

You shouldn't worry anyway. Remember, you told me that the only thing I would ever get compared to you was "An old used dirty dish rag".

Danny Shelton

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On January 18, 2007, 3ABN president Danny Shelton and company did yet another special damage-control 3ABN Live broadcast. The participants on the broadcast scoffed at the idea that there was any sort of criminal investigation going on. They stated that board member Carmelita Troy, whose specialty is fraud detection and who teaches accounting at a government institution, had not found anything, and if she hadn't found anything, there must not be anything there.

This appears to be a good argument to use against the financial allegations that have been circulating for a long, long time. However, a source close to the situation has informed us that Troy, as of a couple months ago, had relied upon the auditor's statements, and had not looked at the books for herself.

Of course, there are quite a few things to check for, and thus quite a bit for authorities to investigate in the future, if it really is true that they aren't investigating now. For example, according to sources close to the administration of 3ABN:

- Danny allegedly purchased a three-year-old van using 3ABN funds, and then sold it to a family member for \$10.
- Danny allegedly purchased furniture with 3ABN funds for a 3ABN set, and on the way back to 3ABN had the moving crew put it in his own house instead. His existing furniture was what ended up on the set.
- Danny allegedly purchased furniture for a guest house for E.C. at nearly new prices from his sister, Tammy Shelton Chance, allowing her to get new furniture for her home. But since Brenda Walsh didn't like the furniture, Danny gave it to two different family members instead, and 3ABN bought all new furniture for the guest house.
- A \$10,000 love gift check from 3ABN was allegedly sent to Tommy Shelton in 1999, at a time when Tommy was pastoring the Community Church of God in Dunn Loring, Virginia.

What the love gift was used for is uncertain, but questions have been raised as to whether it was used to pay off yet another Tommy Shelton child molestation victim.

Perhaps there wasn't any problem using 3ABN funds to purchase a van and furniture for the benefit of Shelton family members if they worked at 3ABN, and if the benefit appeared on their W-2's. But according to some sources, such things don't end up on W-2's.

When folks have these type of questions of this serious of a nature, it would seem that the logical thing to do would be to just open the books and let everyone see them. To not do so raises the question as to whether these allegations just might be true. And if the allegations are false, and Danny has nothing to hide, he wouldn't have anything to worry about if he did so.

Sooner or later, with allegations of this nature swirling around, one would expect the authorities to join the fray and start asking questions too. 501(c)3 non-profit organizations are not allowed to use donor funds in this manner, and 3ABN could lose its non-profit status if these allegations prove true.

How will allegations of this sort affect the giving patterns of 3ABN's donors? If Danny Shelton continues to refuse to answer questions in a professional, open manner, will donors demand a house cleaning before they give any more?

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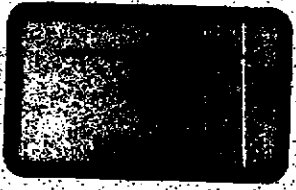
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**Please visit**

**[www.Save3ABN.com](http://www.Save3ABN.com)**

It should be pointed out that 3ABN is not currently part of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and never has been.

Thank you.

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW: Action by the South Pacific Division against 3ABN

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**From:** Danny Shelton [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 28, 2007 8:36 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW: Action by the South Pacific Division against 3ABN

Danny Shelton  
[REDACTED]  
EarthLink Revolves Around You.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** J [REDACTED] and R [REDACTED] M [REDACTED]  
**To:** Moses Primo; Danny SHELTON  
**Sent:** 4/26/2007 7:32:13 AM  
**Subject:** Action by the South Pacific Division against 3ABN

Hi Moses and Danny,

I don't know if Dr Walt or Mollie have made you aware of an email I forwarded to them last Friday but I thought I would send it on to you just in case you don't know about it. Dr Walt contacted M [REDACTED] F [REDACTED] who is currently in Melbourne running an evangelistic series which is being aired on Hope Channel in this part of the world. Mark said the GC did not take any action against 3ABN during the meeting on March 15 but the GC will not interfere with anything the Division here takes as they are in charge of this part of the world. We find that attitude to be condoning anarchy in the church where our Divisions can become a persecuting power with no one to call them to account for their actions. We have not had any correspondence from the Division concerning this matter and we suppose 3ABN USA hasn't either.

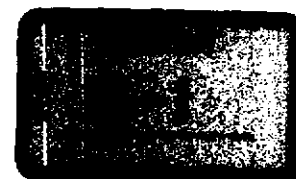
The email below was sent to the Pastors throughout this Country and most probably New Zealand and the South Pacific as well. One of those Pastors sent it straight on to us as he is a good friend of ours and another one phoned us about it on Friday evening. Both were very disturbed about it and at least one has contacted the author to ask why they have taken this action. It has a serious affect upon our work here and, not only would stop us from bringing speakers from 3ABN to speak within our churches but also stops church employees from making local Australian programming for 3ABN. Any comments you may have are appreciated. We wonder if we should contact the Division concerning the fact 3ABN has not been told directly of this action or to enquire why this action has been taken since a vice president of the GC has said no action was taken against 3ABN by the GC. What do you think?

God bless you.

R [REDACTED] and J [REDACTED]

The matter of service requests to 3ABN personnel was recently discussed by our leaders at the General Conference. As a result our position is that at the present time we will not issue service requests for personnel from 3ABN. There are two reasons for this:

1. The General Conference has taken the attitude to regard 3 ABN at arms length at the present



time and are not condoning the involvement of their personnel in 3ABN activities.

2. There needs to be a wait-and-see stance adopted while 3ABN work through some internal issues.

In harmony with this the Division administration has taken the following action:

RESOLVED: That in harmony with the position taken by the General Conference World Headquarters, we place a moratorium on interaction of any personnel with 3ABN until they have been able to work through some of the internal issues that currently need to be addressed by their organisation.

Thank you for noting this action.

With kind regards,

Brad Kemp

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Dr Brad Kemp  
Associate General Secretary  
South Pacific Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church  
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**From:** Danny Shelton [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 16, 2007 6:19 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW: FYI - Fwd: Who are you

[REDACTED]  
Danny Shelton  
[REDACTED]  
EarthLink Revolves Around You.

----- Original Message -----  
**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** Steenson Mollie; Thompson Walt; Shelton Danny  
**Sent:** 3/28/2007 10:38:35 PM  
**Subject:** FYI - Fwd: Who are you

Hi mollie, Danny and Dr Walt,

I thought I would forward this email and another separate one as well. They are from Pr J. K. [REDACTED] in Australia and this one is to Save 3ABN and the other is to Gailon Joy himself. Pr Knopper is a good supporter of 3ABN and believes in checking on the facts before saying anything to others. Recently he told me that during his Sabbath School class time a person spent the time spreading the information about Danny and Tommy to all the class members, passing around printed information from the internet. Another retired Pastor later told me the same thing. I asked if he is in the same Sabbath School class as Pr K. [REDACTED] and he confirmed he is.

I thought you would be interested in the answers from the Save 3ABN people. As you can see Pr K. [REDACTED] does not mince words but is straight forward and upfront in his questioning.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

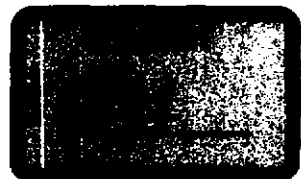
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----- Original Message -----  
**From:** WebMaster  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 25, 2007 12:12 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Who are you

Hello Pr [REDACTED] K. [REDACTED]

Danny loves to talk of lawsuits, and thus we've tried to be a little discreet. But if you do a Whois search on the domain name <http://www.Save3ABN.com/>, you'll find this information listed:

Registrant:  
G. Arthur Joy  
3 Clinton Road, Box 1425  
Sterling, MA 01564  
US



Registrar: NAMESDIRECT  
Domain Name: SAVE3ABN.COM  
Created on: 09-JAN-07  
Expires on: 10-JAN-08  
Last Updated on: 11-JAN-07

Administrative, Technical Contact:  
Joy, G. Arthur [gabbjoy4@comcast.net](mailto:gabbjoy4@comcast.net)  
3 Clinton Road, Box 1425  
Sterling, MA 01564  
US  
(978) 422-3464

Gailon Arthur Joy's name does appear throughout the web site.

Blessings.

WebMaster

 wrote:

I found your web site. I have read all you have to say about 3ABN.  
But no identity, no name(s) who is(are) behind this website. That makes it very suspicious.  
So come clean and reveal yourself. Who are you?  
If all is true what you say about 3ABN and if you are really concerned about 3ABN and if you are  
genuine in trying to save 3ABN tell us who you are.  
Greetings,



[Redacted]

**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** [Redacted]  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Cc:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** [Redacted]

[Redacted]

**From:** Mollie Steenson [Redacted]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 07, 2007 10:55 AM  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** FW: [Spam]Just wondering...

**From:** Trust Services  
**Sent:** Monday, May 07, 2007 9:38 AM  
**To:** Mollie Steenson  
**Subject:** FW: [Spam]Just wondering...

Dear Mollie,

I am forwarding this to you as you may wish to respond to this e-mail. I will print a copy for Leonard and Rita and they can respond when they return from Europe.

Very respectfully,

Andrew Eide  
Trust Management Assistant  
3ABN Trust Services

**From:** K H [Redacted]  
**Sent:** Mon 5/7/2007 4:30 AM  
**To:** Trust Services [Redacted]  
**Subject:** [Spam]Just wondering...

Why should I give donations or put funds in this ministry until all of the allegations are cleared up? Why would Amazing Facts be a part of all of this? Does this mean that Amazing facts is condoning what is going on? Jesus is coming soon and this needs to be cleared up so that His work can go forward... The article below only states what thousands of people all over are thinking... Thank you very much, K H [Redacted]



[Redacted]

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Danny Shelton [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 23, 2007 9:18 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW: Resolution

Danny Shelton  
[REDACTED]

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----- Original Message -----

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** Dan Shelton  
**Sent:** 3/20/2007 2:30:06 PM  
**Subject:** Resolution

Dear Danny,

We wrote you some time ago in regards to SkyAngel. My husband is K. K. [REDACTED] nephew.

I have to say that with what is going on at 3ABN we have been lifting you up in prayer. Danny, this is are concern...we have not tried to follow the gossip about you ,but lately its become a little overwhelming. You devoted almost a whole program to the slander that is going on and that is serious. I know on that program you stated you would resign from 3ABN if need be ,but that wasn't the problem...is it? There are several people at our church that feel even if you didn't do the "things" that are being reported and even if Linda didn't commit "spiritual" adultery,(which I've never heard of) still 3ABN is being hurt. Prayerfully, think about resigning because really niether you nor Linda should be associated with 3ABN. It is hurting the ministry. Even though you stated that you would resign I don't think it will be that easy for you because God did give you the vision for this ministry and it will be very difficult for you to just walk away ,as it was for Linda.

We had been monthly supporters, but several months ago because 3ABN is being overshadowed by all the junk that is surrounding the Shelton's we stopped our pledge.

There have been times that you have given a sermon and I know God inspired you with those words and we've all heard that the songs Linda wrote were directly from God too... so now it leaves us with who is telling the truth? Truthfully, I don't care because I believe once all is said and done God will show the world the truth. It is between God, you and Linda. No one knows what really goes on behind closed doors, but God does and He will only be mocked so long. I believe SkyAngel dropped 3ABN because of the scandal at 3ABN and guess who suffered ? The viewers.

Danny, I write this letter with a sincere heart and concern for 3ABN-God's ministry no one elses. God uses us as vehicles in which to pass His blessings to others as I believe He used you to start 3ABN. We now need to look at the situation and realize that God is not getting the glory from all of this He is being mocked.

I prayerfully ask you to search your heart and do what is best for 3ABN not anyone else, no matter how hard it will be for you.

Once again you are in our prayers.

Sincerely,  
[REDACTED]

5/3/2007





**Mollie Steenson**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 26, 2007 8:40 AM  
**To:** Mollie Steenson  
**Subject:** FW: 3ABN Website Question For (Webmaster)

-----Original Message-----

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sun 4/22/2007 8:37 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** 3ABN Website Question For (Webmaster)

[REDACTED] at this email address [REDACTED] has sent you the following message:

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WE were in the process of ordering the 3abn dish but decided not to because of the way he treated his wife and , married to that woman I will not watch nothing from that station any more untill he is gone and bring her back. I do not know these people but I believe her not him.

**Mollie Steenson**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 26, 2007 8:25 AM  
**To:** Mollie Steenson  
**Subject:** FW: 3ABN Website Question For (Mailroom)

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 25, 2007 6:07 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** 3ABN Website Question For (Mailroom)

[REDACTED] at this email address [REDACTED] has sent you the following message:

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I want to inform you that I have written to the General Conf., ASI and Amazing Facts with the following information. We have watched 3ABN from its babyhood. We loved Linda and Danny (together). How sad we have been to see those two wrenched apart by the devil. But the even sadder part is that Danny has not stepped up to the 'platform' and confessed his sins in all of this. Those of you that work there and these other organizations that support Danny are hearing his side. Those outside of these areas have only our own wisdom and perception to go by. But we also have the Holy Spirit for guidance. The Holy Spirit cannot continue to support those that do not follow God's word. Until Danny can absolutely show, unequivocally, that Linda is an adulterer and that he is not then our support is gone for good from 3ABN. That's not asking for much since Linda has also asked him to prove the same thing.

4/30/2007



[REDACTED]

mailed 3-27-07  
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Feb 24, '07

Dear Danny Shelton and 3ABN Board of Directors,

I cannot approve of whats happening at 3ABN and cannot support it financially any longer. We Adventists out here in the ranks are not all totally brain dead. We are aware of the conflict over Danny's behavior. I certainly don't know Lindas guilt or lack thereof. But I ask one question. Who went out and got a foreign quicky devorce? Who got remarried as soon as they could? Do you really think flaunting the new wife makes it OK? What does God have to do? Burn 3ABN down like Battlecreek to get your attention? Is God trying to tell you something with the loss of dish network. It seems on the surface of things that what Danny did gives the lie to his words. I urge you to have Danny step out of the picture and not be seen at all or have any thing to say about 3ABN publicly. In short, resign. As for the Board of Directors, you also should resign for letting it get this far. God deserve's better! Too bad Danny didn't sit tight as time would show who was being on the up and up. But the quicky divorce and remarriage shows who the guilty party is likely to be!

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

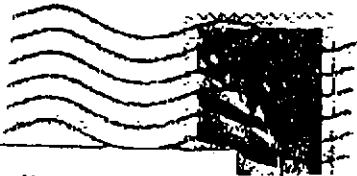
[REDACTED]

Saluda, NC





D & V [redacted]  
[redacted] 3-MAR 2007 PM 4 T



Mon 3/12/07

Dear Friends,

We have continued to pray for  
SABN and for direction concerning our  
reversible trust. My husband feels  
strangely that we should revoke until  
things clear again regard to Dan's  
choices -

This is not the way we would like  
to do but for now our confidence is  
shaken -

Thank you & you may be  
sure we will continue to  
pray & support when we can -

[redacted signature]

On Internet "Save SABN" - Christian Forum  
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If rather ignore but somehow I don't think it wise to  
reject documentation -

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MAR 12 2007





Leonard Westphal  
Stewardship & Trust Services Director

[REDACTED]

March 20, 2007

Dr. Walter Thompson

[REDACTED]

RE: Dr. [REDACTED] and V. A. [REDACTED]

Dear Dr. Thompson,

Following up on our conversation from yesterday, enclosed you will find the name of the A [REDACTED] family who began a Cash Trust with 3ABN on October 21, 2002 and now they wish to cancel it.

They have received very bad information about 3ABN on a Christian internet forum, "Save 3ABN". They have with us \$70,000.00 and now they want to close the Trust, and I hope you can talk with them and change their minds. Here is their contact information:

D. [REDACTED] V. A. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

We pray the Holy Spirit will be upon you and Mr. and Mrs. A [REDACTED] that God's will may be done in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'L Westphal'.

Dr. Leonard Westphal  
3ABN Trust Services Director  
LW/eo



**Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

**2005**

**Open to Public Inspection**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

▶ The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

**A** For the 2005 calendar year, or tax year beginning \_\_\_\_\_, 2005, and ending \_\_\_\_\_, 20

- B** Check if applicable:
- Address change
  - Name change
  - Initial return
  - Final return
  - Amended return
  - Application pending

**C** Name of organization  
**Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc.**

Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite  
**3391 Charley Good Rd., PO Box 220**

City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4  
**West Frankfort, IL 62896**

**D** Employer identification number  
**37-1179056**

**E** Telephone number  
**(618) 627-4651**

**F** Accounting method:  Cash  Accrual  
 Other (specify) ▶

• Section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ).

**H and I** are not applicable to section 527 organizations.

**H(a)** Is this a group return for affiliates?  Yes  No

**H(b)** If "Yes," enter number of affiliates ▶

**H(c)** Are all affiliates included?  Yes  No  
(If "No," attach a list. See instructions.)

**H(d)** Is this a separate return filed by an organization covered by a group ruling?  Yes  No

**I** Group Exemption Number ▶

**G** Website: ▶ **3abn.org**

**J** Organization type (check only one) ▶  501(c) ( 3 ) ◀ (insert no.)  4947(a)(1) or  527

**K** Check here  if the organization's gross receipts are normally not more than \$25,000. The organization need not file a return with the IRS; but if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return. Some states require a complete return.

**M** Check  if the organization is not required to attach Sch. B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

**L** Gross receipts: Add lines 6b, 8b, 9b, and 10b to line 12 ▶

**Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (See the instructions.)**

Revenue	<b>1</b> Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received:					
	<b>a</b> Direct public support	<b>1a</b>	<b>14,060,275</b>			
	<b>b</b> Indirect public support	<b>1b</b>				
	<b>c</b> Government contributions (grants)	<b>1c</b>				
	<b>d</b> Total (acc lines 1a through 1c) (cash \$ <b>13,456,923</b> noncash \$ <b>603,352</b> )	<b>1d</b>			<b>14,060,275</b>	
	<b>2</b> Program service revenue including government fees and contracts (from Part VII, line 93)	<b>2</b>			<b>1,162,106</b>	
	<b>3</b> Membership dues and assessments	<b>3</b>				
	<b>4</b> Interest on savings and temporary cash investments	<b>4</b>			<b>6,470</b>	
	<b>5</b> Dividends and interest from securities	<b>5</b>				
	<b>6a</b> Gross rents	<b>6a</b>	<b>44,801</b>			
	<b>b</b> Less: rental expenses	<b>6b</b>	<b>2,757</b>			
	<b>c</b> Net rental income or (loss) (subtract line 6b from line 6a)	<b>6c</b>			<b>42,044</b>	
<b>7</b> Other investment income (describe ▶)	<b>7</b>					
	<b>8a</b> Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(A) Securities	(B) Other			
		<b>50,397</b>	<b>11,471</b>	<b>8a</b>	<b>11,471</b>	
		<b>51,725</b>	<b>10,349</b>	<b>8b</b>	<b>10,349</b>	
		<b>(1,328)</b>	<b>1,122</b>	<b>8c</b>	<b>1,122</b>	
<b>d</b> Net gain or (loss) (combine line 8c, columns (A) and (B))	<b>8d</b>			<b>(206)</b>		
	<b>9</b> Special events and activities (attach schedule). If any amount is from gaming, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>a</b> Gross revenue (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1a)	<b>9a</b>			
		<b>b</b> Less: direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	<b>9b</b>			
		<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from special events (subtract line 9b from line 9a)	<b>9c</b>			
	<b>10a</b> Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	<b>10a</b>	<b>864,361</b>			
		<b>b</b> Less: cost of goods sold	<b>10b</b>	<b>609,669</b>		
		<b>c</b> Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (attach schedule) (subtract line 10b from line 10a)	<b>10c</b>			<b>254,692</b>
<b>11</b> Other revenue (from Part VII, line 103)	<b>11</b>			<b>(568,784)</b>		
<b>12</b> Total revenue (add lines 1d, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6c, 7, 8d, 9c, 10c, and 11)	<b>12</b>			<b>14,956,597</b>		
Expenses	<b>13</b> Program services (from line 44, column (B))	<b>13</b>			<b>10,511,457</b>	
	<b>14</b> Management and general (from line 44, column (C))	<b>14</b>			<b>4,927,633</b>	
	<b>15</b> Fundraising (from line 44, column (D))	<b>15</b>				
	<b>16</b> Payments to affiliates (attach schedule)	<b>16</b>				
	<b>17</b> Total expenses (add lines 16 and 44, column (A))	<b>17</b>			<b>15,439,090</b>	
Net Assets	<b>18</b> Excess or (deficit) for the year (subtract line 17 from line 12)	<b>18</b>			<b>482,493</b>	
	<b>19</b> Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 73, column (A))	<b>19</b>			<b>19,952,817</b>	
	<b>20</b> Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation)	<b>20</b>				
	<b>21</b> Net assets or fund balances at end of year (combine lines 18, 19, and 20)	<b>21</b>			<b>19,470,324</b>	

**Part II Statement of Functional Expenses** All organizations must complete column (A). Columns (B), (C), and (D) are required for section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts but optional for others. (See the instructions.)

Do not include amounts reported on line 6b, 8b, 9b, 10b, or 16 of Part I.		(A) Total	(B) Program services	(C) Management and general	(D) Fundraising
22	Grants and allocations (attach schedule) (cash \$ _____ noncash \$ _____) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	22			
23	Specific assistance to individuals (attach schedule)	23			
24	Benefits paid to or for members (attach schedule)	24			
25	Compensation of officers, directors, etc.	25	237,027	35,472	201,555
26	Other salaries and wages	26	3,431,919	1,565,081	1,866,838
27	Pension plan contributions	27			
28	Other employee benefits	28			
29	Payroll taxes	29			
30	Professional fundraising fees	30	235,090		235,090
31	Accounting fees	31	28,361		28,361
32	Legal fees	32	177,760		177,760
33	Supplies	33	392,253	143,634	248,619
34	Telephone	34	159,058	159,058	
35	Postage and shipping	35	501,094		501,094
36	Occupancy	36	394,674	215,193	179,481
37	Equipment rental and maintenance	37	3,448,036	3,279,518	168,518
38	Printing and publications	38	153,922	153,922	
39	Travel	39	1,387,687	1,094,779	292,908
40	Conferences, conventions, and meetings	40			
41	Interest	41	6,038		6,038
42	Depreciation, depletion, etc. (attach schedule)	42	2,060,396	2,060,396	
43	Other expenses not covered above (itemize):				
a	Statement 2	43a	2,825,775	1,804,404	1,021,371
b		43b			
c		43c			
d		43d			
e		43e			
f		43f			
g		43g			
44	Total functional expenses. Add lines 22 through 43. (Organizations completing columns (B)-(D), carry these totals to lines 13-15)	44	15,439,090	10,511,457	4,927,633

Joint Costs. Check  if you are following SOP 98-2.  
 Are any joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation reported in (B) Program services?  Yes  No  
 If "Yes," enter (i) the aggregate amount of these joint costs \$ \_\_\_\_\_; (ii) the amount allocated to Program services \$ \_\_\_\_\_;  
 (iii) the amount allocated to Management and general \$ \_\_\_\_\_; and (iv) the amount allocated to Fundraising \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Part III** Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (See the instructions.)

Form 990 is available for public inspection and, for some people, serves as the primary or sole source of information about a particular organization. How the public perceives an organization in such cases may be determined by the information presented on its return. Therefore, please make sure the return is complete and accurate and fully describes, in Part III, the organization's programs and accomplishments.

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? ▶

All organizations must describe their exempt purpose achievements in a clear and concise manner. State the number of clients served, publications issued, etc. Discuss achievements that are not measurable. (Section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must also enter the amount of grants and allocations to others.)

**Program Service Expenses**  
(Required for 501(c)(3) and (4) orgs., and 4947(a)(1) trusts; but optional for others.)

a Production and distribution of religious programming for electronic distribution throughout the world.

(Grants and allocations \$

) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ▶

10,511,457

b

(Grants and allocations \$

) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ▶

c

(Grants and allocations \$

) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ▶

d

(Grants and allocations \$

) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ▶

e

(Grants and allocations \$

) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ▶

f

Total of Program Service Expenses (should equal line 44, column (B), Program services) ▶



**Part IV Balance Sheets** (See the instructions.)

Note: Where required, attached schedules and amounts within the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only.

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	45 Cash—non-interest-bearing	766,858	45	1,043,070
	46 Savings and temporary cash investments	1,822,424	46	20,410
	47a Accounts receivable	204,877		
	47b Less: allowance for doubtful accounts		164,557	47c 204,877
	48a Pledges receivable	669,592		
	48b Less: allowance for doubtful accounts		517,185	48c 669,592
	49 Grants receivable		49	
	50 Receivables from officers, directors, trustees, and key employees (attach schedule)		50	
	51a Other notes and loans receivable (attach schedule)			
	51b Less: allowance for doubtful accounts			51c
	52 Inventories for sale or use	1,313,507	52	1,397,326
	53 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	939,847	53	450,706
	54 Investments—securities (attach schedule) <input type="checkbox"/> Cost <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FMV		54	1,104,153
	55a Investments—land, buildings, and equipment: basis	3,120,000		
55b Less: accumulated depreciation (attach schedule)		3,387,100	55c 3,120,000	
56 Investments—other (attach schedule)			56	
57a Land, buildings, and equipment: basis	29,173,455			
57b Less: accumulated depreciation (attach schedule)	15,605,753	14,549,578	57c 13,567,702	
58 Other assets (describe ▶)		31,301,209	58 35,578,962	
<b>59 Total assets</b> (must equal line 74). Add lines 45 through 58.		<b>54,762,265</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>57,156,798</b>
Liabilities	60 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	831,841	60	1,124,241
	61 Grants payable		61	
	62 Deferred revenue	27,460	62	6,965
	63 Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and key employees (attach schedule)		63	
	64a Tax-exempt bond liabilities (attach schedule)		64a	
	64b Mortgages and other notes payable (attach schedule)	30,000	64b	40,000
65 Other liabilities (describe ▶)	33,920,147	65	36,515,269	
<b>66 Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 60 through 65		<b>34,809,448</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>37,686,475</b>
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 67 through 69 and lines 73 and 74.			
	67 Unrestricted	15,792,142	67	14,863,131
	68 Temporarily restricted	4,160,675	68	4,607,192
	69 Permanently restricted		69	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 70 through 74.			
	70 Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds		70	
	71 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, and equipment fund		71	
	72 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		72	
<b>73 Total net assets or fund balances</b> (add lines 67 through 69 or lines 70 through 72; column (A) must equal line 19; column (B) must equal line 21)		<b>19,952,817</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>19,470,323</b>
<b>74 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances.</b> Add lines 66 and 73.		<b>54,762,265</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>57,156,798</b>





**Part VII Other Information (continued)**

		Yes	No
82a	Did the organization receive donated services or the use of materials, equipment, or facilities at no charge or at substantially less than fair rental value? b If "Yes," you may indicate the value of these items here. Do not include this amount as revenue in Part I or as an expense in Part II. (See instructions in Part III.)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
83a	Did the organization comply with the public inspection requirements for returns and exemption applications?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
83b	Did the organization comply with the disclosure requirements relating to quid pro quo contributions?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
84a	Did the organization solicit any contributions or gifts that were not tax deductible? b If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
84b	85 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations. a Were substantially all dues nondeductible by members?		
85a	b Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less? If "Yes" was answered to either 85a or 85b, do not complete 85c through 85h below unless the organization received a waiver for proxy tax owed for the prior year.		
85b	c Dues, assessments, and similar amounts from members		
85c	d Section 162(e) lobbying and political expenditures		
85d	e Aggregate nondeductible amount of section 6033(e)(1)(A) dues notices		
85e	f Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (line 85d less 85e)		
85f	g Does the organization elect to pay the section 6033(e) tax on the amount on line 85f?		
85g	h If section 6033(e)(1)(A) dues notices were sent, does the organization agree to add the amount on line 85f to its reasonable estimate of dues allocable to nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures for the following tax year?		
85h	86 501(c)(7) orgs. Enter: a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 12		
86a	b Gross receipts, included on line 12, for public use of club facilities		
86b	87 501(c)(12) orgs. Enter: a Gross income from members or shareholders		
87a	b Gross income from other sources. (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)		
87b	88 At any time during the year, did the organization own a 50% or greater interest in a taxable corporation or partnership, or an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? If "Yes," complete Part IX		
88	89a 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter: Amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 ▶ ; section 4912 ▶ ; section 4955 ▶		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
89b	b 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) orgs. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or did it become aware of an excess benefit transaction from a prior year? If "Yes," attach a statement explaining each transaction		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	c Enter: Amount of tax imposed on the organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958		
	d Enter: Amount of tax on line 89c, above, reimbursed by the organization		
90a	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed ▶ <b>Statement 10</b>		
	b Number of employees employed in the pay period that includes March 12, 2005 (See instructions.)		
91a	The books are in care of ▶ <b>Larry Ewing</b> Telephone no. ▶ <b>( 618 ) 627-4651</b> Located at ▶ <b>3391 Charley Good Road, West Frankfort, IL</b> ZIP + 4 ▶ <b>62890-0220</b>	90b	130
91b	b At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ▶ See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.		
91c	c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the United States? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ▶		
92	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041—Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year ▶ <b>92</b>		<input type="checkbox"/>

**Part VII Analysis of Income-Producing Activities (See the instructions.)**

Note: Enter gross amounts unless otherwise indicated.

	Unrelated business income		Excluded by section 512, 513, or 514		(E) Related or exempt function income
	(A) Business code	(B) Amount	(C) Exclusion code	(D) Amount	
93 Program service revenue:					
a <b>Production and Distribution</b>					1,162,106
b					
c					
d					
e					
f Medicare/Medicaid payments					
g Fees and contracts from government agencies					
94 Membership dues and assessments					
95 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments					6,470
96 Dividends and interest from securities					
97 Net rental income or (loss) from real estate:					
a debt-financed property					
b not debt-financed property					42,044
98 Net rental income or (loss) from personal property					
99 Other investment income					
100 Gain or (loss) from sales of assets other than inventory					(206)
101 Net income or (loss) from special events					
102 Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory					254,692
103 Other revenue: a					
b <b>Change in value split interest agreements</b>					(626,366)
c <b>Other</b>					57,582
d					
e					
104 Subtotal (add columns (B), (D), and (E))					896,322
105 Total (add line 104, columns (B), (D), and (E))					896,322

Note: Line 105 plus line 1d, Part I, should equal the amount on line 12, Part I.

**Part VIII Relationship of Activities to the Accomplishment of Exempt Purposes (See the instructions.)**

Line No. Explain how each activity for which income is reported in column (E) of Part VII contributed importantly to the accomplishment of the organization's exempt purposes (other than by providing funds for such purposes).

Statement 11

**Part IX Information Regarding Taxable Subsidiaries and Disregarded Entities (See the instructions.)**

(A) Name, address, and EIN of corporation, partnership, or disregarded entity	(B) Percentage of ownership interest	(C) Nature of activities	(D) Total income	(E) End-of-year assets
	%			
	%			
	%			
	%			

**Part X Information Regarding Transfers Associated with Personal Benefit Contracts (See the instructions.)**

- (a) Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?  Yes  No
- (b) Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?  Yes  No

Note: If "Yes" to (b), file Form 8870 and Form 4720 (see instructions).

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Please Sign Here: Larry D. Ewing Date: 5/26/06  
 Signature of officer  
 Larry Ewing - Treasurer  
 Type or print name and title.

Paid Preparer's Use Only: Preparer's signature, Date, Check if self-employed, Preparer's SSN or PTIN (See Gen. Inst. W), Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4, EIN, Phone no.

**SCHEDULE A**  
**(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

**Organization Exempt Under Section 501(c)(3)**

(Except Private Foundation) and Section 501(e), 501(f), 501(k), 501(n),  
or 4947(a)(1) Nonexempt Charitable Trust

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2005**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Supplementary Information—(See separate instructions.)**

▶ **MUST be completed by the above organizations and attached to their Form 990 or 990-EZ**

Name of the organization

Employer identification number

**Part I Compensation of the Five Highest Paid Employees Other Than Officers, Directors, and Trustees**  
(See page 1 of the instructions. List each one. If there are none, enter "None.")

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$50,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
Moses Primo PO Box 39, Thompsonville, IL 62890	Director of Engineering	64,573		

Total number of other employees paid over \$50,000 ▶

**Part II-A Compensation of the Five Highest Paid Independent Contractors for Professional Services**  
(See page 2 of the instructions. List each one (whether individuals or firms). If there are none, enter "None.")

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
Union Bank of California PO Box 85243, San Diego, CA 92186	Investment Management	63,876

Total number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services ▶ 1

**Part II-B Compensation of the Five Highest Paid Independent Contractors for Other Services**  
(List each contractor who performed services other than professional services, whether individuals or firms. If there are none, enter "None." See page 2 of the instructions.)

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation

Total number of other contractors receiving over \$50,000 for other services ▶

**Part III** Statements About Activities (See page 2 of the instructions.)

	Yes	No
1 During the year, has the organization attempted to influence national, state, or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum? If "Yes," enter the total expenses paid or incurred in connection with the lobbying activities ▶ \$ _____ (Must equal amounts on line 38, Part VI-A, or line i of Part VI-B.) Organizations that made an election under section 501(h) by filing Form 5768 must complete Part VI-A. Other organizations checking "Yes" must complete Part VI-B AND attach a statement giving a detailed description of the lobbying activities.		✓
2 During the year, has the organization, either directly or indirectly, engaged in any of the following acts with any substantial contributors, trustees, directors, officers, creators, key employees, or members of their families, or with any taxable organization with which any such person is affiliated as an officer, director, trustee, majority owner, or principal beneficiary? (If the answer to any question is "Yes," attach a detailed statement explaining the transactions.)		
a Sale, exchange, or leasing of property?	2a	✓
b Lending of money or other extension of credit?	2b	✓
c Furnishing of goods, services, or facilities?	2c	✓
d Payment of compensation (or payment or reimbursement of expenses if more than \$1,000)?	2d	✓
e Transfer of any part of its income or assets?	2e	✓
3a Do you make grants for scholarships, fellowships, student loans, etc.? (If "Yes," attach an explanation of how you determine that recipients qualify to receive payments.)	3a	✓
b Do you have a section 403(b) annuity plan for your employees?	3b	✓
c During the year, did the organization receive a contribution of qualified real property interest under section 170(h)?	3c	✓
4a Did you maintain any separate account for participating donors where donors have the right to provide advice on the use or distribution of funds?	4a	✓
b Do you provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services?	4b	✓

**Part IV** Reason for Non-Private Foundation Status (See pages 3 through 6 of the instructions.)

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (Please check only ONE applicable box.)

- 5  A church, convention of churches, or association of churches. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).
- 6  A school. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii). (Also complete Part V.)
- 7  A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).
- 8  A Federal, state, or local government or governmental unit. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).
- 9  A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii). Enter the hospital's name, city, and state ▶ \_\_\_\_\_
- 10  An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv). (Also complete the Support Schedule in Part IV-A.)
- 11a  An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). (Also complete the Support Schedule in Part IV-A.)
- 11b  A community trust. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). (Also complete the Support Schedule in Part IV-A.)
- 12  An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its charitable, etc., functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See section 509(a)(2). (Also complete the Support Schedule in Part IV-A.)
- 13  An organization that is not controlled by any disqualified persons (other than foundation managers) and supports organizations described in: (1) lines 5 through 12 above; or (2) sections 501(c)(4), (5), or (6), if they meet the test of section 509(a)(2). Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization: ▶  Type 1  Type 2  Type 3

Provide the following information about the supported organizations. (See page 6 of the instructions.)

(a) Name(s) of supported organization(s)	(b) Line number from above

- 14  An organization organized and operated to test for public safety. Section 509(a)(4). (See page 6 of the instructions.)

**Part IV-A Support Schedule** (Complete only if you checked a box on line 10, 11, or 12.) *Use cash method of accounting.*  
 Note: You may use the worksheet in the instructions for converting from the accrual to the cash method of accounting.

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2004	(b) 2003	(c) 2002	(d) 2001	(e) Total
15 Gifts, grants, and contributions received. (Do not include unusual grants. See line 28.)	14,671,736	12,918,511	17,236,402	13,521,717	58,348,366
16 Membership fees received					
17 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or furnishing of facilities in any activity that is related to the organization's charitable, etc., purpose	1,924,281	2,310,642	1,998,731	1,794,201	8,027,855
18 Gross income from interest, dividends, amounts received from payments on securities loans (section 512(a)(5)), rents, royalties, and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975	37,076	48,917	52,416	70,437	208,846
19 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 18					
20 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to it or expended on its behalf					
21 The value of services or facilities furnished to the organization by a governmental unit without charge. Do not include the value of services or facilities generally furnished to the public without charge					
22 Other income. Attach a schedule. Do not include gain or (loss) from sale of capital assets					
23 Total of lines 15 through 22	16,633,093	15,278,070	19,287,549	15,386,355	66,585,067
24 Line 23 minus line 17	14,708,812	12,967,428	17,288,818	13,592,154	58,557,212
25 Enter 1% of line 23	166,331	152,781	192,875	153,864	
26 Organizations described on lines 10 or 11: a Enter 2% of amount in column (e), line 24	26a				
b Prepare a list for your records to show the name of and amount contributed by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) whose total gifts for 2001 through 2004 exceeded the amount shown in line 26a. Do not file this list with your return. Enter the total of all these excess amounts	26b				
c Total support for section 509(a)(1) test: Enter line 24, column (e)	26c				
d Add: Amounts from column (e) for lines: 18 _____ 19 _____ 22 _____ 26b _____	26d				
e Public support (line 26c minus line 26d total)	26e				
f Public support percentage (line 26e (numerator) divided by line 26c (denominator))	26f %				
27 Organizations described on line 12: a For amounts included in lines 15, 16, and 17 that were received from a "disqualified person," prepare a list for your records to show the name of, and total amounts received in each year from, each "disqualified person." Do not file this list with your return. Enter the sum of such amounts for each year: (2004) 185,984 (2003) 206,809 (2002) 317,048 (2001) 261,527					
b For any amount included in line 17 that was received from each person (other than "disqualified persons"), prepare a list for your records to show the name of, and amount received for each year, that was more than the larger of (1) the amount on line 25 for the year or (2) \$5,000. (Include in the list organizations described in lines 5 through 11b, as well as individuals.) Do not file this list with your return. After computing the difference between the amount received and the larger amount described in (1) or (2), enter the sum of these differences (the excess amounts) for each year: (2004) 570,694 (2003) 563,540 (2002) 182,840 (2001) 379,400					
c Add: Amounts from column (e) for lines: 15 58,348,366 16 _____ 17 8,027,855 20 _____ 21 _____	27c 66,376,221				
d Add: Line 27a total 971,368 and line 27b total 1,696,474	27d 2,667,842				
e Public support (line 27c total minus line 27d total)	27e 63,708,379				
f Total support for section 509(a)(2) test: Enter amount from line 23, column (e)	27f 66,585,067				
g Public support percentage (line 27e (numerator) divided by line 27f (denominator))	27g 95.7 %				
h Investment income percentage (line 18, column (e) (numerator) divided by line 27f (denominator))	27h .3 %				
28 Unusual Grants: For an organization described in line 10, 11, or 12 that received any unusual grants during 2001 through 2004, prepare a list for your records to show, for each year, the name of the contributor, the date and amount of the grant, and a brief description of the nature of the grant. Do not file this list with your return. Do not include these grants in line 15.					



**Part V Private School Questionnaire** (See page 7 of the instructions.)  
**(To be completed ONLY by schools that checked the box on line 6 in Part IV)**

	Yes	No
29 Does the organization have a racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students by statement in its charter, bylaws, other governing instrument, or in a resolution of its governing body? . . . . .	29	
30 Does the organization include a statement of its racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students in all its brochures, catalogues, and other written communications with the public dealing with student admissions, programs, and scholarships? . . . . .	30	
31 Has the organization publicized its racially nondiscriminatory policy through newspaper or broadcast media during the period of solicitation for students, or during the registration period if it has no solicitation program, in a way that makes the policy known to all parts of the general community it serves? . . . . . If "Yes," please describe; if "No," please explain. (If you need more space, attach a separate statement.) . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .	31	
32 Does the organization maintain the following:	32a	
a Records indicating the racial composition of the student body, faculty, and administrative staff? . . . . .		
b Records documenting that scholarships and other financial assistance are awarded on a racially nondiscriminatory basis? . . . . .	32b	
c Copies of all catalogues, brochures, announcements, and other written communications to the public dealing with student admissions, programs, and scholarships? . . . . .	32c	
d Copies of all material used by the organization or on its behalf to solicit contributions? . . . . .	32d	
If you answered "No" to any of the above, please explain. (If you need more space, attach a separate statement.) . . . . . . . . . .		
33 Does the organization discriminate by race in any way with respect to:		
a Students' rights or privileges? . . . . .	33a	
b Admissions policies? . . . . .	33b	
c Employment of faculty or administrative staff? . . . . .	33c	
d Scholarships or other financial assistance? . . . . .	33d	
e Educational policies? . . . . .	33e	
f Use of facilities? . . . . .	33f	
g Athletic programs? . . . . .	33g	
h Other extracurricular activities? . . . . .	33h	
If you answered "Yes" to any of the above, please explain. (If you need more space, attach a separate statement.) . . . . . . . . . .		
34a Does the organization receive any financial aid or assistance from a governmental agency? . . . . .	34a	
b Has the organization's right to such aid ever been revoked or suspended? . . . . . If you answered "Yes" to either 34a or b, please explain using an attached statement.	34b	
35 Does the organization certify that it has complied with the applicable requirements of sections 4.01 through 4.05 of Rev. Proc. 75-50, 1975-2 C.B. 587, covering racial nondiscrimination? If "No," attach an explanation . . . . .	35	

**Part VI-A Lobbying Expenditures by Electing Public Charities** (See page 9 of the instructions.)  
 (To be completed **ONLY** by an eligible organization that filed Form 5768)

Check **a**  if the organization belongs to an affiliated group. Check **b**  if you checked "a" and "limited control" provisions apply.

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures		(a) Affiliated group totals	(b) To be completed for ALL electing organizations
(The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)			
36	Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grassroots lobbying)	36	
37	Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)	37	
38	Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 36 and 37)	38	
39	Other exempt purpose expenditures	39	
40	Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 38 and 39)	40	
41	Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table— If the amount on line 40 is—                      The lobbying nontaxable amount is— Not over \$500,000 . . . . . 20% of the amount on line 40 . . . . . Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000 . . . \$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000 Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000 . . \$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000 Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000 . \$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000 Over \$17,000,000 . . . . . \$1,000,000	41	
42	Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 41)	42	
43	Subtract line 42 from line 36. Enter -0- if line 42 is more than line 36	43	
44	Subtract line 41 from line 38. Enter -0- if line 41 is more than line 38	44	

Caution: If there is an amount on either line 43 or line 44, you must file Form 4720.

**4-Year Averaging Period Under Section 501(h)**

(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below.  
 See the instructions for lines 45 through 50 on page 11 of the instructions.)

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2005	(b) 2004	(c) 2003	(d) 2002	(e) Total
45	Lobbying nontaxable amount				
46	Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 45(e))				
47	Total lobbying expenditures				
48	Grassroots nontaxable amount				
49	Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 48(e))				
50	Grassroots lobbying expenditures				

**Part VI-B Lobbying Activity by Nonelecting Public Charities**

(For reporting only by organizations that did not complete Part VI-A) (See page 11 of the instructions.)

During the year, did the organization attempt to influence national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of:	Yes	No	Amount
a Volunteers			
b Paid staff or management (Include compensation in expenses reported on lines c through h.)			
c Media advertisements			
d Mailings to members, legislators, or the public			
e Publications, or published or broadcast statements			
f Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes			
g Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body			
h Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any other means			
i Total lobbying expenditures (Add lines c through h.)			

If "Yes" to any of the above, also attach a statement giving a detailed description of the lobbying activities.



THREE ANGELS BROADCASTING NETWORK, INC.  
990 - SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION  
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005

#37-1179056

Statement 1  
Form 990, Part I, Line 8  
Net Gain (Loss) form Noninventory Sales

Publicly Traded Securities

Description:  
Date Acquired:  
How Acquired:  
Date Sold:  
To Whom Sold:

Securities  
Various  
Purchased or Donated  
Various  
Market Shares - Unknown

Gross Sales Price  
Cost Basis  
Loss on Sale

50,397  
51,725  
(1,328)

Other Assets

Description:  
Date Acquired:  
How Acquired:  
Date Sold:  
To Whom Sold:

Capital Assets  
Various  
Purchased or Donated  
Various  
Various

- Gross Sales Price  
- Cost Basis  
Loss on Sale

11,471  
10,349  
1,122

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**Statement 2**

Form 990, Part II, Line 43

**Other Expenses**

Other Expenses	Total	Program Services	Management & General	Fundraising
Advertising and Promotion	74,836		74,836	
Bank Charges	74,456		74,456	
Broadcasting	134,135	134,135		
Cable Promotion	7,266	7,266		
Camp Meeting	43,287		43,287	
Cost of Goods Given Away	605,744	605,744		
Contract Labor	179,409	179,409		
Donations	216,636		216,636	
Dues and Registration	41,892	41,892		
Insurance	390,950		390,950	
Inventory Write-down		278,700		
Miscellaneous	35,783		35,783	
Music Production	58,375	58,375		
Special Projects	535,883	498,883	37,000	
Trust	148,423		148,423	
	<u>2,825,775</u>	<u>1,804,404</u>	<u>1,021,371</u>	

**Statement 3**

Form 990, Part IV, Line 55

**Land, Buildings and Equipment**

Land held in Charitable Remainder Unitrusts 3,120,000

**Statement 4**

Form 990, Part IV, Line 57

**Land, Buildings and Equipment**

Asset	Cost	Accum. Deprec.	Net Book Value
Buildings	6,600,103	917,355	5,682,748
Land	855,813		855,813
Land Improvements	491,697	88,440	403,257
Machinery & Equipment	19,268,904	13,258,720	6,010,184
Vehicles	1,414,309	1,341,238	73,071
Construction in Progress	542,629		542,629
	<u>29,173,455</u>	<u>15,605,753</u>	<u>13,567,702</u>

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**Statement 5**  
**Form 990 Part IV, Line 58**  
**Other Assets**

Deposits	813,877
Annuities	12,551,006
Trusts	22,214,079
	<u>35,578,962</u>

**Statement 6**  
**Form 990 Part IV, Line 65**  
**Other Liabilities**

Annuities	12,602,521
Liabilities under Unitrust Agreements	1,698,669
Revocable Trust Liabilities	22,214,079
	<u>36,515,269</u>

**Statement 7**  
**Form 990 Part IV-A, Line B(4)**  
**Other Amounts**

Cost of Goods Sold - Satelites	609,669
Rental Expenses	2,757
	<u>612,426</u>

**Statement 8**  
**Form 990 Part IV-B, Line B(4)**  
**Other Amounts**

Cost of Goods Sold - Satelites	609,669
Rental Expenses	2,757
	<u>612,426</u>

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**Statement 9**  
**Form 990, Part V-A**  
**List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees**

Name and Address	Title & Avg. Hrs/Wk	Comp.	Employee Benefits	Expense Account
Dr. Walter Thompson 174 Fox Borough Burr Ridge, IL 60521	Chairman None		0	0
Kenneth Denslow 619 Plainfield Rd., 3rd Floor Willowbrook, IL 60521-5381	Director None		0	0
May Chung 155 Manchester Lane San Bernardino, CA 92408	Director None		0	0
Larry Ewing PO Box 75 Thompsonville, IL 62890	Treasurer 40 hrs/wk	68,365		
Merlin Fjarli 670 Mason Way Medford, OR 97501	Director None		0	0
Bill Hulsey PO Box 596 Collegedale, TN 37315	Director None		0	0
Ellsworth McKee PO Box 750 Collegedale, TN 37315	Director None		0	0
Wintley Phipps PO Box 8008 Vero Beach, FL 32963	Director None		0	0
Danny Shelton 2954 New Lake Road West Frankfort, IL 62896	President Director 40 hrs/wk	70,944		

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**Statement 9**

Form 990, Part V (Continued)

**List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees**

Mollie Steenson 400 E. 9th Street Johnston City, IL 62951	Secretary Director 40 hrs/wk	56,729		
Carmelita Troy 4024 Ronda Rd. Pebble Beach, CA 93953	Director None	0	0	0
Larry Welch 715 S Mulkey Christopher, IL 62822	Director 40 hrs/wk	40,989	0	0
		<u>237,027</u>		

**Statement 10**

Form 990, Part V, Line 90A

**List of States Which This Return is Filed**

California

Illinois

 Oregon**Statement 11**

Form 990, Part VII

**Relationship of Activities to the Accomplishment of Exempt Purposes**

Line #	Explanation of Activities
93	Payment for airtime & production of certain religious programming
95	Interest income is used to help offset general operating expenses
97	Rental income is used to help offset general operating expenses
102	Sale of satellite dishes to enable viewers to receive programming
103c	Other income is used to help offset general operating expenses



# Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

2004

Open to Public Inspection

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

▶ The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

**A** For the 2004 calendar year, or tax year beginning 2004, and ending 20

<p><b>B</b> Check if applicable:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	<p><b>C</b> Name of organization <b>Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc.</b></p> <p>Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite <b>P.O. Box 220</b></p> <p>City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 <b>West Frankfort, IL 62896</b></p>	<p><b>D</b> Employer identification number <b>37-1179056</b></p> <p><b>E</b> Telephone number <b>(618) 627-4651</b></p> <p><b>F</b> Accounting method: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) ▶</p>
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• Section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ).

**G** Website: ▶

**J** Organization type (check only one) ▶  501(c) ( ) ◀ (insert no.)  4947(a)(1) or  527

**K** Check here  if the organization's gross receipts are normally not more than \$25,000. The organization need not file a return with the IRS; but if the organization received a Form 990 Package in the mail, it should file a return without financial data. Some states require a complete return.

**L** Gross receipts: Add lines 6b, 8b, 9b, and 10b to line 12 ▶

**H** and **I** are not applicable to section 527 organizations.  
**H(a)** Is this a group return for affiliates?  Yes  No  
**H(b)** If "Yes," enter number of affiliates ▶ .....  
**H(c)** Are all affiliates included?  Yes  No (If "No," attach a list. See instructions.)  
**H(d)** Is this a separate return filed by an organization covered by a group ruling?  Yes  No  
**I** Group Exemption Number ▶  
**M** Check  if the organization is not required to attach Sch. B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

**Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances** (See page 18 of the instructions.)

Revenue	<b>1</b> Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received:					
	<b>a</b> Direct public support	1a	13,581,898			
	<b>b</b> Indirect public support	1b				
	<b>c</b> Government contributions (grants)	1c				
	<b>d</b> Total (add lines 1a through 1c) (cash \$ <u>12,811,538</u> noncash \$ <u>770,360</u> )			13,581,898	1d	
	<b>2</b> Program service revenue including government fees and contracts (from Part VII, line 93)			1,106,556	2	
	<b>3</b> Membership dues and assessments				3	
	<b>4</b> Interest on savings and temporary cash investments			3,903	4	
	<b>5</b> Dividends and interest from securities				5	
	<b>6a</b> Gross rents	6a	33,173			
	<b>b</b> Less: rental expenses	6b	898			
	<b>c</b> Net rental income or (loss) (subtract line 6b from line 6a)			32,275	6c	
<b>7</b> Other investment income (describe ▶)				7		
Revenue	<b>8a</b> Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(A) Securities	21,726	8a	893,177	
		(B) Other		8b	1,011,845	
	<b>b</b> Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses		21,747	8b	1,011,845	
	<b>c</b> Gain or (loss) (attach schedule)		(21)	8c	(118,668)	
	<b>d</b> Net gain or (loss) (combine line 8c, columns (A) and (B))				8d	(118,689)
	<b>9</b> Special events and activities (attach schedule). If any amount is from gaming, check here <input type="checkbox"/>					
	<b>a</b> Gross revenue (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1a)	9a				
	<b>b</b> Less: direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	9b				
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from special events (subtract line 9b from line 9a)				9c		
Revenue	<b>10a</b> Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	10a	713,725			
	<b>b</b> Less: cost of goods sold	10b	584,020			
	<b>c</b> Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (attach schedule) (subtract line 10b from line 10a)			129,705	10c	
<b>11</b> Other revenue (from Part VII, line 103)			(760,511)	11		
<b>12</b> Total revenue (add lines 1d, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6c, 7, 8d, 9c, 10c, and 11)			13,975,137	12		
Expenses	<b>13</b> Program services (from line 44, column (B))			9,881,759	13	
	<b>14</b> Management and general (from line 44, column (C))			4,938,968	14	
	<b>15</b> Fundraising (from line 44, column (D))				15	
	<b>16</b> Payments to affiliates (attach schedule)				16	
	<b>17</b> Total expenses (add lines 16 and 44, column (A))			14,820,727	17	
Net Assets	<b>18</b> Excess or (deficit) for the year (subtract line 17 from line 12)			(845,590)	18	
	<b>19</b> Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 73, column (A))				19	
	<b>20</b> Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation)			20,798,407	20	
	<b>21</b> Net assets or fund balances at end of year (combine lines 18, 19, and 20)			19,952,817	21	

**Part II Statement of Functional Expenses**

All organizations must complete column (A). Columns (B), (C), and (D) are required for section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts but optional for others. (See page 22 of the instructions.)

Do not include amounts reported on line 6b, 8b, 9b, 10b, or 16 of Part I.		(A) Total	(B) Program services	(C) Management and general	(D) Fundraising
22	Grants and allocations (attach schedule) (cash \$ _____ noncash \$ _____)				
23	Specific assistance to individuals (attach schedule)				
24	Benefits paid to or for members (attach schedule)				
25	Compensation of officers, directors, etc.	204,776	29,647	175,129	
26	Other salaries and wages	3,234,199	1,435,852	1,798,347	
27	Pension plan contributions				
28	Other employee benefits				
29	Payroll taxes	226,597		226,597	
30	Professional fundraising fees				
31	Accounting fees	26,537		26,537	
32	Legal fees	397,332		397,332	
33	Supplies	270,342	112,135	158,207	
34	Telephone	79,876	79,876		
35	Postage and shipping	755,918		755,918	
36	Occupancy	317,179	146,638	170,541	
37	Equipment rental and maintenance	3,576,426	3,427,597	148,829	
38	Printing and publications	145,753	145,753		
39	Travel	1,399,516	1,144,093	255,423	
40	Conferences, conventions, and meetings				
41	Interest	9,682		9,682	
42	Depreciation, depletion, etc. (attach schedule)	2,229,469	2,229,469		
43	Other expenses not covered above (itemize): a	1,947,125	1,130,699	816,426	
b	.....				
c	.....				
d	.....				
e	.....				
44	Total functional expenses (add lines 22 through 43). Organizations completing columns (B)-(D), carry these totals to lines 13-15.	14,820,727	9,881,759	4,938,968	

Joint Costs. Check  if you are following SOP 98-2.

Are any joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation reported in (B) Program services?  Yes  No  
 If "Yes," enter (i) the aggregate amount of these joint costs \$ \_\_\_\_\_; (ii) the amount allocated to Program services \$ \_\_\_\_\_; (iii) the amount allocated to Management and general \$ \_\_\_\_\_; and (iv) the amount allocated to Fundraising \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments** (See page 25 of the instructions.)

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? ▶ .....

All organizations must describe their exempt purpose achievements in a clear and concise manner. State the number of clients served, publications issued, etc. Discuss achievements that are not measurable. (Section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must also enter the amount of grants and allocations to others.)

**Program Service Expenses**  
 (Required for 501(c)(3) and (4) orgs., and 4947(a)(1) trusts; but optional for others.)

a	Production and distribution of 24 hour per day religious programming for electronic transmission throughout the world.				9,881,759
	(Grants and allocations \$ _____)				
b	.....				
	(Grants and allocations \$ _____)				
c	.....				
	(Grants and allocations \$ _____)				
d	.....				
	(Grants and allocations \$ _____)				
e	Other program services (attach schedule)	(Grants and allocations \$ _____)			
f	Total of Program Service Expenses (should equal line 44, column (B), Program services).				

**Part IV Balance Sheets** (See page 25 of the instructions.)

				(A)		(B)
				Beginning of year		End of year
<b>Note:</b> Where required, attached schedules and amounts within the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only.						
<b>Assets</b>	45 Cash—non-interest-bearing			383,281	45	766,858
	46 Savings and temporary cash investments			2,554,835	46	1,822,424
	47a Accounts receivable	47a	165,157			
	b Less: allowance for doubtful accounts	47b	600	247,539	47c	164,557
	48a Pledges receivable	48a				
	b Less: allowance for doubtful accounts	48b		323,165	48c	517,185
	49 Grants receivable				49	
	50 Receivables from officers, directors, trustees, and key employees (attach schedule)				50	
	51a Other notes and loans receivable (attach schedule)	51a				
	b Less: allowance for doubtful accounts	51b			51c	
	52 Inventories for sale or use			850,165	52	1,313,507
	53 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges			767,863	53	939,847
	54 Investments—securities (attach schedule) <input type="checkbox"/> Cost <input type="checkbox"/> FMV				54	
	55a Investments—land, buildings, and equipment: basis	55a				
	b Less: accumulated depreciation (attach schedule)	55b		3,387,100	55c	3,387,100
56 Investments—other (attach schedule)				56		
57a Land, buildings, and equipment: basis	57a					
b Less: accumulated depreciation (attach schedule)	57b		16,247,379	57c	14,549,578	
58 Other assets (describe <input type="checkbox"/> Schedule 5)			30,016,365	58	31,301,209	
59 <b>Total assets</b> (add lines 45 through 58) (must equal line 74)			54,777,692	59	54,762,265	
<b>Liabilities</b>	60 Accounts payable and accrued expenses			1,582,036	60	831,841
	61 Grants payable				61	
	62 Deferred revenue			40,333	62	27,460
	63 Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and key employees (attach schedule)				63	
	64a Tax-exempt bond liabilities (attach schedule)				64a	
	b Mortgages and other notes payable (attach schedule)			40,000	64b	30,000
	65 Other liabilities (describe <input type="checkbox"/> Statement 6)			32,316,916	65	33,920,147
66 <b>Total liabilities</b> (add lines 60 through 65)			33,979,285	66	34,809,448	
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 67 through 69 and lines 73 and 74.					
	67 Unrestricted			16,978,544	67	15,792,142
	68 Temporarily restricted			3,819,863	68	4,160,675
	69 Permanently restricted				69	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 70 through 74.					
	70 Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds				70	
	71 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, and equipment fund				71	
	72 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds				72	
	73 <b>Total net assets or fund balances</b> (add lines 67 through 69 or lines 70 through 72; column (A) must equal line 19; column (B) must equal line 21)			20,798,407	73	19,952,817
	74 <b>Total liabilities and net assets / fund balances</b> (add lines 66 and 73)			54,777,692	74	54,762,265

Form 990 is available for public inspection and, for some people, serves as the primary or sole source of information about a particular organization. How the public perceives an organization in such cases may be determined by the information presented on its return. Therefore, please make sure the return is complete and accurate and fully describes, in Part III, the organization's programs and accomplishments.



Part VI Other Information (See page 28 of the instructions.)

		Yes	No
76	Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of each activity.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
77	Were any changes made in the organizing or governing documents but not reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
78a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year covered by this return?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
78b	b If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?		
79	Was there a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or substantial contraction during the year? If "Yes," attach a statement		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
80a	Is the organization related (other than by association with a statewide or nationwide organization) through common membership, governing bodies, trustees, officers, etc., to any other exempt or nonexempt organization?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	b If "Yes," enter the name of the organization _____ and check whether it is <input type="checkbox"/> exempt or <input type="checkbox"/> nonexempt.		
81a	Enter direct and indirect political expenditures. See line 81 instructions <b>81a</b>		
81b	b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
82a	Did the organization receive donated services or the use of materials, equipment, or facilities at no charge or at substantially less than fair rental value?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	b If "Yes," you may indicate the value of these items here. Do not include this amount as revenue in Part I or as an expense in Part II. (See instructions in Part III.) <b>82b</b>		
83a	Did the organization comply with the public inspection requirements for returns and exemption applications?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
83b	b Did the organization comply with the disclosure requirements relating to quid pro quo contributions?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
84a	Did the organization solicit any contributions or gifts that were not tax deductible?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	b If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?		
85a	85 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations. a Were substantially all dues nondeductible by members?		
85b	b Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less? If "Yes" was answered to either 85a or 85b, do not complete 85c through 85h below unless the organization received a waiver for proxy tax owed for the prior year.		
	c Dues, assessments, and similar amounts from members. <b>85c</b>		
	d Section 162(e) lobbying and political expenditures. <b>85d</b>		
	e Aggregate nondeductible amount of section 6033(e)(1)(A) dues notices. <b>85e</b>		
	f Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (line 85d less 85e). <b>85f</b>		
	g Does the organization elect to pay the section 6033(e) tax on the amount on line 85f?		
	h If section 6033(e)(1)(A) dues notices were sent, does the organization agree to add the amount on line 85f to its reasonable estimate of dues allocable to nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures for the following tax year? <b>85h</b>		
86a	86 501(c)(7) orgs. Enter: a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 12. <b>86a</b>		
86b	b Gross receipts, included on line 12, for public use of club facilities. <b>86b</b>		
87a	87 501(c)(12) orgs. Enter: a Gross income from members or shareholders. <b>87a</b>		
87b	b Gross income from other sources. (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.) <b>87b</b>		
88	88 At any time during the year, did the organization own a 50% or greater interest in a taxable corporation or partnership, or an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? If "Yes," complete Part IX. <b>88</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
89a	89a 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter: Amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 _____; section 4912 _____; section 4955 _____		
89b	b 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) orgs. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or did it become aware of an excess benefit transaction from a prior year? If "Yes," attach a statement explaining each transaction. <b>89b</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	c Enter: Amount of tax imposed on the organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 _____		
	d Enter: Amount of tax on line 89c, above, reimbursed by the organization _____		
90a	90a List the states with which a copy of this return is filed <b>Statement 10</b>		
	b Number of employees employed in the pay period that includes March 12, 2004 (See instructions.) <b>90b</b> 125		
91	91 The books are in care of <b>Larry Ewing</b> Telephone no. <b>(618) 627-4651</b> Located at <b>3391 Charlie Good Road, West Frankfort, IL</b> ZIP + 4 <b>62896</b>		
92	92 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041—Check here. <input type="checkbox"/> and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year <b>92</b>		

**Part VII Analysis of Income-Producing Activities** (See page 33 of the instructions.)

Note: Enter gross amounts unless otherwise indicated.

	Unrelated business income		Excluded by section 512, 513, or 514		(E) Related or exempt function income
	(A) Business code	(B) Amount	(C) Exclusion code	(D) Amount	
93 Program service revenue:					
a Production and distribution					1,106,556
b					
c					
d					
e					
f Medicare/Medicaid payments					
g Fees and contracts from government agencies					
94 Membership dues and assessments					3,903
95 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments					
96 Dividends and interest from securities					
97 Net rental income or (loss) from real estate:					
a debt-financed property					
b not debt-financed property					32,275
98 Net rental income or (loss) from personal property					
99 Other investment income					
100 Gain or (loss) from sales of assets other than inventory					(118,689)
101 Net income or (loss) from special events					129,705
102 Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory					
103 Other revenue: a					
b Change in value of split interest agreements					(799,307)
c Other					38,796
d					
e					
104 Subtotal (add columns (B), (D), and (E))					393,239
105 Total (add line 104, columns (B), (D), and (E))					393,239

Note: Line 105 plus line 1d, Part I, should equal the amount on line 12, Part I.

**Part VIII Relationship of Activities to the Accomplishment of Exempt Purposes** (See page 34 of the instructions.)

Line No.	Explain how each activity for which income is reported in column (E) of Part VII contributed importantly to the accomplishment of the organization's exempt purposes (other than by providing funds for such purposes).
▼	Statement 11

**Part IX Information Regarding Taxable Subsidiaries and Disregarded Entities** (See page 34 of the instructions.)

(A) Name, address, and EIN of corporation, partnership, or disregarded entity	(B) Percentage of ownership interest	(C) Nature of activities	(D) Total income	(E) End-of-year assets
	%			
	%			
	%			
	%			

**Part X Information Regarding Transfers Associated with Personal Benefit Contracts** (See page 34 of the instructions.)

- (a) Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?  Yes  No
- (b) Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?  Yes  No
- Note: If "Yes" to (b), file Form 8870 and Form 4720 (see instructions).

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

**Please Sign Here**

Signature of officer: Danny Shelton, President *Danny Shelton* Date: 5-17-05

Type or print name and title.

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**Paid Preparer's Use Only**

Preparer's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Check if self-employed:

Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4: \_\_\_\_\_ Preparer's SSN or PTIN (See Gen. Inst. W): \_\_\_\_\_

EIN: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone no.: \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHEDULE A**  
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

**Organization Exempt Under Section 501(c)(3)**

(Except Private Foundation) and Section 501(e), 501(f), 501(k),  
501(n), or Section 4947(a)(1) Nonexempt Charitable Trust

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2004**

Department of the Treasury  
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▶ **MUST be completed by the above organizations and attached to their Form 990 or 990-EZ**

Name of the organization

Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc.

Employer identification number

37 : 1179056

**Part I Compensation of the Five Highest Paid Employees Other Than Officers, Directors, and Trustees**  
(See page 1 of the instructions. List each one. If there are none, enter "None.")

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$50,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
Linda Shelton 2125 Renwick Dr., Springfield, IL 62704	Vice President 40 hrs/wk	117,110		
Moses Primo PO Box 39, Thompsonville, IL 62890	Director of Engineering 40 hrs/wk	50,818		
Total number of other employees paid over \$50,000 ▶				

**Part II Compensation of the Five Highest Paid Independent Contractors for Professional Services**  
(See page 2 of the instructions. List each one (whether individuals or firms). If there are none, enter "None.")

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
Union Bank of California PO Box 85243, San Diego, CA 92186	Investment Management	74,333
Sidley, Austin, Brown & Wood LLP 555 West 5th Street, Suite 4000, Los Angeles, CA 90013	Legal	191,491
Total number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services ▶	0	

**Part III** Statements About Activities (See page 2 of the instructions.)

	Yes	No
<p><b>1</b> During the year, has the organization attempted to influence national, state, or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum? If "Yes," enter the total expenses paid or incurred in connection with the lobbying activities ► \$ _____ (Must equal amounts on line 38, Part VI-A, or line I of Part VI-B.)</p> <p>Organizations that made an election under section 501(h) by filing Form 5768 must complete Part VI-A. Other organizations checking "Yes" must complete Part VI-B AND attach a statement giving a detailed description of the lobbying activities.</p>		✓
<p><b>2</b> During the year, has the organization, either directly or indirectly, engaged in any of the following acts with any substantial contributors, trustees, directors, officers, creators, key employees, or members of their families, or with any taxable organization with which any such person is affiliated as an officer, director, trustee, majority owner, or principal beneficiary? (If the answer to any question is "Yes," attach a detailed statement explaining the transactions.)</p>		
<p><b>a</b> Sale, exchange, or leasing of property?</p>	2a	✓
<p><b>b</b> Lending of money or other extension of credit?</p>	2b	✓
<p><b>c</b> Furnishing of goods, services, or facilities?</p>	2c	✓
<p><b>d</b> Payment of compensation (or payment or reimbursement of expenses if more than \$1,000)?</p>	2d	✓
<p><b>e</b> Transfer of any part of its income or assets?</p>	2e	✓
<p><b>3a</b> Do you make grants for scholarships, fellowships, student loans, etc.? (If "Yes," attach an explanation of how you determine that recipients qualify to receive payments.)</p>	3a	✓
<p><b>b</b> Do you have a section 403(b) annuity plan for your employees?</p>	3b	✓
<p><b>4a</b> Did you maintain any separate account for participating donors where donors have the right to provide advice on the use or distribution of funds?</p>	4a	✓
<p><b>b</b> Do you provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services?</p>	4b	✓

**Part IV** Reason for Non-Private Foundation Status (See pages 3 through 6 of the instructions.)

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (Please check only **ONE** applicable box.)

- 5  A church, convention of churches, or association of churches. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).
- 6  A school. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii). (Also complete Part V.)
- 7  A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).
- 8  A Federal, state, or local government or governmental unit. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).
- 9  A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii). Enter the hospital's name, city, and state ► \_\_\_\_\_
- 10  An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv). (Also complete the **Support Schedule** in Part IV-A.)
- 11a  An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). (Also complete the **Support Schedule** in Part IV-A.)
- 11b  A community trust. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). (Also complete the **Support Schedule** in Part IV-A.)
- 12  An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its charitable, etc., functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See section 509(a)(2). (Also complete the **Support Schedule** in Part IV-A.)
- 13  An organization that is not controlled by any disqualified persons (other than foundation managers) and supports organizations described in: (1) lines 5 through 12 above; or (2) section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6), if they meet the test of section 509(a)(2). (See section 509(a)(3).)

Provide the following information about the supported organizations. (See page 5 of the instructions.)

(a) Name(s) of supported organization(s)	(b) Line number from above

- 14  An organization organized and operated to test for public safety. Section 509(a)(4). (See page 5 of the instructions.)



**Part IV-A Support Schedule** (Complete only if you checked a box on line 10, 11, or 12.) *Use cash method of accounting.*  
**Note:** You may use the worksheet in the instructions for converting from the accrual to the cash method of accounting.

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2003	(b) 2002	(c) 2001	(d) 2000	(e) Total
15 Gifts, grants, and contributions received. (Do not include unusual grants. See line 28.)	12,918,511	17,236,402	13,521,717	11,202,957	54,879,587
16 Membership fees received					
17 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or furnishing of facilities in any activity that is related to the organization's charitable, etc., purpose	2,310,642	1,998,731	1,794,201	3,476,063	9,579,637
18 Gross income from interest, dividends, amounts received from payments on securities loans (section 512(a)(5)), rents, royalties, and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975	48,917	52,416	70,437	83,580	255,350
19 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 18.					
20 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to it or expended on its behalf.					
21 The value of services or facilities furnished to the organization by a governmental unit without charge. Do not include the value of services or facilities generally furnished to the public without charge.					
22 Other income. Attach a schedule. Do not include gain or (loss) from sale of capital assets					
23 Total of lines 15 through 22	15,278,070	19,287,549	15,386,355	14,762,600	64,714,574
24 Line 23 minus line 17	12,967,428	17,288,818	13,592,154	11,286,537	55,134,937
25 Enter 1% of line 23	152,781	192,875	153,864	147,626	

26 Organizations described on lines 10 or 11: a Enter 2% of amount in column (e), line 24	26a	
b Prepare a list for your records to show the name of and amount contributed by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) whose total gifts for 2000 through 2003 exceeded the amount shown in line 26a. Do not file this list with your return. Enter the total of all these excess amounts	26b	
c Total support for section 509(a)(1) test: Enter line 24, column (e)	26c	
d Add: Amounts from column (e) for lines: 18 _____ 19 _____ 22 _____ 26b _____	26d	
e Public support (line 26c minus line 26d total)	26e	
f Public support percentage (line 26e (numerator) divided by line 26c (denominator))	26f	%

27 Organizations described on line 12: a For amounts included in lines 15, 16, and 17 that were received from a "disqualified person," prepare a list for your records to show the name of, and total amounts received in each year from, each "disqualified person." Do not file this list with your return. Enter the sum of such amounts for each year:

(2003) 146,809 (2002) 317,048 (2001) 261,527 (2000) 455,945

b For any amount included in line 17 that was received from each person (other than "disqualified persons"), prepare a list for your records to show the name of, and amount received for each year, that was more than the larger of (1) the amount on line 25 for the year or (2) \$5,000. (Include in the list organizations described in lines 5 through 11, as well as individuals.) Do not file this list with your return. After computing the difference between the amount received and the larger amount described in (1) or (2), enter the sum of these differences (the excess amounts) for each year:

(2003) 337,040 (2002) 182,840 (2001) 379,400 (2000) 179,522

c Add: Amounts from column (e) for lines: 15 54,879,587 16 \_\_\_\_\_  
17 9,579,637 20 \_\_\_\_\_ 21 \_\_\_\_\_

d Add: Line 27a total 1,181,329 and line 27b total 1,078,802

e Public support (line 27c total minus line 27d total)

f Total support for section 509(a)(2) test: Enter amount from line 23, column (e) 64,714,574

g Public support percentage (line 27e (numerator) divided by line 27f (denominator))

h Investment income percentage (line 18, column (e) (numerator) divided by line 27f (denominator))

28 Unusual Grants: For an organization described in line 10, 11, or 12 that received any unusual grants during 2000 through 2003, prepare a list for your records to show, for each year, the name of the contributor, the date and amount of the grant, and a brief description of the nature of the grant. Do not file this list with your return. Do not include these grants in line 15.

**Part V Private School Questionnaire** (See page 7 of the instructions.)  
**(To be completed ONLY by schools that checked the box on line 6 in Part IV)**

		Yes	No
29	Does the organization have a racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students by statement in its charter, bylaws, other governing instrument, or in a resolution of its governing body? . . . . .		
30	Does the organization include a statement of its racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students in all its brochures, catalogues, and other written communications with the public dealing with student admissions, programs, and scholarships? . . . . .		
31	Has the organization publicized its racially nondiscriminatory policy through newspaper or broadcast media during the period of solicitation for students, or during the registration period if it has no solicitation program, in a way that makes the policy known to all parts of the general community it serves? . . . . . If "Yes," please describe; if "No," please explain. (If you need more space, attach a separate statement.) ..... ..... .....		
32	Does the organization maintain the following:		
a	Records indicating the racial composition of the student body, faculty, and administrative staff? . . . . .		
b	Records documenting that scholarships and other financial assistance are awarded on a racially nondiscriminatory basis? . . . . .		
c	Copies of all catalogues, brochures, announcements, and other written communications to the public dealing with student admissions, programs, and scholarships? . . . . .		
d	Copies of all material used by the organization or on its behalf to solicit contributions? . . . . .		
	If you answered "No" to any of the above, please explain. (If you need more space, attach a separate statement.) ..... .....		
33	Does the organization discriminate by race in any way with respect to:		
a	Students' rights or privileges? . . . . .		
b	Admissions policies? . . . . .		
c	Employment of faculty or administrative staff? . . . . .		
d	Scholarships or other financial assistance? . . . . .		
e	Educational policies? . . . . .		
f	Use of facilities? . . . . .		
g	Athletic programs? . . . . .		
h	Other extracurricular activities? . . . . .		
	If you answered "Yes" to any of the above, please explain. (If you need more space, attach a separate statement.) ..... .....		
34a	Does the organization receive any financial aid or assistance from a governmental agency? . . . . .		
b	Has the organization's right to such aid ever been revoked or suspended? . . . . . If you answered "Yes" to either 34a or b, please explain using an attached statement.		
35	Does the organization certify that it has complied with the applicable requirements of sections 4.01 through 4.05 of Rev. Proc. 75-50, 1975-2 C.B. 587, covering racial nondiscrimination? If "No," attach an explanation . . . . .		

**Part VI-A Lobbying Expenditures by Electing Public Charities** (See page 9 of the instructions.)  
 (To be completed **ONLY** by an eligible organization that filed Form 5768)

Check  a  if the organization belongs to an affiliated group. Check  b  if you checked "a" and "limited control" provisions apply.

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures		(a) Affiliated group totals	(b) To be completed for ALL electing organizations
(The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)			
36	Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grassroots lobbying) . . . . .	36	
37	Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying) . . . . .	37	
38	Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 36 and 37) . . . . .	38	
39	Other exempt purpose expenditures . . . . .	39	
40	Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 38 and 39) . . . . .	40	
41	Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table— If the amount on line 40 is—                      The lobbying nontaxable amount is— Not over \$500,000 . . . . .                      20% of the amount on line 40 . . . . . Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000 . . . . .                      \$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000 Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000 . . . . .                      \$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000 Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000 . . . . .                      \$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000 Over \$17,000,000 . . . . .                      \$1,000,000 . . . . .	41	
42	Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 41) . . . . .	42	
43	Subtract line 42 from line 36. Enter -0- if line 42 is more than line 36. . . . .	43	
44	Subtract line 41 from line 38. Enter -0- if line 41 is more than line 38. . . . .	44	

Caution: If there is an amount on either line 43 or line 44, you must file Form 4720.

**4-Year Averaging Period Under Section 501(h)**

(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below.  
 See the instructions for lines 45 through 50 on page 11 of the instructions.)

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period				
	(a) 2004	(b) 2003	(c) 2002	(d) 2001	(e) Total
45	Lobbying nontaxable amount . . . . .				
46	Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 45(e)) . . . . .				
47	Total lobbying expenditures . . . . .				
48	Grassroots nontaxable amount . . . . .				
49	Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 48(e)) . . . . .				
50	Grassroots lobbying expenditures . . . . .				

**Part VI-B Lobbying Activity by Nonelecting Public Charities**  
 (For reporting only by organizations that did not complete Part VI-A) (See page 11 of the instructions.)

During the year, did the organization attempt to influence national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of:	Yes	No	Amount
a Volunteers . . . . .			
b Paid staff or management (Include compensation in expenses reported on lines c through h.) . . . . .			
c Media advertisements . . . . .			
d Mailings to members, legislators, or the public . . . . .			
e Publications, or published or broadcast statements . . . . .			
f Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes . . . . .			
g Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body . . . . .			
h Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any other means . . . . .			
i Total lobbying expenditures (Add lines c through h.) . . . . .			

If "Yes" to any of the above, also attach a statement giving a detailed description of the lobbying activities.



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YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004**

#37-1179056

**Statement 1  
Form 990, Part I, Line 8  
Net Gain (Loss) form Noninventory Sales**

Publicly Traded Securities

Description:	Securities
Date Acquired:	Various
How Acquired:	Purchased or Donated
Date Sold:	Various
To Whom Sold:	Market Shares - Unknown
Gross Sales Price	21,726
Cost Basis	21,747
Loss on Sale	<u>(21)</u>

Other Assets

Description:	Capital Assets
Date Acquired:	Various
How Acquired:	Purchased or Donated
Date Sold:	Various
To Whom Sold:	Various
Gross Sales Price	893,177
Cost Basis	1,011,845
Loss on Sale	<u>(118,668)</u>

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**Statement 2**  
**Form 990, Part I, Line 43**  
**Other Expenses**

Other Expenses	Total	Program Services	Management & General	Fundraising
Advertising and Promotion	206,995	37,500	169,495	
Bank Charges	64,189		64,189	
Broadcasting	49,734	49,734		
Camp Meeting	37,516		37,516	
Cost of Goods Given Away	330,242	330,242		
Contract Labor	111,478	99,716	11,762	
Dues and Registration	36,855	36,855		
Insurance	333,123		333,123	
Miscellaneous	144,618		144,618	
Music Production	102,777	102,777		
Special Projects	529,598	473,875	55,723	
	<u>1,947,125</u>	<u>1,130,699</u>	<u>816,426</u>	

**Statement 3**  
**Form 990, Part IV, Line 55**  
**Land, Buildings and Equipment**

Land held in Charitable Remainder Unitrusts 3,387,100

**Statement 4**  
**Form 990, Part IV, Line 57**  
**Land, Buildings and Equipment**

Asset	Cost	Accum. Deprec.	Net Book Value
Buildings	6,583,111	760,019	5,823,092
Land	855,813		855,813
Land Improvements	290,903	61,384	229,519
Machinery & Equipment	18,660,049	11,599,773	7,060,276
Vehicles	1,410,066	1,194,408	215,658
Construction in Progress	365,220		365,220
	<u>28,165,162</u>	<u>13,615,584</u>	<u>14,549,578</u>

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**Statement 5**  
**Form 990 Part IV, Line 58**  
**Other Assets**

Annuities	10,814,529
Trusts	20,486,680
	<u>31,301,209</u>

**Statement 6**  
**Form 990 Part IV, Line 65**  
**Other Liabilities**

Annuities	11,439,255
Liabilities under Unitrust Agreements	1,994,212
Revocable Trust Liabilities	20,486,680
	<u>33,920,147</u>

**Statement 7**  
**Form 990 Part IV-A, Line B(4)**  
**Other Amounts**

Cost of Goods Sold - Satelites	584,020
Rental Expenses	898
	<u>584,918</u>

**Statement 8**  
**Form 990 Part IV-B, Line B(4)**  
**Other Amounts**

Cost of Goods Sold - Satelites	584,020
Rental Expenses	898
	<u>584,918</u>

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**Statement 9**  
**Form 990, Part V**  
**List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees**

Name and Address	Title & Avg. Hrs/Wk	Comp.	Employee Benefits	Expense Account
Dr. Walter Thompson 174 Fox Borough Burr Ridge, IL 60521	Chairman None		0	0
Kenneth Denslow 619 Plainfield Rd., 3rd Floor Willowbrook, IL 60521-5381	Director None		0	0
May Chung 155 Manchester Lane San Bernardino, CA 92408	Director None		0	0
Larry Ewing PO Box 75 Thompsonville, IL 62890	Treasurer 40 hrs/wk	60,729		
Merlin Fjarli 670 Mason Way Medford, OR 97501	Director None		0	0
Bill Hulsey PO Box 596 Collegedale, TN 37315	Director None		0	0
Ellsworth McKee PO Box 750 Collegedale, TN 37315	Director None		0	0
Nicholas Miller 2352 Bond Street Niles, MI 49120	Director None		0	0
Wintley Phipps PO Box 8008 Vero Beach, FL 32963	Director None		0	0
Danny Shelton 2954 New Lake Road West Frankfort, IL 62896	President Director 40 hrs/wk	59,294		



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**Statement 9**  
**Form 990, Part V (Continued)**  
**List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees**

Mollie Steenson 400 E. 9th Street Johnston City, IL 62951	Secretary Director 40 hrs/wk	44,166		
G. Ralph Thompson 12501 Old Columbia Pike Silver Spring, MD 20904-6600	Director None	0	0	0
Carmelita Troy 4024 Ronda Rd. Pebble Beach, CA 93953	Director None	0	0	0
Larry Welch 715 S Mulkey Christopher, IL 62822	Director 40 hrs/wk	40,584	0	0
		<u>204,773</u>		

**Statement 10**  
**Form 990, Part V, Line 90A**  
**List of States Which This Return is Filed**  
 California  
 Illinois  
 Oregon

**Statement 11**  
**Form 990, Part VII**  
**Relationship of Activities to the Accomplishment of Exempt Purposes**  
 Line # Explanation of Activities

93	Payment for airtime & production of certain religious programming
95	Interest income is used to help offset general operating expenses
97	Rental income is used to help offset general operating expenses
102	Sale of satellite dishes to enable viewers to receive programming
103b	Recovery of airtime and production revenue relating to religious programming
103c	Other income is used to help offset general operating expenses

# Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

OMB No. 1545-0047  
**2003**  
**Open to Public Inspection**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

▶ The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

**A** For the 2003 calendar year, or tax year beginning \_\_\_\_\_, 2003, and ending \_\_\_\_\_, 20

**B** Check if applicable:  
 Address change  
 Name change  
 Initial return  
 Final return  
 Amended return  
 Application pending

**C** Name of organization  
**Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc.**  
 Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite  
**P.O. Box 220**  
 City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4  
**West Frankfort, IL 62896**

**D** Employer identification number  
**37-1179056**

**E** Telephone number  
**(618) 627-4651**

**F** Accounting method:  Cash  Accrual  
 Other (specify) ▶

**H** and **I** are not applicable to section 527 organizations.  
**H(a)** Is this a group return for affiliates?  Yes  No  
**H(b)** If "Yes," enter number of affiliates ▶ .....  
**H(c)** Are all affiliates included?  Yes  No  
 (If "No," attach a list. See instructions.)  
**H(d)** Is this a separate return filed by an organization covered by a group ruling?  Yes  No

**G** Website: ▶ **3abn.org**

**J** Organization type (check only one) ▶  501(c) ( 3 ) ◀ (insert no.)  4947(a)(1) or  527

**K** Check here  if the organization's gross receipts are normally not more than \$25,000. The organization need not file a return with the IRS; but if the organization received a Form 990 Package in the mail, it should file a return without financial data. Some states require a complete return.

**I** Group Exemption Number ▶

**M** Check  if the organization is not required to attach Sch. B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

**L** Gross receipts: Add lines 6b, 8b, 9b, and 10b to line 12 ▶

**Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances** (See page 18 of the instructions.)

<b>Revenue</b>	<b>1</b> Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received:				
	<b>a</b> Direct public support	<b>1a</b>	10,902,656		
	<b>b</b> Indirect public support	<b>1b</b>			
	<b>c</b> Government contributions (grants)	<b>1c</b>			
	<b>d</b> Total (add lines 1a through 1c) (cash \$ 10,593,517 noncash \$ 309,139 )	<b>1d</b>		10,902,656	
	<b>2</b> Program service revenue including government fees and contracts (from Part VII, line 93)	<b>2</b>		882,654	
	<b>3</b> Membership dues and assessments	<b>3</b>			
	<b>4</b> Interest on savings and temporary cash investments	<b>4</b>		28,155	
	<b>5</b> Dividends and interest from securities	<b>5</b>			
	<b>6a</b> Gross rents	<b>6a</b>	20,763		
	<b>b</b> Less: rental expenses	<b>6b</b>	7,259		
	<b>c</b> Net rental income or (loss) (subtract line 6b from line 6a)	<b>6c</b>		13,504	
<b>7</b> Other investment income (describe ▶ )	<b>7</b>				
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>8a</b> Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(A) Securities		(B) Other	
		124,895	<b>8a</b>	24,000	
		118,712	<b>8b</b>	26,155	
		6,183	<b>8c</b>	(2,155)	
<b>d</b> Net gain or (loss) (combine line 8c, columns (A) and (B))	<b>8d</b>		4,028		
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>9</b> Special events and activities (attach schedule). If any amount is from gaming, check here <input type="checkbox"/>				
	<b>a</b> Gross revenue (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1a)	<b>9a</b>			
	<b>b</b> Less: direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	<b>9b</b>			
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from special events (subtract line 9b from line 9a)	<b>9c</b>				
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>10a</b> Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	<b>10a</b>	1,390,946		
	<b>b</b> Less: cost of goods sold	<b>10b</b>	1,041,702		
	<b>c</b> Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (attach schedule) (subtract line 10b from line 10a)	<b>10c</b>		349,244	
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>11</b> Other revenue (from Part VII, line 103)	<b>11</b>		(698,462)	
	<b>12</b> Total revenue (add lines 1d, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6c, 7, 8d, 9c, 10c, and 11)	<b>12</b>		11,481,779	
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>13</b> Program services (from line 44, column (B))	<b>13</b>		8,623,961	
	<b>14</b> Management and general (from line 44, column (C))	<b>14</b>		4,937,968	
	<b>15</b> Fundraising (from line 44, column (D))	<b>15</b>			
	<b>16</b> Payments to affiliates (attach schedule)	<b>16</b>			
	<b>17</b> Total expenses (add lines 16 and 44, column (A))	<b>17</b>		13,561,929	
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>18</b> Excess or (deficit) for the year (subtract line 17 from line 12)	<b>18</b>		(2,080,150)	
	<b>19</b> Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 73, column (A))	<b>19</b>		22,878,557	
	<b>20</b> Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation)	<b>20</b>			
	<b>21</b> Net assets or fund balances at end of year (combine lines 18, 19, and 20)	<b>21</b>		20,798,407	

**Part II Statement of Functional Expenses**

All organizations must complete column (A). Columns (B), (C), and (D) are required for section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts but optional for others. (See page 22 of the instructions.)

Do not include amounts reported on line 6b, 8b, 9b, 10b, or 16 of Part I.		(A) Total	(B) Program services	(C) Management and general	(D) Fundraising
22	Grants and allocations (attach schedule) (cash \$ _____ noncash \$ _____)				
23	Specific assistance to individuals (attach schedule)				
24	Benefits paid to or for members (attach schedule)				
25	Compensation of officers, directors, etc.	152,431	55,932	96,499	
26	Other salaries and wages	3,011,398	1,335,074	1,676,324	
27	Pension plan contributions				
28	Other employee benefits				
29	Payroll taxes	210,400		210,400	
30	Professional fundraising fees				
31	Accounting fees	29,651		29,651	
32	Legal fees	250,431		250,431	
33	Supplies	498,913	172,090	326,823	
34	Telephone	194,650	194,650		
35	Postage and shipping	859,186		859,186	
36	Occupancy	328,354	147,702	180,652	
37	Equipment rental and maintenance	2,888,282	2,740,728	147,554	
38	Printing and publications	186,794	186,794		
39	Travel	1,212,374	999,758	212,616	
40	Conferences, conventions, and meetings				
41	Interest	5,937		5,937	
42	Depreciation, depletion, etc. (attach schedule)	1,928,846	1,928,846		
43	Other expenses not covered above (itemize): a				
	Statement 2				
b		1,804,282	862,387	941,895	
c					
d					
e					
44	Total functional expenses (add lines 22 through 43). Organizations completing columns (B)-(D), carry these totals to lines 13-15.	13,561,929	8,623,961	4,937,968	

Joint Costs. Check  if you are following SOP 98-2.

Are any joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation reported in (B) Program services?  Yes  No  
 If "Yes," enter (i) the aggregate amount of these joint costs \$ \_\_\_\_\_; (ii) the amount allocated to Program services \$ \_\_\_\_\_; (iii) the amount allocated to Management and general \$ \_\_\_\_\_; and (iv) the amount allocated to Fundraising \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

**Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments** (See page 25 of the instructions.)

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose?	Program Service Expenses (Required for 501(c)(3) and (4) orgs., and 4947(a)(1) trusts; but optional for others.)
a Production and distribution of 24 hour per day religious programming for electronic transmission throughout the world.  (Grants and allocations \$ _____)	8,623,961
b  (Grants and allocations \$ _____)	
c  (Grants and allocations \$ _____)	
d  (Grants and allocations \$ _____)	
e Other program services (attach schedule) (Grants and allocations \$ _____)	
f Total of Program Service Expenses (should equal line 44, column (B), Program services)	

**Part IV Balance Sheets** (See page 25 of the instructions.)

Note: Where required, attached schedules and amounts within the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only.		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
<b>Assets</b>	45 Cash—non-interest-bearing . . . . .	797,584	45	383,281
	46 Savings and temporary cash investments . . . . .	3,875,730	46	2,554,835
	47a Accounts receivable . . . . .	47a 247,539		
	b Less: allowance for doubtful accounts . . . . .	47b	180,130	47c 247,539
	48a Pledges receivable . . . . .	48a		
	b Less: allowance for doubtful accounts . . . . .	48b	375,394	48c 323,165
	49 Grants receivable . . . . .			49
	50 Receivables from officers, directors, trustees, and key employees (attach schedule) . . . . .			50
	51a Other notes and loans receivable (attach schedule) . . . . .	51a		
	b Less: allowance for doubtful accounts . . . . .	51b	29,877	51c
	52 Inventories for sale or use . . . . .		618,377	52 850,165
	53 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges . . . . .		584,405	53 401,109
	54 Investments—securities (attach schedule) . . . . .	▶ <input type="checkbox"/> Cost <input type="checkbox"/> FMV		54
	55a Investments—land, buildings, and equipment: basis . . . . .	55a 3,387,100		
b Less: accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) . . . . .	55b	3,387,100	55c 3,387,100	
56 Investments—other (attach schedule) . . . . .			56	
57a Land, buildings, and equipment: basis . . . . .	57a 28,010,706			
b Less: accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) . . . . .	57b 11,763,327	12,358,063	57c 16,247,379	
58 Other assets (describe ▶ <b>Schedule 5</b> ) . . . . .		31,312,792	58 30,016,365	
59 <b>Total assets</b> (add lines 45 through 58) (must equal line 74) . . . . .		53,519,452	59 54,777,692	
<b>Liabilities</b>	60 Accounts payable and accrued expenses . . . . .	837,942	60	1,582,036
	61 Grants payable . . . . .		61	
	62 Deferred revenue . . . . .	18,891	62	40,333
	63 Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and key employees (attach schedule) . . . . .			63
	64a Tax-exempt bond liabilities (attach schedule) . . . . .			64a
	b Mortgages and other notes payable (attach schedule) . . . . .	40,000	64b	40,000
65 Other liabilities (describe ▶ <b>Schedule 6</b> ) . . . . .		29,744,062	65 32,316,916	
66 <b>Total liabilities</b> (add lines 60 through 65) . . . . .		30,640,895	66 33,979,285	
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 67 through 69 and lines 73 and 74.			
	67 Unrestricted . . . . .	18,927,747	67	16,978,544
	68 Temporarily restricted . . . . .	3,950,810	68	3,819,863
	69 Permanently restricted . . . . .		69	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 70 through 74.			
	70 Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds . . . . .		70	
	71 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, and equipment fund . . . . .		71	
	72 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds . . . . .		72	
73 <b>Total net assets or fund balances</b> (add lines 67 through 69 or lines 70 through 72; column (A) must equal line 19; column (B) must equal line 21). . . . .		22,878,557	73 20,798,407	
74 <b>Total liabilities and net assets / fund balances</b> (add lines 66 and 73) . . . . .		53,519,452	74 54,777,692	

Form 990 is available for public inspection and, for some people, serves as the primary or sole source of information about a particular organization. How the public perceives an organization in such cases may be determined by the information presented on its return. Therefore, please make sure the return is complete and accurate and fully describes, in Part III, the organization's programs and accomplishments.

**Part IV-A Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements with Revenue per Return** (See page 27 of the instructions.)

a	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements . . . ▶	a	12,530,739
b	Amounts included on line a but not on line 12, Form 990:		
(1)	Net unrealized gains on investments . . . \$ _____		
(2)	Donated services and use of facilities \$ _____		
(3)	Recoveries of prior year grants . . . . \$ _____		
(4)	Other (specify): ..... Statement 7 \$ 1,048,960		
	Add amounts on lines (1) through (4) ▶	b	1,048,960
c	Line a minus line b . . . . . ▶	c	11,481,779
d	Amounts included on line 12, Form 990 but not on line a:		
(1)	Investment expenses not included on line 6b, Form 990 . . . . \$ _____		
(2)	Other (specify): ..... \$ _____		
	Add amounts on lines (1) and (2) ▶	d	
e	Total revenue per line 12, Form 990 (line c plus line d) . . . . . ▶	e	11,481,779

**Part IV-B Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements with Expenses per Return**

a	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements . . . ▶	a	14,610,889
b	Amounts included on line a but not on line 17, Form 990:		
(1)	Donated services and use of facilities \$ _____		
(2)	Prior year adjustments reported on line 20, Form 990 . . . . . \$ _____		
(3)	Losses reported on line 20, Form 990 . . . . . \$ _____		
(4)	Other (specify): ..... Statement 8 \$ 1,048,960		
	Add amounts on lines (1) through (4) ▶	b	1,048,960
c	Line a minus line b . . . . . ▶	c	13,561,929
d	Amounts included on line 17, Form 990 but not on line a:		
(1)	Investment expenses not included on line 6b, Form 990 . . . . \$ _____		
(2)	Other (specify): ..... \$ _____		
	Add amounts on lines (1) and (2) ▶	d	
e	Total expenses per line 17, Form 990 (line c plus line d) . . . . . ▶	e	13,561,929

**Part V List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees** (List each one even if not compensated; see page 27 of the instructions.)

(A) Name and address	(B) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(C) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-.)	(D) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(E) Expense account and other allowances
Statement 9				

75 Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee receive aggregate compensation of more than \$100,000 from your organization and all related organizations, of which more than \$10,000 was provided by the related organizations?  Yes  No  
If "Yes," attach schedule—see page 28 of the instructions.

**Part VI Other Information** (See page 28 of the instructions.)

		Yes	No
76	Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of each activity	76	✓
77	Were any changes made in the organizing or governing documents but not reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes.	77	✓
78a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year covered by this return?	78a	✓
b	If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?	78b	
79	Was there a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or substantial contraction during the year? If "Yes," attach a statement	79	✓
80a	Is the organization related (other than by association with a statewide or nationwide organization) through common membership, governing bodies, trustees, officers, etc., to any other exempt or nonexempt organization?	80a	
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the organization ▶ ..... and check whether it is <input type="checkbox"/> exempt or <input type="checkbox"/> nonexempt.		
81a	Enter direct and indirect political expenditures. See line 81 instructions	81a	
b	Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?	81b	✓
82a	Did the organization receive donated services or the use of materials, equipment, or facilities at no charge or at substantially less than fair rental value?	82a	✓
b	If "Yes," you may indicate the value of these items here. Do not include this amount as revenue in Part I or as an expense in Part II. (See instructions in Part III.)	82b	
83a	Did the organization comply with the public inspection requirements for returns and exemption applications?	83a	✓
b	Did the organization comply with the disclosure requirements relating to quid pro quo contributions?	83b	✓
84a	Did the organization solicit any contributions or gifts that were not tax deductible?	84a	✓
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	84b	
85	501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations. a Were substantially all dues nondeductible by members?	85a	
b	Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less? If "Yes" was answered to either 85a or 85b, do not complete 85c through 85h below unless the organization received a waiver for proxy tax owed for the prior year.	85b	
c	Dues, assessments, and similar amounts from members	85c	
d	Section 162(e) lobbying and political expenditures	85d	
e	Aggregate nondeductible amount of section 6033(e)(1)(A) dues notices	85e	
f	Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (line 85d less 85e)	85f	
g	Does the organization elect to pay the section 6033(e) tax on the amount on line 85f?	85g	
h	If section 6033(e)(1)(A) dues notices were sent, does the organization agree to add the amount on line 85f to its reasonable estimate of dues allocable to nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures for the following tax year?	85h	
86	501(c)(7) orgs. Enter: a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 12	86a	
b	Gross receipts, included on line 12, for public use of club facilities	86b	
87	501(c)(12) orgs. Enter: a Gross income from members or shareholders	87a	
b	Gross income from other sources. (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)	87b	
88	At any time during the year, did the organization own a 50% or greater interest in a taxable corporation or partnership, or an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? If "Yes," complete Part IX	88	✓
89a	501(c)(3) organizations. Enter: Amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 ▶ .....; section 4912 ▶ .....; section 4955 ▶ .....		
b	501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) orgs. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or did it become aware of an excess benefit transaction from a prior year? If "Yes," attach a statement explaining each transaction.	89b	✓
c	Enter: Amount of tax imposed on the organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958. ▶ ..... 0		
d	Enter: Amount of tax on line 89c, above, reimbursed by the organization. ▶ ..... 0		
90a	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed ▶ .....		
b	Number of employees employed in the pay period that includes March 12, 2003 (See instructions.)	90b	120
91	The books are in care of ▶ Larry Ewing Telephone no. ▶ ( 618 ) 627-4651 Located at ▶ 3391 Charley Good Road, West Frankfort, IL ZIP + 4 ▶ 62896		
92	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041—Check here <input type="checkbox"/> and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year ▶   92		

**Part VII Analysis of Income-Producing Activities** (See page 33 of the instructions.)

Note: Enter gross amounts unless otherwise indicated.

	Unrelated business income		Excluded by section 512, 513, or 514		(E) Related or exempt function income
	(A) Business code	(B) Amount	(C) Exclusion code	(D) Amount	
93 Program service revenue:					
a Production and distribution					882,653
b					
c					
d					
e					
f Medicare/Medicaid payments					
g Fees and contracts from government agencies					
94 Membership dues and assessments					
95 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments					28,155
96 Dividends and interest from securities					
97 Net rental income or (loss) from real estate:					
a debt-financed property					
b not debt-financed property					13,504
98 Net rental income or (loss) from personal property					
99 Other investment income					
100 Gain or (loss) from sales of assets other than inventory					4,028
101 Net income or (loss) from special events					
102 Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory					(50,097)
103 Other revenue: a Video and other sales					399,341
b Change in value of split interest agreements					(776,816)
c Bad debt recovery					18,896
d Other					59,459
e					
104 Subtotal (add columns (B), (D), and (E))					579,123
105 Total (add line 104, columns (B), (D), and (E))					

Note: Line 105 plus line 1d, Part I, should equal the amount on line 12, Part I.

**Part VIII Relationship of Activities to the Accomplishment of Exempt Purposes** (See page 34 of the instructions.)

Line No.	Explain how each activity for which income is reported in column (E) of Part VII contributed importantly to the accomplishment of the organization's exempt purposes (other than by providing funds for such purposes).
▼	Statement 11

**Part IX Information Regarding Taxable Subsidiaries and Disregarded Entities** (See page 34 of the instructions.)

(A) Name, address, and EIN of corporation, partnership, or disregarded entity	(B) Percentage of ownership interest	(C) Nature of activities	(D) Total income	(E) End-of-year assets
	%			
	%			
	%			
	%			

**Part X Information Regarding Transfers Associated with Personal Benefit Contracts** (See page 34 of the instructions.)

- (a) Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?  Yes  No
  - (b) Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?  Yes  No
- Note: If "Yes" to (b), file Form 8870 and Form 4720 (see instructions).

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Please Sign Here: *Danny Shelton* Signature of officer Date: 2/24/04  
 Danny Shelton, President  
 Type or print name and title.

Paid Preparer's Use Only: Preparer's signature, Date, Check if self-employed, Preparer's SSN or PTIN, Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4, EIN, Phone no.



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**Statement 1**  
**Form 990, Part I, Line 8**  
**Net Gain (Loss) form Noninventory Sales**

Publicly Traded Securities

Description:	Securities
Date Acquired:	Various
How Acquired:	Purchased or Donated
Date Sold:	Various
To Whom Sold:	Market Shares - Unknown
Gross Sales Price	124,895
Cost Basis	118,712
Loss on Sale	<u>6,183</u>

Other Assets

Description:	Capital Assets
Date Acquired:	Various
How Acquired:	Purchased or Donated
Date Sold:	Various
To Whom Sold:	Various
Gross Sales Price	24,000
Cost Basis	26,155
Loss on Sale	<u>(2,155)</u>



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**Statement 2**  
**Form 990, Part I, Line 43**  
**Other Expenses**

Other Expenses	Total	Program Management Services	& General Fundraising
Advertising and Promotion	426,191	179,252	246,939
Bank Charges	49,307		49,307
Broadcasting	79,463	79,463	
Camp Meeting	26,141		26,141
Contract Labor	102,479	51,819	50,660
Dues and Registration	46,972	46,972	
Insurance	244,012		244,012
Miscellaneous	192,799		192,799
Music Production	177,166	177,166	
Special Projects	459,752	327,715	132,037
	<u>1,804,282</u>	<u>862,387</u>	<u>941,895</u>

**Statement 3**  
**Form 990, Part IV, Line 55**  
**Land, Buildings and Equipment**

Land held in Charitable Remainder Unitrusts 3,387,100

**Statement 4**  
**Form 990, Part IV, Line 57**  
**Land, Buildings and Equipment**

Asset	Cost	Accum. Deprec.	Net Book Value
Aircraft	1,346,893	280,611	1,066,282
Buildings	3,662,186	621,826	3,040,360
Land	834,778		834,778
Land Improvements	187,511	48,060	139,451
Machinery & Equipment	18,017,648	9,809,342	8,208,306
Vehicles	1,402,866	1,003,488	399,378
Construction in Progress	2,558,824		2,558,824
	<u>28,010,706</u>	<u>11,763,327</u>	<u>16,247,379</u>

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**Statement 5**  
**Form 990 Part IV, Line 58**  
**Other Assets**

Annuities	10,074,843
Trusts	<u>19,941,522</u>
	<u>30,016,365</u>

**Statement 6**  
**Form 990 Part IV, Line 65**  
**Other Liabilities**

Annuities	10,078,854
Liabilities under Unitrust Agreements	2,296,540
Revocable Trust Liabilities	<u>19,941,522</u>
	<u>32,316,916</u>

**Statement 7**  
**Form 990 Part IV-A, Line B(4)**  
**Other Amounts**

Cost of Goods Sold - Satellites	1,041,702
Rental Expenses	<u>7,258</u>
	<u>1,048,960</u>

**Statement 8**  
**Form 990 Part IV-B, Line B(4)**  
**Other Amounts**

Cost of Goods Sold - Satellites	1,041,702
Rental Expenses	<u>7,258</u>
	<u>1,048,960</u>

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**Statement 9**  
**Form 990, Part V**  
**List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees**

<u>Name and Address</u>	<u>Title &amp; Avg. Hrs/Wk</u>	<u>Comp.</u>	<u>Employee Benefits</u>	<u>Expense Account</u>
Dr. Walter Thompson 174 Fox Borough Burr Ridge, IL 60521	Chairman None	0	0	0
Kenneth Denslow 619 Plainfield Rd., 3rd Floor Willowbrook, IL 60521-5381	Director None	0	0	0
May E. Chung 155 Manchester Lane San Bernardino, CA 92408	Director None	0	0	0
Dr. Robert Ford 2517 NE Kresky Chehalis, Wa 98532-2409	Director None	0	0	0
Bill Hulse PO Box 596 Collegedale, TN 37315	Director None	0	0	0
Ellsworth McKee PO Box 750 Collegedale, TN 37315	Director None	0	0	0
Danny Shelton 2954 New Lake Road West Frankfort, IL 62896	President Director 40 hrs/wk	53,695		
Linda Shelton 2954 New Lake Road West Frankfort, IL 62896	Vice Pres. Director 40 hrs/wk	58,169		
G. Ralph Thompson 12501 Old Columbia Pike Silver Spring, MD 20904-6600	Director None	0	0	0
Owen Troy 1906 Dana Drive Adelphi, MD 20783-2119	Director None	0	0	0
Larry Welch 715 S Mulkey Christopher, IL 62822	Director 40 hrs/wk	40,567	0	0
		152,431		

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**Statement 10****Form 990, Part V, Line 90A****List of States Which This Return is Filed**

California

Illinois

Oregon

**Statement 11****Form 990, Part VII****Relationship of Activities to the Accomplishment of Exempt Purposes**

<u>Line #</u>	<u>Explanation of Activities</u>
93	Payment for airtime & production of certain religious programming
95	Interest income is used to help offset general operating expenses
97	Rental income is used to help offset general operating expenses
102	Sale of satellite dishes to enable viewers to receive programming
103a	Sale of religious programming and religious books
103c	Recovery of airtime and production revenue relating to religious programming
103d	Other income is used to help offset general operating expenses

**SCHEDULE A**  
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

**Organization Exempt Under Section 501(c)(3)**

OMB No. 1545-0047

(Except Private Foundation) and Section 501(e), 501(f), 501(k),  
501(n), or Section 4947(a)(1) Nonexempt Charitable Trust

**2003**

**Supplementary Information—(See separate instructions.)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

▶ **MUST be completed by the above organizations and attached to their Form 990 or 990-EZ**

Name of the organization

Employer identification number

Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc.

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**Part I Compensation of the Five Highest Paid Employees Other Than Officers, Directors, and Trustees**  
(See page 1 of the instructions. List each one. If there are none, enter "None.")

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$50,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
Moses Primo PO Box 39, Thompsonville, IL 62890	Director of Engineering	69,732.14		
Total number of other employees paid over \$50,000 . . . . . ▶	0			

**Part II Compensation of the Five Highest Paid Independent Contractors for Professional Services**  
(See page 2 of the instructions. List each one (whether individuals or firms). If there are none, enter "None.")

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
Union Bank of California PO Box 85243, San Diego, CA 92186	Investment Management	62,291
Sidley, Austin, Brown & Wood LLP 555 West 5th Street, Suite 4000, Los Angeles, CA 90013	Legal	65,546
Total number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services . . . . . ▶	0	

**Part III** Statements About Activities (See page 2 of the instructions.)

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> During the year, has the organization attempted to influence national, state, or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum? If "Yes," enter the total expenses paid or incurred in connection with the lobbying activities ▶ \$ _____ (Must equal amounts on line 38, Part VI-A, or line I of Part VI-B.) Organizations that made an election under section 501(h) by filing Form 5768 must complete Part VI-A. Other organizations checking "Yes" must complete Part VI-B AND attach a statement giving a detailed description of the lobbying activities.		✓
<b>2</b> During the year, has the organization, either directly or indirectly, engaged in any of the following acts with any substantial contributors, trustees, directors, officers, creators, key employees, or members of their families, or with any taxable organization with which any such person is affiliated as an officer, director, trustee, majority owner, or principal beneficiary? (If the answer to any question is "Yes," attach a detailed statement explaining the transactions.)		
<b>a</b> Sale, exchange, or leasing of property?		✓
<b>b</b> Lending of money or other extension of credit?		✓
<b>c</b> Furnishing of goods, services, or facilities?	✓	
<b>d</b> Payment of compensation (or payment or reimbursement of expenses if more than \$1,000)?		✓
<b>e</b> Transfer of any part of its income or assets?		✓
<b>3a</b> Do you make grants for scholarships, fellowships, student loans, etc.? (If "Yes," attach an explanation of how you determine that recipients qualify to receive payments.)		✓
<b>b</b> Do you have a section 403(b) annuity plan for your employees?		✓
<b>4</b> Did you maintain any separate account for participating donors where donors have the right to provide advice on the use or distribution of funds?		✓

**Part IV** Reason for Non-Private Foundation Status (See pages 3 through 6 of the instructions.)

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (Please check only **ONE** applicable box.)

- 5** A church, convention of churches, or association of churches. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).
- 6** A school. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii). (Also complete Part V.)
- 7** A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).
- 8** A Federal, state, or local government or governmental unit. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).
- 9** A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii). Enter the hospital's name, city, and state ▶ \_\_\_\_\_
- 10** An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv). (Also complete the **Support Schedule** in Part IV-A.)
- 11a** An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). (Also complete the **Support Schedule** in Part IV-A.)
- 11b** A community trust. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). (Also complete the **Support Schedule** in Part IV-A.)
- 12** An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its charitable, etc., functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See section 509(a)(2). (Also complete the **Support Schedule** in Part IV-A.)
- 13** An organization that is not controlled by any disqualified persons (other than foundation managers) and supports organizations described in: (1) lines 5 through 12 above; or (2) section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6), if they meet the test of section 509(a)(2). (See section 509(a)(3).)

Provide the following information about the supported organizations. (See page 5 of the instructions.)

(a) Name(s) of supported organization(s)	(b) Line number from above

- 14** An organization organized and operated to test for public safety. Section 509(a)(4). (See page 6 of the instructions.)

**Part IV-A Support Schedule** (Complete only if you checked a box on line 10, 11, or 12.) *Use cash method of accounting.*

**Note:** You may use the worksheet in the instructions for converting from the accrual to the cash method of accounting.

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2002	(b) 2001	(c) 2000	(d) 1999	(e) Total
15 Gifts, grants, and contributions received. (Do not include unusual grants. See line 28.)	17,236,402	13,521,717	11,202,957	10,911,244	52,872,320
16 Membership fees received					
17 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or furnishing of facilities in any activity that is related to the organization's charitable, etc., purpose	1,998,731	1,794,201	3,476,063	4,610,614	11,879,609
18 Gross income from interest, dividends, amounts received from payments on securities loans (section 512(a)(5)), rents, royalties, and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975	52,416	70,437	83,580	77,741	284,174
19 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 18					
20 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to it or expended on its behalf					
21 The value of services or facilities furnished to the organization by a governmental unit without charge. Do not include the value of services or facilities generally furnished to the public without charge					
22 Other income. Attach a schedule. Do not include gain or (loss) from sale of capital assets					
23 Total of lines 15 through 22	19,287,549	15,386,355	14,762,600	15,599,599	65,036,103
24 Line 23 minus line 17	17,288,818	13,592,154	11,286,537	10,988,985	53,156,494
25 Enter 1% of line 23	192,875	153,864	147,626	155,996	

26 Organizations described on lines 10 or 11:	a Enter 2% of amount in column (e), line 24	26a	
b Prepare a list for your records to show the name of and amount contributed by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) whose total gifts for 1999 through 2002 exceeded the amount shown in line 26a. Do not file this list with your return. Enter the total of all these excess amounts		26b	
c Total support for section 509(a)(1) test: Enter line 24, column (e)		26c	
d Add: Amounts from column (e) for lines:	18 _____ 19 _____	26d	
	22 _____ 26b _____	26e	
e Public support (line 26c minus line 26d total)		26e	
f Public support percentage (line 26e (numerator) divided by line 26c (denominator))		26f	%

27 Organizations described on line 12: a For amounts included in lines 15, 16, and 17 that were received from a "disqualified person," prepare a list for your records to show the name of, and total amounts received in each year from, each "disqualified person." Do not file this list with your return. Enter the sum of such amounts for each year:

(2002) ..... 317,048 (2001) ..... 261,527 (2000) ..... 455,945 (1999) ..... 1,444,658

b For any amount included in line 17 that was received from each person (other than "disqualified persons"), prepare a list for your records to show the name of, and amount received for each year, that was more than the larger of (1) the amount on line 25 for the year or (2) \$5,000. (Include in the list organizations described in lines 5 through 11, as well as individuals.) Do not file this list with your return. After computing the difference between the amount received and the larger amount described in (1) or (2), enter the sum of these differences (the excess amounts) for each year:

(2002) ..... 182,840 (2001) ..... 379,400 (2000) ..... 179,522 (1999) .....

c Add: Amounts from column (e) for lines:	15 52,872,320	16 _____	27c	64,751,929
	17 11,879,609	20 _____ 21 _____	27d	3,220,940
d Add: Line 27a total	2,479,178	and line 27b total	741,762	27e 61,530,989
e Public support (line 27c total minus line 27d total)			27f	65,036,103
f Total support for section 509(a)(2) test: Enter amount from line 23, column (e)			27g	94.6 %
g Public support percentage (line 27e (numerator) divided by line 27f (denominator))			27h	.4 %
h Investment income percentage (line 18, column (e) (numerator) divided by line 27f (denominator))				

28 Unusual Grants: For an organization described in line 10, 11, or 12 that received any unusual grants during 1999 through 2002, prepare a list for your records to show, for each year, the name of the contributor, the date and amount of the grant, and a brief description of the nature of the grant. Do not file this list with your return. Do not include these grants in line 15.

**Part V Private School Questionnaire** (See page 7 of the instructions.)  
 (To be completed ONLY by schools that checked the box on line 6 in Part IV)

		Yes	No
29	Does the organization have a racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students by statement in its charter, bylaws, other governing instrument, or in a resolution of its governing body? . . . . .		
30	Does the organization include a statement of its racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students in all its brochures, catalogues, and other written communications with the public dealing with student admissions, programs, and scholarships? . . . . .		
31	Has the organization publicized its racially nondiscriminatory policy through newspaper or broadcast media during the period of solicitation for students, or during the registration period if it has no solicitation program, in a way that makes the policy known to all parts of the general community it serves? . . . . . If "Yes," please describe; if "No," please explain. (If you need more space, attach a separate statement.) . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .		
32	Does the organization maintain the following:		
a	Records indicating the racial composition of the student body, faculty, and administrative staff? . . . . .		
b	Records documenting that scholarships and other financial assistance are awarded on a racially nondiscriminatory basis? . . . . .		
c	Copies of all catalogues, brochures, announcements, and other written communications to the public dealing with student admissions, programs, and scholarships? . . . . .		
d	Copies of all material used by the organization or on its behalf to solicit contributions? . . . . .		
	If you answered "No" to any of the above, please explain. (If you need more space, attach a separate statement.) . . . . . . . . . .		
33	Does the organization discriminate by race in any way with respect to:		
a	Students' rights or privileges? . . . . .		
b	Admissions policies? . . . . .		
c	Employment of faculty or administrative staff? . . . . .		
d	Scholarships or other financial assistance? . . . . .		
e	Educational policies? . . . . .		
f	Use of facilities? . . . . .		
g	Athletic programs? . . . . .		
h	Other extracurricular activities? . . . . .		
	If you answered "Yes" to any of the above, please explain. (If you need more space, attach a separate statement.) . . . . . . . . . .		
34a	Does the organization receive any financial aid or assistance from a governmental agency? . . . . .		
b	Has the organization's right to such aid ever been revoked or suspended? . . . . . If you answered "Yes" to either 34a or b, please explain using an attached statement.		
35	Does the organization certify that it has complied with the applicable requirements of sections 4.01 through 4.05 of Rev. Proc. 75-50, 1975-2 C.B. 587, covering racial nondiscrimination? If "No," attach an explanation . . . . .		



**Part VI-A Lobbying Expenditures by Electing Public Charities** (See page 9 of the instructions.)  
 (To be completed **ONLY** by an eligible organization that filed Form 5768)

Check **a**  if the organization belongs to an affiliated group. Check **b**  if you checked "a" and "limited control" provisions apply.

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures		(a) Affiliated group totals	(b) To be completed for ALL electing organizations
(The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)			
36	Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grassroots lobbying)	36	
37	Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)	37	
38	Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 36 and 37)	38	
39	Other exempt purpose expenditures	39	
40	Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 38 and 39)	40	
41	Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table—		
	If the amount on line 40 is—	The lobbying nontaxable amount is—	
	Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 40	
	Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000	
	Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000	
	Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000	
	Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000	
42	Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 41)	42	
43	Subtract line 42 from line 36. Enter -0- if line 42 is more than line 36	43	
44	Subtract line 41 from line 38. Enter -0- if line 41 is more than line 38	44	

Caution: If there is an amount on either line 43 or line 44, you must file Form 4720.

**4-Year Averaging Period Under Section 501(h)**

(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below.  
 See the instructions for lines 45 through 50 on page 11 of the instructions.)

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period				
	(a) 2003	(b) 2002	(c) 2001	(d) 2000	(e) Total
45	Lobbying nontaxable amount				
46	Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 45(e))				
47	Total lobbying expenditures				
48	Grassroots nontaxable amount				
49	Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 48(e))				
50	Grassroots lobbying expenditures				

**Part VI-B Lobbying Activity by Nonelecting Public Charities**

(For reporting only by organizations that did not complete Part VI-A) (See page 12 of the instructions.)

During the year, did the organization attempt to influence national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of:

- a Volunteers
  - b Paid staff or management (Include compensation in expenses reported on lines c through h.)
  - c Media advertisements
  - d Mailings to members, legislators, or the public
  - e Publications, or published or broadcast statements
  - f Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes
  - g Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body
  - h Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any other means
  - i Total lobbying expenditures (Add lines c through h.)
- If "Yes" to any of the above, also attach a statement giving a detailed description of the lobbying activities.

Yes	No	Amount



**Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

**2002**

**Open to Public Inspection**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

▶ The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

**A** For the 2002 calendar year, or tax year beginning January 1, 2002, and ending December 31, 2002

<b>B</b> Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	Please use IRS label or print or type. See Specific Instructions.	<b>C</b> Name of organization Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc.		<b>D</b> Employer identification number 37-1179056
		Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite P.O. Box 220		<b>E</b> Telephone number (618) 627-4651
		City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 West Frankfort, IL 62890		<b>F</b> Accounting method: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) ▶

• Section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ).  
**H** and **I** are not applicable to section 527 organizations.  
**H(a)** Is this a group return for affiliates?  Yes  No  
**H(b)** If "Yes," enter number of affiliates ▶  
**H(c)** Are all affiliates included?  Yes  No (If "No," attach a list. See instructions.)  
**H(d)** Is this a separate return filed by an organization covered by a group ruling?  Yes  No

**G** Web site: ▶ 3abn.org

**J** Organization type (check only one) ▶  501(c) ( 3 ) ◀ (insert no.)  4947(a)(1) or  527

**K** Check here ▶  if the organization's gross receipts are normally not more than \$25,000. The organization need not file a return with the IRS; but if the organization received a Form 990 Package in the mail, it should file a return without financial data. Some states require a complete return.

**L** Gross receipts: Add lines 6b, 8b, 9b, and 10b to line 12 ▶

**M** Check ▶  if the organization is not required to attach Sch. 8 (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

**Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances** (See page 17 of the instructions.)

Revenue	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received:				
	a	1a	Direct public support	14,057,326		
	b	1b	Indirect public support			
	c	1c	Government contributions (grants)			
	d	1d	Total (add lines 1a through 1c) (cash \$ _____ noncash \$ _____)		14,057,326	
	2	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts (from Part VII, line 93)		847,980	
	3	3	Membership dues and assessments			
	4	4	Interest on savings and temporary cash investments		26,591	
	5	5	Dividends and interest from securities			
	6a	6a	Gross rents	25,824		
	b	6b	Less: rental expenses	9,415		
	c	6c	Net rental income or (loss) (subtract line 6b from line 6a)		16,409	
7	7	Other investment income (describe ▶)				
Revenue	8a	(A) Securities	38,761	8a	147,893	
	b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	40,250	8b	191,613	
	c	Gain or (loss) (attach schedule)	(1,489)	8c	(43,720)	
	d	Net gain or (loss) (combine line 8c, columns (A) and (B))		8d	(45,209)	
Revenue	9	Special events and activities (attach schedule)				
	a	9a	Gross revenue (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1a)			
	b	9b	Less: direct expenses other than fundraising expenses			
c	9c	Net income or (loss) from special events (subtract line 9b from line 9a)				
Revenue	10a	10a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	1,184,297		
	b	10b	Less: cost of goods sold	687,151		
	c	10c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (attach schedule) (subtract line 10b from line 10a)		497,146	
Expenses	11	11	Other revenue (from Part VII, line 103)		(136,032)	
	12	12	Total revenue (add lines 1d, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6c, 7, 8d, 9c, 10c, and 11)		15,264,211	
	13	13	Program services (from line 44, column (B))		7,349,763	
	14	14	Management and general (from line 44, column (C))		4,926,100	
	15	15	Fundraising (from line 44, column (D))			
	16	16	Payments to affiliates (attach schedule)			
	17	17	Total expenses (add lines 16 and 44, column (A))		12,275,863	
	Net Assets	18	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (subtract line 17 from line 12)		2,988,348
		19	19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 73, column (A))		18,157,530
		20	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation)		1,732,679
		21	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year (combine lines 18, 19, and 20)		22,878,557

**Part II Statement of Functional Expenses**

All organizations must complete column (A). Columns (B), (C), and (D) are required for section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts but optional for others. (See page 21 of the instructions.)

Do not include amounts reported on line 6b, 8b, 9b, 10b, or 16 of Part I.		(A) Total	(B) Program services	(C) Management and general	(D) Fundraising
22	Grants and allocations (attach schedule) (cash \$ _____ noncash \$ _____)				
23	Specific assistance to individuals (attach schedule)				
24	Benefits paid to or for members (attach schedule)				
25	Compensation of officers, directors, etc.	157,132	59,056	98,076	
26	Other salaries and wages	2,271,251	790,372	1,480,879	
27	Pension plan contributions				
28	Other employee benefits				
29	Payroll taxes	183,761	64,278	119,483	
30	Professional fundraising fees				
31	Accounting fees	25,581		25,581	
32	Legal fees	310,882		310,882	
33	Supplies	306,783	117,067	189,716	
34	Telephone	300,679	300,679		
35	Postage and shipping	717,581		717,581	
36	Occupancy	258,181	118,907	139,274	
37	Equipment rental and maintenance	2,043,079	1,946,000	97,079	
38	Printing and publications	380,034	228,049	151,985	
39	Travel	595,982		595,982	
40	Conferences, conventions, and meetings				
41	Interest	22,259		22,259	
42	Depreciation, depletion, etc. (attach schedule)	1,639,444	1,639,444		
43	Other expenses not covered above (itemize): a Stmt 3	3,063,234	2,085,911	977,323	
	b				
	c				
	d				
	e				
44	Total functional expenses (add lines 22 through 43). Organizations completing columns (B)-(D), carry these totals to lines 13-15.	12,275,863	7,349,763	4,926,100	

Joint Costs. Check  if you are following SOP 98-2.

Are any joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation reported in (B) Program services?  Yes  No

If "Yes," enter (i) the aggregate amount of these joint costs \$ \_\_\_\_\_; (ii) the amount allocated to Program services \$ \_\_\_\_\_; (iii) the amount allocated to Management and general \$ \_\_\_\_\_; and (iv) the amount allocated to Fundraising \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

**Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments** (See page 24 of the instructions.)

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? \_\_\_\_\_  
 All organizations must describe their exempt purpose achievements in a clear and concise manner. State the number of clients served, publications issued, etc. Discuss achievements that are not measurable. (Section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must also enter the amount of grants and allocations to others.)

	Program Service Expenses (Required for 501(c)(3) and (4) orgs. and 4947(a)(1) trusts; but optional for others.)
a Production and distribution of 24 hour per day religious programming for electronic transmission throughout the world.  (Grants and allocations \$ _____)	7,349,763
b  (Grants and allocations \$ _____)	
c  (Grants and allocations \$ _____)	
d  (Grants and allocations \$ _____)	
e Other program services (attach schedule) (Grants and allocations \$ _____)	
f Total of Program Service Expenses (should equal line 44, column (B), Program services).	

**Part IV Balance Sheets** (See page 24 of the instructions.)

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year	
<b>Note:</b> Where required, attached schedules and amounts within the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only.					
<b>Assets</b>	45 Cash—non-interest-bearing	1,477,406	45	797,584	
	46 Savings and temporary cash investments	4,121,578	46	3,875,730	
	47a Accounts receivable	204,315			
	47b Less: allowance for doubtful accounts	24,185	133,358	47c	180,130
	48a Pledges receivable	375,394			
	48b Less: allowance for doubtful accounts		164,862	48c	375,394
	49 Grants receivable			49	
	50 Receivables from officers, directors, trustees, and key employees (attach schedule)			50	
	51a Other notes and loans receivable (attach schedule)	29,877			
	51b Less: allowance for doubtful accounts			51c	29,877
	52 Inventories for sale or use		276,360	52	618,377
	53 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		441,430	53	584,405
	54 Investments—securities (attach schedule) <input type="checkbox"/> Cost <input type="checkbox"/> FMV			54	
	55a Investments—land, buildings, and equipment: basis	3,387,100			
	55b Less: accumulated depreciation (attach schedule)			55c	3,387,100
56 Investments—other (attach schedule)			56		
57a Land, buildings, and equipment: basis					
57b Less: accumulated depreciation (attach schedule)		11,883,555	57c	12,358,063	
58 Other assets (describe _____ )		23,851,825	58	31,312,792	
59 Total assets (add lines 45 through 58) (must equal line 74)		42,350,374	59	53,519,452	
<b>Liabilities</b>	60 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	453,657	60	837,942	
	61 Grants payable		61		
	62 Deferred revenue	8,571	62	18,891	
	63 Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and key employees (attach schedule)			63	
	64a Tax-exempt bond liabilities (attach schedule)			64a	
	64b Mortgages and other notes payable (attach schedule)		1,643,428	64b	40,000
	65 Other liabilities (describe _____ )		22,087,188	65	29,744,062
66 Total liabilities (add lines 60 through 65)		24,192,844	66	30,640,895	
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 67 through 69 and lines 73 and 74.				
	67 Unrestricted	15,364,864	67	18,927,747	
	68 Temporarily restricted	2,792,666	68	3,950,810	
	69 Permanently restricted		69		
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 70 through 74.				
	70 Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds			70	
	71 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, and equipment fund			71	
	72 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds			72	
73 Total net assets or fund balances (add lines 67 through 69 or lines 70 through 72; column (A) must equal line 19; column (B) must equal line 21).		18,157,530	73	22,878,557	
74 Total liabilities and net assets / fund balances (add lines 66 and 73)		42,350,374	74	53,519,452	

Form 990 is available for public inspection and, for some people, serves as the primary or sole source of information about a particular organization. How the public perceives an organization in such cases may be determined by the information presented on its return. Therefore, please make sure the return is complete and accurate and fully describes, in Part III, the organization's programs and accomplishments.



<b>Part VI Other Information (See page 27 of the instructions.)</b>		Yes	No
76	Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of each activity	76	✓
77	Were any changes made in the organizing or governing documents but not reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes.	77	✓
78a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year covered by this return?	78a	✓
b	If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?	78b	
79	Was there a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or substantial contraction during the year? If "Yes," attach a statement	79	✓
80a	Is the organization related (other than by association with a statewide or nationwide organization) through common membership, governing bodies, trustees, officers, etc., to any other exempt or nonexempt organization?	80a	✓
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the organization _____ and check whether it is <input type="checkbox"/> exempt or <input type="checkbox"/> nonexempt.		
81a	Enter direct or indirect political expenditures. See line 81 instructions	81a	
b	Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?	81b	✓
82a	Did the organization receive donated services or the use of materials, equipment, or facilities at no charge or at substantially less than fair rental value?	82a	✓
b	If "Yes," you may indicate the value of these items here. Do not include this amount as revenue in Part I or as an expense in Part II. (See instructions in Part III.)	82b	
83a	Did the organization comply with the public inspection requirements for returns and exemption applications?	83a	✓
b	Did the organization comply with the disclosure requirements relating to quid pro quo contributions?	83b	✓
84a	Did the organization solicit any contributions or gifts that were not tax deductible?	84a	✓
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	84b	
85	501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations. a Were substantially all dues nondeductible by members?	85a	
b	Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less? If "Yes" was answered to either 85a or 85b, do not complete 85c through 85h below unless the organization received a waiver for proxy tax owed for the prior year.	85b	
c	Dues, assessments, and similar amounts from members	85c	
d	Section 162(e) lobbying and political expenditures	85d	
e	Aggregate nondeductible amount of section 6033(e)(1)(A) dues notices	85e	
f	Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (line 85d less 85e)	85f	
g	Does the organization elect to pay the section 6033(e) tax on the amount on line 85f?	85g	
h	If section 6033(e)(1)(A) dues notices were sent, does the organization agree to add the amount on line 85f to its reasonable estimate of dues allocable to nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures for the following tax year?	85h	
86	501(c)(7) orgs. Enter: a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 12	86a	
b	Gross receipts, included on line 12, for public use of club facilities.	86b	
87	501(c)(12) orgs. Enter: a Gross income from members or shareholders	87a	
b	Gross income from other sources. (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)	87b	
88	At any time during the year, did the organization own a 50% or greater interest in a taxable corporation or partnership, or an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? If "Yes," complete Part IX	88	✓
89a	501(c)(3) organizations. Enter: Amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 _____; section 4912 _____; section 4955 _____		
b	501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) orgs. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or did it become aware of an excess benefit transaction from a prior year? If "Yes," attach a statement explaining each transaction.	89b	✓
c	Enter: Amount of tax imposed on the organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958.		0
d	Enter: Amount of tax on line 89c, above, reimbursed by the organization.		0
90a	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed _____		
b	Number of employees employed in the pay period that includes March 12, 2002 (See instructions.)	90b	110
91	The books are in care of _____ Telephone no. _____ Located at _____ ZIP + 4 _____		
92	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041—Check here _____ and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year _____	92	

**Part VII Analysis of Income-Producing Activities** (See page 31 of the instructions.)

Note: Enter gross amounts unless otherwise indicated.

	Unrelated business income		Excluded by section 512, 513, or 514		(E) Related or exempt function income
	(A) Business code	(B) Amount	(C) Exclusion code	(D) Amount	
93 Program service revenue:					
a Production and distribution					847,980
b					
c					
d					
e					
f Medicare/Medicaid payments					
g Fees and contracts from government agencies					
94 Membership dues and assessments					
95 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments					26,591
96 Dividends and interest from securities					
97 Net rental income or (loss) from real estate:					
a debt-financed property					
b not debt-financed property					16,409
98 Net rental income or (loss) from personal property					
99 Other investment income					
100 Gain or (loss) from sales of assets other than inventory					(45,209)
101 Net income or (loss) from special events					
102 Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory					123,494
103 Other revenue: a Video & Other Sales					373,652
b Change in value of split interest agreements					(177,010)
c Other					40,978
d					
e					
104 Subtotal (add columns (B), (D), and (E))					1,206,885
105 Total (add line 104, columns (B), (D), and (E))					1,206,885

Note: Line 105 plus line 1d, Part I, should equal the amount on line 12, Part I.

**Part VIII Relationship of Activities to the Accomplishment of Exempt Purposes** (See page 32 of the instructions.)

Line No.	Explain how each activity for which income is reported in column (E) of Part VII contributed importantly to the accomplishment of the organization's exempt purposes (other than by providing funds for such purposes).
▼	Statement 13

**Part IX Information Regarding Taxable Subsidiaries and Disregarded Entities** (See page 32 of the instructions.)

(A) Name, address, and EIN of corporation, partnership, or disregarded entity	(B) Percentage of ownership interest	(C) Nature of activities	(D) Total income	(E) End-of-year assets
	%			
	%			
	%			
	%			

**Part X Information Regarding Transfers Associated with Personal Benefit Contracts** (See page 33 of the instructions.)

- (a) Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?  Yes  No
- (b) Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?  Yes  No
- Note: If "Yes" to (b), file Form 8870 and Form 4720 (see instructions).

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Please Sign Here

Signature of officer: *Danny Shelton* Date: June 30/2003

Danny Shelton President

Type or print name and title.

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Paid Preparer's Use Only

Preparer's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Check if self-employed:  Preparer's SSN or PTIN (See Gen. Inst. W): \_\_\_\_\_

Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4: \_\_\_\_\_ EIN: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone no.: \_\_\_\_\_





**SCHEDULE A**  
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

**Organization Exempt Under Section 501(c)(3)**

(Except Private Foundation) and Section 501(e), 501(f), 501(k),  
501(n), or Section 4947(a)(1) Nonexempt Charitable Trust

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2002**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Supplementary Information—(See separate instructions.)**

▶ **MUST be completed by the above organizations and attached to their Form 990 or 990-EZ.**

Name of the organization	Employer identification number
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**Part I Compensation of the Five Highest Paid Employees Other Than Officers, Directors, and Trustees**  
(See page 1 of the instructions. List each one. If there are none, enter "None.")

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$50,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
Moses Primo ..... PO Box 39, Thompsonville, IL 62890	Director of Engineering	63,630		
.....				
.....				
.....				
.....				
.....				
Total number of other employees paid over \$50,000 ▶				

**Part II Compensation of the Five Highest Paid Independent Contractors for Professional Services**  
(See page 2 of the instructions. List each one (whether individuals or firms). If there are none, enter "None.")

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
Union Bank of California ..... PO Box 85243, San Diego, CA 92186	Investment Management	118,402
Sidley, Austin, Brown & Wood LLP ..... 1501 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005	Legal	51,113
.....		
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.....		
Total number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services ▶		

**Part III** Statements About Activities (See page 2 of the instructions.)

	Yes	No
1 During the year, has the organization attempted to influence national, state, or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum? If "Yes," enter the total expenses paid or incurred in connection with the lobbying activities ▶ \$ _____ (Must equal amounts on line 38, Part VI-A, or line i of Part VI-B.) Organizations that made an election under section 501(h) by filing Form 5768 must complete Part VI-A. Other organizations checking "Yes," must complete Part VI-B AND attach a statement giving a detailed description of the lobbying activities.		✓
2 During the year, has the organization, either directly or indirectly, engaged in any of the following acts with any substantial contributors, trustees, directors, officers, creators, key employees, or members of their families, or with any taxable organization with which any such person is affiliated as an officer, director, trustee, majority owner, or principal beneficiary? (If the answer to any question is "Yes," attach a detailed statement explaining the transactions.)		
a Sale, exchange, or leasing of property?		✓
b Lending of money or other extension of credit?		✓
c Furnishing of goods, services, or facilities?	✓	
d Payment of compensation (or payment or reimbursement of expenses if more than \$1,000)?		✓
e Transfer of any part of its income or assets?		✓
3 Does the organization make grants for scholarships, fellowships, student loans, etc.? (See Note below.)		✓
4 Do you have a section 403(b) annuity plan for your employees?		✓
<b>Note:</b> Attach a statement to explain how the organization determines that individuals or organizations receiving grants or loans from it in furtherance of its charitable programs "qualify" to receive payments.		

**Part IV** Reason for Non-Private Foundation Status (See pages 3 through 5 of the instructions.)

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (Please check only ONE applicable box.)

- 5  A church, convention of churches, or association of churches. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).
- 6  A school. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii). (Also complete Part V.)
- 7  A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).
- 8  A Federal, state, or local government or governmental unit. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).
- 9  A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii). Enter the hospital's name, city, and state ▶ .....
- 10  An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv). (Also complete the **Support Schedule** in Part IV-A.)
- 11a  An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). (Also complete the **Support Schedule** in Part IV-A.)
- 11b  A community trust. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). (Also complete the **Support Schedule** in Part IV-A.)
- 12  An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its charitable, etc., functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See section 509(a)(2). (Also complete the **Support Schedule** in Part IV-A.)
- 13  An organization that is not controlled by any disqualified persons (other than foundation managers) and supports organizations described in: (1) lines 5 through 12 above; or (2) section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6), if they meet the test of section 509(a)(2). (See section 509(a)(3).)

Provide the following information about the supported organizations. (See page 5 of the instructions.)

(a) Name(s) of supported organization(s)	(b) Line number from above

- 14  An organization organized and operated to test for public safety. Section 509(a)(4). (See page 5 of the instructions.)

**Part IV-A Support Schedule** (Complete only if you checked a box on line 10, 11, or 12.) *Use cash method of accounting.*

**Note:** You may use the worksheet in the instructions for converting from the accrual to the cash method of accounting.

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2001	(b) 2000	(c) 1999	(d) 1998	(e) Total
15 Gifts, grants, and contributions received. (Do not include unusual grants. See line 28.)	12,323,162	10,891,966	9,999,808	7,557,624	40,772,560
16 Membership fees received					
17 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or furnishing of facilities in any activity that is related to the organization's charitable, etc., purpose	1,727,711	3,415,540	4,523,968	1,488,651	11,155,870
18 Gross income from interest, dividends, amounts received from payments on securities loans (section 512(a)(5)), rents, royalties, and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975	88,674	74,844	31,583	65,770	260,871
19 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 18					
20 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to it or expended on its behalf					
21 The value of services or facilities furnished to the organization by a governmental unit without charge. Do not include the value of services or facilities generally furnished to the public without charge					
22 Other income. Attach a schedule. Do not include gain or (loss) from sale of capital assets					
23 Total of lines 15 through 22	14,139,547	14,382,350	14,555,359	9,112,045	52,189,301
24 Line 23 minus line 17	12,411,836	10,966,810	10,031,391	7,623,394	41,033,431
25 Enter 1% of line 23	141,395	143,823	145,553	91,120	

26 Organizations described on lines 10 or 11: a Enter 2% of amount in column (e), line 24	26a	
b Prepare a list for your records to show the name of and amount contributed by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) whose total gifts for 1998 through 2001 exceeded the amount shown in line 26a. Do not file this list with your return. Enter the total of all these excess amounts	26b	
c Total support for section 509(a)(1) test: Enter line 24, column (e)	26c	
d Add: Amounts from column (e) for lines: 18 _____ 19 _____ 22 _____ 26b _____	26d	
e Public support (line 26c minus line 26d total)	26e	
f Public support percentage (line 26e (numerator) divided by line 26c (denominator))	26f	%

27 Organizations described on line 12: a For amounts included in lines 15, 16, and 17 that were received from a "disqualified person," prepare a list for your records to show the name of, and total amounts received in each year from, each "disqualified person." Do not file this list with your return. Enter the sum of such amounts for each year:

(2001) _____	261,527	(2000) _____	455,945	(1999) _____	1,444,658	(1998) _____	534,598
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b For any amount included in line 17 that was received from each person (other than "disqualified persons"), prepare a list for your records to show the name of, and amount received for each year, that was more than the larger of (1) the amount on line 25 for the year or (2) \$5,000. (Include in the list organizations described in lines 5 through 11, as well as individuals.) Do not file this list with your return. After computing the difference between the amount received and the larger amount described in (1) or (2), enter the sum of these differences (the excess amounts) for each year:

(2001) _____	379,400	(2000) _____	179,522	(1999) _____	0	(1998) _____	134,399
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c Add: Amounts from column (e) for lines: 15 <u>40,772,560</u> 16 _____ 17 <u>11,155,870</u> 20 _____ 21 _____	27c	51,928,430
d Add: Line 27a total <u>2,696,728</u> and line 27b total <u>693,321</u>	27d	3,390,049
e Public support (line 27c total minus line 27d total)	27e	48,538,381
f Total support for section 509(a)(2) test: Enter amount from line 23, column (e)	27f	52,189,301
g Public support percentage (line 27e (numerator) divided by line 27f (denominator))	27g	93.0 %
h Investment income percentage (line 18, column (e) (numerator) divided by line 27f (denominator))	27h	.5 %

28 Unusual Grants: For an organization described in line 10, 11, or 12 that received any unusual grants during 1998 through 2001, prepare a list for your records to show, for each year, the name of the contributor, the date and amount of the grant, and a brief description of the nature of the grant. Do not file this list with your return. Do not include these grants in line 15.

**Part V Private School Questionnaire** (See page 7 of the instructions.)  
 (To be completed ONLY by schools that checked the box on line 6 in Part IV)

	Yes	No
29 Does the organization have a racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students by statement in its charter, bylaws, other governing instrument, or in a resolution of its governing body? . . . . .		
30 Does the organization include a statement of its racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students in all its brochures, catalogues, and other written communications with the public dealing with student admissions, programs, and scholarships? . . . . .		
31 Has the organization publicized its racially nondiscriminatory policy through newspaper or broadcast media during the period of solicitation for students, or during the registration period if it has no solicitation program, in a way that makes the policy known to all parts of the general community it serves? . . . . . If "Yes," please describe; if "No," please explain. (If you need more space, attach a separate statement.) ..... ..... .....		
32 Does the organization maintain the following:		
a Records indicating the racial composition of the student body, faculty, and administrative staff? . . . . .	32a	
b Records documenting that scholarships and other financial assistance are awarded on a racially nondiscriminatory basis? . . . . .	32b	
c Copies of all catalogues, brochures, announcements, and other written communications to the public dealing with student admissions, programs, and scholarships? . . . . .	32c	
d Copies of all material used by the organization or on its behalf to solicit contributions? . . . . .  If you answered "No" to any of the above, please explain. (If you need more space, attach a separate statement.) ..... .....	32d	
33 Does the organization discriminate by race in any way with respect to:		
a Students' rights or privileges? . . . . .	33a	
b Admissions policies? . . . . .	33b	
c Employment of faculty or administrative staff? . . . . .	33c	
d Scholarships or other financial assistance? . . . . .	33d	
e Educational policies? . . . . .	33e	
f Use of facilities? . . . . .	33f	
g Athletic programs? . . . . .	33g	
h Other extracurricular activities? . . . . .  If you answered "Yes" to any of the above, please explain. (If you need more space, attach a separate statement.) ..... .....	33h	
34a Does the organization receive any financial aid or assistance from a governmental agency? . . . . .	34a	
b Has the organization's right to such aid ever been revoked or suspended? . . . . . If you answered "Yes" to either 34a or b, please explain using an attached statement.	34b	
35 Does the organization certify that it has complied with the applicable requirements of sections 4.01 through 4.05 of Rev. Proc. 75-50, 1975-2 C.B. 587, covering racial nondiscrimination? If "No," attach an explanation . . . . .	35	

**Part VI-A Lobbying Expenditures by Electing Public Charities** (See page 9 of the instructions.)  
 (To be completed **ONLY** by an eligible organization that filed Form 5768)

Check **a**  if the organization belongs to an affiliated group. Check **b**  if you checked "a" and "limited control" provisions apply.

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures		(a) Affiliated group totals	(b) To be completed for ALL electing organizations
(The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)			
36	Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grassroots lobbying)	36	
37	Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)	37	
38	Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 36 and 37)	38	
39	Other exempt purpose expenditures	39	
40	Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 38 and 39)	40	
41	Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table— If the amount on line 40 is—      The lobbying nontaxable amount is— Not over \$500,000      . . . . . 20% of the amount on line 40. Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000      . \$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000 Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000      . \$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000 Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000      . \$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000 Over \$17,000,000      . . . . . \$1,000,000	41	
42	Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 41)	42	
43	Subtract line 42 from line 36. Enter -0- if line 42 is more than line 36	43	
44	Subtract line 41 from line 38. Enter -0- if line 41 is more than line 38	44	

Caution: If there is an amount on either line 43 or line 44, you must file Form 4720.

**4-Year Averaging Period Under Section 501(h)**

(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below.  
 See the instructions for lines 45 through 50 on page 11 of the instructions.)

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period				
	(a) 2002	(b) 2001	(c) 2000	(d) 1999	(e) Total
45	Lobbying nontaxable amount				
46	Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 45(e))				
47	Total lobbying expenditures				
48	Grassroots nontaxable amount				
49	Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 48(e))				
50	Grassroots lobbying expenditures				

**Part VI-B Lobbying Activity by Nonelecting Public Charities**

(For reporting only by organizations that did not complete Part VI-A) (See page 11 of the instructions.)

During the year, did the organization attempt to influence national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of:	Yes	No	Amount
a Volunteers			
b Paid staff or management (Include compensation in expenses reported on lines c through h.)			
c Media advertisements			
d Mailings to members, legislators, or the public			
e Publications, or published or broadcast statements			
f Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes			
g Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body			
h Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any other means			
i Total lobbying expenditures (Add lines c through h.)			

If "Yes" to any of the above, also attach a statement giving a detailed description of the lobbying activities.



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**Statement 1**  
**Form 990, Part I, Line 8**  
**Net Gain (Loss) from Noninventory Sales**

Publicly Traded Securities

Description:	Securities
Date Acquired:	Various
How Acquired:	Purchased or Donated
Date Sold:	Various
To Whom Sold:	Market Shares - Unknown
Gross Sales Price	38,761
Cost Basis	40,250
Loss on Sale	<u>(1,489)</u>

Other Assets

Description:	Capital Assets
Date Acquired:	Various
How Acquired:	Purchased or Donated
Date Sold:	Various
To Whom Sold:	Various
Gross Sales Price	147,893
Cost Basis	191,613
Loss on Sale	<u>(43,720)</u>

**Statement 2**  
**Form 990, Part I, Line 20**  
**Other Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances**

Record split interest agreements previously unrecorded	1,708,918
Adjustment of cash revocable trusts	25,000
Net unrealized losses on marketable securities	<u>(1,239)</u>
	<u>1,732,679</u>

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**Statement 3**  
**Form 990, Part I, Line 43**  
**Other Expenses**

Other Expenses	Total	Program Services	Management & General	Fundraising
Advertising and promotion	173,277	53,572	119,705	
Bad Debts	38,073	38,073		
Broadcasting	163,347	163,347		
Camp Meeting	32,275		32,275	
Contract Labor	83,377		83,377	
Credit Card Fees	33,764		33,764	
Downlink	877,343	877,343		
Dues and Registration	57,876	57,876		
Insurance	540,377		540,377	
Miscellaneous	388,285	220,460	167,825	
Special Projects	675,240	675,240		
	<u>3,063,234</u>	<u>2,085,911</u>	<u>977,323</u>	

**Statement 4**  
**Form 990, Part IV, Line 51**  
**Land, Buildings and Equipment**

Note receivable from non related individual on sale of land 29,877

**Statement 5**  
**Form 990, Part IV, Line 55**  
**Land, Buildings and Equipment**

Land held in Charitable Remainder Unitrusts 3,387,100

**Statement 6**  
**Form 990, Part IV, Line 57**  
**Land, Buildings and Equipment**

Asset	Cost	Accum. Deprec.	Net Book Value
Aircraft	1,346,893	145,914	1,200,979
Buildings	3,533,920	513,724	3,020,196
Land	649,778		649,778
Land Improvements	187,511	35,101	152,410
Machinery & Equipment	13,448,834	8,337,343	5,111,491
Vehicles	1,409,015	842,917	566,098
Construction in Progress	1,657,111		1,657,111
	<u>22,233,062</u>	<u>9,874,999</u>	<u>12,358,063</u>



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**Statement 7**  
**Form 990 Part IV, Line 58**  
**Other Assets**

Annuities	12,781,645
Trusts	18,531,147
	<u>31,312,792</u>

**Statement 8**  
**Form 990 Part IV, Line 65**  
**Other Liabilities**

Annuities	8,424,403
Liabilities under Unitrust Agreements	2,788,511
Revocable Trust Liabilities	18,531,148
	<u>29,744,062</u>

**Statement 9**  
**Form 990 Part IV-A, Line B(4)**  
**Other Amounts**

Cost of Goods Sold - Satelites	687,153
Rental Expenses	9,415
	<u>696,568</u>

**Statement 10**  
**Form 990 Part IV-B, Line B(4)**  
**Other Amounts**

Cost of Goods Sold - Satelites	687,153
Rental Expenses	9,415
	<u>696,568</u>

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**Statement 11**  
**Form 990, Part V**  
**List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees**

Name and Address	Title & Avg. Hrs/Wk	Comp.	Employee Benefits	Expense Account
Dr. Walter Thompson 174 Fox Borough Burr Ridge, IL 60521	Chairman None	0	0	0
Kenneth Denslow 619 Plainfield Rd., 3rd Floor Willowbrook, IL 60521-5381	Director None	0	0	0
May E. Chung 155 Manchester Lane San Bernardino, CA 92408	Director None	0	0	0
Dr. Robert Ford 2517 NE Kresky Chehalis, Wa 98532-2409	Director None	0	0	0
Bill Hulsey PO Box 596 Collegedale, TN 37315	Director None	0	0	0
Ellsworth McKee PO Box 750 Collegedale, TN 37315	Director None	0	0	0
Danny Shelton 2954 New Lake Road West Frankfort, IL 62896	President Director 40 hrs/wk	53,022		
Linda Shelton 2954 New Lake Road West Frankfort, IL 62896	Vice Pres. Director 40 hrs/wk	65,091		
G. Ralph Thompson 12501 Old Columbia Pike Silver Spring, MD 20904-6600	Director None	0	0	0
Owen Troy 1906 Dana Drive Adelphi, MD 20783-2119	Director None	0	0	0
Larry Welch 715 S Mulkey Christopher, IL 62822	Director 40 hrs/wk	39,019	0	0
		<u>157,132</u>		

**THREE ANGELS BROADCASTING NETWORK, INC.**  
**990 - SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**  
**YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002**

#37-1179056

**Statement 12**

**Form 990, Part V, Line 90A**

**List of States Which This Return is Filed**

California

Illinois

Oregon

**Statement 13**

**Form 990, Part VII**

**Relationship of Activities to the Accomplishment of Exempt Purposes**

<u>Line #</u>	<u>Explanation of Activities</u>
93	Payment for airtime & production of certain religious programming
95	Interest income is used to help offset general operating expenses
97	Rental income is used to help offset general operating expenses
102	Sale of satellite dishes to enable viewers to receive programming
103a	Sale of religious programming and religious books
103c	Other income is used to help offset general operating expenses

# Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2001**

**Open to Public Inspection**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

▶ The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

**A** For the 2001 calendar year, or tax year beginning 2001, and ending 20

**B** Check if applicable:  
 Address change  
 Name change  
 Initial return  
 Final return  
 Amended return  
 Application pending

Please use IRS label or print or type. See Specific Instructions.

**C** Name of organization  
**Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc.**

Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite  
**P.O. Box 220**

City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4  
**West Frankfort, IL 62896**

**D** Employer identification number  
**37: 1179056**

**E** Telephone number  
**( 618 ) 627-4651**

**F** Accounting method:  Cash  Accrual  
 Other (specify) ▶

**H** and **I** are not applicable to section 527 organizations.  
**H(a)** Is this a group return for affiliates?  Yes  No  
**H(b)** If "Yes," enter number of affiliates ▶ \_\_\_\_\_  
**H(c)** Are all affiliates included?  Yes  No  
 (If "No," attach a list. See instructions.)  
**H(d)** Is this a separate return filed by an organization covered by a group ruling?  Yes  No

**G** Web site: ▶ **3abn.org**

**J** Organization type (check only one) ▶  501(c) ( ) ◀ (insert no.)  4947(a)(1) or  527

**K** Check here  if the organization's gross receipts are normally not more than \$25,000. The organization need not file a return with the IRS; but if the organization received a Form 990 Package in the mail, it should file a return without financial data. Some states require a complete return.

**I** Enter 4-digit GEN ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

**M** Check  if the organization is not required to attach Sch. B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

**L** Gross receipts: Add lines 6b, 8b, 9b, and 10b to line 12 ▶

**Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances** (See Specific Instructions on page 16.)

		1a	1b	1c	1d		
<b>1</b> Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received:							
	<b>a</b> Direct public support	12,323,162					
	<b>b</b> Indirect public support						
	<b>c</b> Government contributions (grants)						
	<b>d</b> Total (add lines 1a through 1c) (cash \$ <u>12,221,924</u> noncash \$ <u>101,238</u> )				12,323,162		
<b>2</b> Program service revenue including government fees and contracts (from Part VII, line 93)					857,768		
<b>3</b> Membership dues and assessments							
<b>4</b> Interest on savings and temporary cash investments					38,397		
<b>5</b> Dividends and interest from securities							
	<b>6a</b> Gross rents	35,040					
	<b>b</b> Less: rental expenses	10,576					
	<b>c</b> Net rental income or (loss) (subtract line 6b from line 6a)				24,464		
<b>7</b> Other investment income (describe ▶ _____)							
	<b>8a</b> Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	74,871					
	<b>b</b> Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	76,106					
	<b>c</b> Gain or (loss) (attach schedule)	-1,235					
	<b>d</b> Net gain or (loss) (combine line 8c, columns (A) and (B))				-1,235		
<b>9</b> Special events and activities (attach schedule)							
	<b>a</b> Gross revenue (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1a)						
	<b>b</b> Less: direct expenses other than fundraising expenses						
	<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from special events (subtract line 9b from line 9a)						
	<b>10a</b> Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	618,832					
	<b>b</b> Less: cost of goods sold	460,500					
	<b>c</b> Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (attach schedule) (subtract line 10b from line 10a)				158,332		
<b>11</b> Other revenue (from Part VII, line 103)					49,493		
<b>12</b> Total revenue (add lines 1d, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6c, 7, 8d, 9c, 10c, and 11)					13,450,381		
<b>13</b> Program services (from line 44, column (B))					7,452,987		
<b>14</b> Management and general (from line 44, column (C))					4,016,104		
<b>15</b> Fundraising (from line 44, column (D))							
<b>16</b> Payments to affiliates (attach schedule)							
<b>17</b> Total expenses (add lines 16 and 44, column (A))					11,469,091		
<b>18</b> Excess or (deficit) for the year (subtract line 17 from line 12)					1,981,290		
<b>19</b> Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 73, column (A))					13,725,626		
<b>20</b> Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation)					2,450,614		
<b>21</b> Net assets or fund balances at end of year (combine lines 18, 19, and 20)					18,157,530		

**Part II Statement of Functional Expenses**

All organizations must complete column (A). Columns (B), (C), and (D) are required for section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts but optional for others. (See Specific Instructions on page 21.)

Do not include amounts reported on line 6b, 8b, 9b, 10b, or 16 of Part I.		(A) Total	(B) Program services	(C) Management and general	(D) Fundraising
22	Grants and allocations (attach schedule) (cash \$ _____ noncash \$ _____)				
23	Specific assistance to individuals (attach schedule)				
24	Benefits paid to or for members (attach schedule)				
25	Compensation of officers, directors, etc.	143,482	52,429	91,053	
26	Other salaries and wages	1,901,317	772,731	1,128,586	
27	Pension plan contributions				
28	Other employee benefits				
29	Payroll taxes	153,483		153,483	
30	Professional fundraising fees				
31	Accounting fees	93,087		93,087	
32	Legal fees	127,577		127,577	
33	Supplies	335,658	209,142	126,516	
34	Telephone	199,463	199,463		
35	Postage and shipping	528,479		528,479	
36	Occupancy	236,394	112,942	123,452	
37	Equipment rental and maintenance	2,227,793	2,139,051	88,742	
38	Printing and publications	337,403	231,624	105,779	
39	Travel	541,785		541,785	
40	Conferences, conventions, and meetings				
41	Interest	23,753		23,753	
42	Depreciation, depletion, etc. (attach schedule)	1,594,086	1,594,086		
43	Other expenses not covered above (itemize): a Stmt 3	3,025,331	2,141,519	883,812	
	b				
	c				
	d				
	e				
44	Total functional expenses (add lines 22 through 43). Organizations completing columns (B)-(D), carry these totals to lines 13-15.	11,469,091	7,452,987	4,016,104	

Joint Costs. Check  if you are following SOP 98-2.

Are any joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation reported in (B) Program services?  Yes  No  
 If "Yes," enter (i) the aggregate amount of these joint costs \$ \_\_\_\_\_; (ii) the amount allocated to Program services \$ \_\_\_\_\_; (iii) the amount allocated to Management and general \$ \_\_\_\_\_; and (iv) the amount allocated to Fundraising \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments** (See Specific Instructions on page 24.)

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? Production and distribution of 24 hour per day religious programming for electronic transmission throughout the world.  
 All organizations must describe their exempt purpose achievements in a clear and concise manner. State the number of clients served, publications issued, etc. Discuss achievements that are not measurable. (Section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must also enter the amount of grants and allocations to others.)

	Program Service Expenses (Required for 501(c)(3) and (4) orgs., and 4947(a)(1) trusts; but optional for others.)
a <u>Production and distribution of 24 hour per day religious programming for electronic transmission throughout the world.</u> (Grants and allocations \$ _____)	7,452,987
b _____ (Grants and allocations \$ _____)	
c _____ (Grants and allocations \$ _____)	
d _____ (Grants and allocations \$ _____)	
e Other program services (attach schedule) (Grants and allocations \$ _____)	
f Total of Program Service Expenses (should equal line 44, column (B), Program services)	

**Part IV Balance Sheets** (See Specific Instructions on page 24.)

**Note:** Where required, attached schedules and amounts within the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only.

		(A)		(B)
		Beginning of year		End of year
<b>Assets</b>	<b>45</b> Cash- non-interest-bearing . . . . .	304,365	<b>45</b>	1,477,406
	<b>46</b> Savings and temporary cash investments . . . . .	4,109,652	<b>46</b>	4,121,578
	<b>47a</b> Accounts receivable . . . . .	<b>47a</b> 165,591		
	<b>b</b> Less: allowance for doubtful accounts . . . . .	<b>47b</b> 32,233	193,624	<b>47c</b> 133,358
	<b>48a</b> Pledges receivable . . . . .	<b>48a</b> 164,862		
	<b>b</b> Less: allowance for doubtful accounts . . . . .	<b>48b</b>		<b>48c</b> 164,862
	<b>49</b> Grants receivable . . . . .			<b>49</b>
	<b>50</b> Receivables from officers, directors, trustees, and key employees (attach schedule) . . . . .			<b>50</b>
	<b>51a</b> Other notes and loans receivable (attach schedule) . . . . .	<b>51a</b>		
	<b>b</b> Less: allowance for doubtful accounts . . . . .	<b>51b</b>		<b>51c</b>
	<b>52</b> Inventories for sale or use . . . . .		88,160	<b>52</b> 276,360
	<b>53</b> Prepaid expenses and deferred charges . . . . .		307,364	<b>53</b> 441,430
	<b>54</b> Investments- securities (attach schedule) . . . . .	▶ <input type="checkbox"/> Cost <input type="checkbox"/> FMV		<b>54</b>
	<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>55a</b> Investments- land, buildings, and equipment: basis . . . . .	<b>55a</b>	
<b>b</b> Less: accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) . . . . .		<b>55b</b>		<b>55c</b>
<b>56</b> Investments- other (attach schedule) . . . . .				<b>56</b>
<b>57a</b> Land, buildings, and equipment: basis . . . . .		<b>57a</b> 20,297,026		
<b>b</b> Less: accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) . . . . .		<b>57b</b> 8,413,471	9,845,142	<b>57c</b> 11,883,555
<b>58</b> Other assets (describe ▶ <b>Statement 5</b> ) . . . . .			18,605,582	<b>58</b> 23,851,825
<b>59</b> <b>Total assets</b> (add lines 45 through 58) (must equal line 74) . . . . .		33,453,889	<b>59</b> 42,350,374	
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>60</b> Accounts payable and accrued expenses . . . . .		454,336	<b>60</b> 453,657
	<b>61</b> Grants payable . . . . .			<b>61</b>
	<b>62</b> Deferred revenue . . . . .			<b>62</b> 8,571
	<b>63</b> Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and key employees (attach schedule) . . . . .			<b>63</b>
	<b>64a</b> Tax-exempt bond liabilities (attach schedule) . . . . .			<b>64a</b>
	<b>b</b> Mortgages and other notes payable (attach schedule) . . . . .		120,100	<b>64b</b> 1,643,428
<b>65</b> Other liabilities (describe ▶ <b>Statement 6</b> ) . . . . .		19,153,827	<b>65</b> 22,087,188	
<b>66</b> <b>Total liabilities</b> (add lines 60 through 65) . . . . .		19,728,263	<b>66</b> 24,192,844	
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here</b> ▶ <input type="checkbox"/> <b>and complete lines 67 through 69 and lines 73 and 74.</b>			
	<b>67</b> Unrestricted . . . . .		11,976,736	<b>67</b> 15,364,864
	<b>68</b> Temporarily restricted . . . . .		1,748,890	<b>68</b> 2,792,666
	<b>69</b> Permanently restricted . . . . .			<b>69</b>
	<b>Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here</b> ▶ <input type="checkbox"/> <b>and complete lines 70 through 74.</b>			
	<b>70</b> Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds . . . . .			<b>70</b>
	<b>71</b> Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, and equipment fund . . . . .			<b>71</b>
	<b>72</b> Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds . . . . .			<b>72</b>
<b>73</b> <b>Total net assets or fund balances</b> (add lines 67 through 69 OR lines 70 through 72; column (A) must equal line 19; column (B) must equal line 21). . . . .		13,725,626	<b>73</b> 18,157,530	
<b>74</b> <b>Total liabilities and net assets / fund balances</b> (add lines 66 and 73) . . . . .		33,453,889	<b>74</b> 42,350,374	

Form 990 is available for public inspection and, for some people, serves as the primary or sole source of information about a particular organization. How the public perceives an organization in such cases may be determined by the information presented on its return. Therefore, please make sure the return is complete and accurate and fully describes, in Part III, the organization's programs and accomplishments.



**Part VI Other Information** (See Specific Instructions on page 27.)

		Yes	No
76	Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of each activity	76	✓
77	Were any changes made in the organizing or governing documents but not reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes.	77	✓
78a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year covered by this return?	78a	✓
b	If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?	78b	
79	Was there a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or substantial contraction during the year? If "Yes," attach a statement	79	✓
80a	Is the organization related (other than by association with a statewide or nationwide organization) through common membership, governing bodies, trustees, officers, etc., to any other exempt or nonexempt organization?	80a	✓
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the organization _____ and check whether it is <input type="checkbox"/> exempt OR <input type="checkbox"/> nonexempt.		
81a	Enter direct or indirect political expenditures. See line 81 instructions	81a	
b	Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?	81b	✓
82a	Did the organization receive donated services or the use of materials, equipment, or facilities at no charge or at substantially less than fair rental value?	82a	✓
b	If "Yes," you may indicate the value of these items here. Do not include this amount as revenue in Part I or as an expense in Part II. (See instructions in Part III.)	82b	
83a	Did the organization comply with the public inspection requirements for returns and exemption applications?	83a	✓
b	Did the organization comply with the disclosure requirements relating to quid pro quo contributions?	83b	✓
84a	Did the organization solicit any contributions or gifts that were not tax deductible?	84a	✓
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	84b	
85	501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations. a Were substantially all dues nondeductible by members?	85a	
b	Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?	85b	
	If "Yes" was answered to either 85a or 85b, do not complete 85c through 85h below unless the organization received a waiver for proxy tax owed for the prior year.		
c	Dues, assessments, and similar amounts from members	85c	
d	Section 162(e) lobbying and political expenditures	85d	
e	Aggregate nondeductible amount of section 6033(e)(1)(A) dues notices	85e	
f	Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (line 85d less 85e)	85f	
g	Does the organization elect to pay the section 6033(e) tax on the amount on line 85f?	85g	
h	If section 6033(e)(1)(A) dues notices were sent, does the organization agree to add the amount on line 85f to its reasonable estimate of dues allocable to nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures for the following tax year?	85h	
86	501(c)(7) orgs. Enter: a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 12	86a	
b	Gross receipts, included on line 12, for public use of club facilities.	86b	
87	501(c)(12) orgs. Enter: a Gross income from members or shareholders.	87a	
b	Gross income from other sources. (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)	87b	
88	At any time during the year, did the organization own a 50% or greater interest in a taxable corporation or partnership, or an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? If "Yes," complete Part IX	88	✓
89a	501(c)(3) organizations. Enter: Amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 _____; section 4912 _____; section 4955 _____		
b	501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) orgs. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or did it become aware of an excess benefit transaction from a prior year? If "Yes," attach a statement explaining each transaction.	89b	✓
c	Enter: Amount of tax imposed on the organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958.		0
d	Enter: Amount of tax on line 89c, above, reimbursed by the organization.		0
90a	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed _____		
b	Number of employees employed in the pay period that includes March 12, 2001 (See instructions.)	90b	95
91	The books are in care of _____ Telephone no. _____		
	Located at _____ ZIP + 4 _____		
92	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041- Check here _____ and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year _____	92	



**Part VII Analysis of Income-Producing Activities** (See Specific Instructions on page 32.)

Note: Enter gross amounts unless otherwise indicated.

	Unrelated business income		Excluded by section 512, 513, or 514		(E) Related or exempt function income
	(A) Business code	(B) Amount	(C) Exclusion code	(D) Amount	
93 Program service revenue:					
a Production and distribution					857,768
b					
c					
d					
e					
f Medicare/Medicaid payments					
g Fees and contracts from government agencies					
94 Membership dues and assessments					
95 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments					38,397
96 Dividends and interest from securities					
97 Net rental income or (loss) from real estate:					
a debt-financed property					
b not debt-financed property					24,464
98 Net rental income or (loss) from personal property					
99 Other investment income					
100 Gain or (loss) from sales of assets other than inventory					-1,235
101 Net income or (loss) from special events					
102 Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory					158,332
103 Other revenue: a Video and Other Sales					251,110
b Change in value split interest agreements					-227,430
c Other					25,813
d					
e					
104 Subtotal (add columns (B), (D), and (E))					1,127,219
105 Total (add line 104, columns (B), (D), and (E))					1,127,219

Note: Line 105 plus line 1d, Part I, should equal the amount on line 12, Part I.

**Part VIII Relationship of Activities to the Accomplishment of Exempt Purposes** (See Specific Instructions on page 32.)

Line No.	Explain how each activity for which income is reported in column (E) of Part VII contributed importantly to the accomplishment of the organization's exempt purposes (other than by providing funds for such purposes).
▼	Statement 11

**Part IX Information Regarding Taxable Subsidiaries and Disregarded Entities** (See Specific Instructions on page 33.)

(A) Name, address, and EIN of corporation, partnership, or disregarded entity	(B) Percentage of ownership interest	(C) Nature of activities	(D) Total income	(E) End-of-year assets
	%			
	%			
	%			
	%			

**Part X Information Regarding Transfers Associated with Personal Benefit Contracts** (See Specific Instructions on page 33.)

- (a) Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?  Yes  No
- (b) Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?  Yes  No

Note: If "Yes" to (b), file Form 8870 and Form 4720 (see instructions).

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Please Sign Here

Signature of officer Danny Shubin Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 President  
 Type or print name and title.

Paid Preparer's Use Only

Preparer's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Check if self-employed   
 Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4 \_\_\_\_\_ Preparer's SSN or PTIN (See Gen. Inst. W) \_\_\_\_\_  
 EIN \_\_\_\_\_ Phone no. \_\_\_\_\_



**SCHEDULE A**  
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

**Organization Exempt Under Section 501(c)(3)**

(Except Private Foundation) and Section 501(e), 501(f), 501(k),  
501(n), or Section 4947(a)(1) Nonexempt Charitable Trust

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2001**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Supplementary Information-** (See separate instructions.)

▶ **MUST be completed by the above organizations and attached to their Form 990 or 990-EZ**

Name of the organization <b>Three Angels Broadcasting Network</b>	Employer identification number <b>37 1179056</b>
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**Part I Compensation of the Five Highest Paid Employees Other Than Officers, Directors, and Trustees**  
(See page 1 of the instructions. List each one. If there are none, enter "None.")

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$50,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
Moses S. Primo ..... PO Box 39, Thompsonville, IL 62890	Director of Engineering	50,359		
Gonzalo Santos ..... 5693 Plaster Grove Rd, Thompsonville IL	Electrician	50,818		
.....				
.....				
.....				
.....				
Total number of other employees paid over \$50,000 ▶				

**Part II Compensation of the Five Highest Paid Independent Contractors for Professional Services**  
(See page 2 of the instructions. List each one (whether individuals or firms). If there are none, enter "None.")

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
Printers Inc. .....	Printing services	237,012
Aeroflite Inc. .....	Airplane maintenance and pilot services	215,391
Gray, Hunter Stenn LLP .....	Accounting and auditing services	125,367
Du Treil, Lundin, & Rackley Inc. .....	Engineering	50,475
.....		
.....		
Total number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services ▶		

**Part III** Statements About Activities (See page 2 of the instructions.)

	Yes	No
1 During the year, has the organization attempted to influence national, state, or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum? If "Yes," enter the total expenses paid or incurred in connection with the lobbying activities ▶ \$ _____ (Must equal amounts on line 38, Part VI-A, or line i of Part VI-B.) Organizations that made an election under section 501(h) by filing Form 5768 must complete Part VI-A. Other organizations checking "Yes," must complete Part VI-B AND attach a statement giving a detailed description of the lobbying activities.		✓
2 During the year, has the organization, either directly or indirectly, engaged in any of the following acts with any substantial contributors, trustees, directors, officers, creators, key employees, or members of their families, or with any taxable organization with which any such person is affiliated as an officer, director, trustee, majority owner, or principal beneficiary? (If the answer to any question is "Yes," attach a detailed statement explaining the transactions.)		
a Sale, exchange, or leasing of property?		✓
b Lending of money or other extension of credit?		✓
c Furnishing of goods, services, or facilities?		✓
d Payment of compensation (or payment or reimbursement of expenses if more than \$1,000)?	✓	
e Transfer of any part of its income or assets?		✓
3 Does the organization make grants for scholarships, fellowships, student loans, etc.? (See Note below.)		✓
4 Do you have a section 403(b) annuity plan for your employees?		✓

**Note:** Attach a statement to explain how the organization determines that individuals or organizations receiving grants or loans from it in furtherance of its charitable programs "qualify" to receive payments.

**Part IV** Reason for Non-Private Foundation Status (See pages 3 through 6 of the instructions.)

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (Please check only **ONE** applicable box.)

- 5  A church, convention of churches, or association of churches. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).
- 6  A school. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii). (Also complete Part V.)
- 7  A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).
- 8  A Federal, state, or local government or governmental unit. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).
- 9  A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii). Enter the hospital's name, city, and state ▶ .....
- 10  An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv). (Also complete the **Support Schedule** in Part IV-A.)
- 11a  An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). (Also complete the **Support Schedule** in Part IV-A.)
- 11b  A community trust. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). (Also complete the **Support Schedule** in Part IV-A.)
- 12  An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its charitable, etc., functions- subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See section 509(a)(2). (Also complete the **Support Schedule** in Part IV-A.)
- 13  An organization that is not controlled by any disqualified persons (other than foundation managers) and supports organizations described in: (1) lines 5 through 12 above; or (2) section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6), if they meet the test of section 509(a)(2). (See section 509(a)(3).)

Provide the following information about the supported organizations. (See page 5 of the instructions.)

(a) Name(s) of supported organization(s)	(b) Line number from above

- 14  An organization organized and operated to test for public safety. Section 509(a)(4). (See page 6 of the instructions.)

**Part IV-A Support Schedule** (Complete only if you checked a box on line 10, 11, or 12.) *Use cash method of accounting.*

**Note:** You may use the worksheet in the instructions for converting from the accrual to the cash method of accounting.

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2000	(b) 1999	(c) 1998	(d) 1997	(e) Total
15 Gifts, grants, and contributions received. (Do not include unusual grants. See line 28.)	10,891,966	9,999,808	7,557,624	6,834,614	35,284,012
16 Membership fees received					
17 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or furnishing of facilities in any activity that is related to the organization's charitable, etc., purpose	3,415,540	4,523,968	1,488,651	134,290	9,562,449
18 Gross income from interest, dividends, amounts received from payments on securities loans (section 512(a)(5)), rents, royalties, and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975	74,844	31,583	65,770	13,920	186,117
19 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 18					
20 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to it or expended on its behalf					
21 The value of services or facilities furnished to the organization by a governmental unit without charge. Do not include the value of services or facilities generally furnished to the public without charge.					
22 Other income. Attach a schedule. Do not include gain or (loss) from sale of capital assets					
23 Total of lines 15 through 22	14,382,350	14,555,359	9,112,045	6,982,824	45,032,578
24 Line 23 minus line 17	10,966,810	10,031,391	7,623,394	6,848,534	35,470,129
25 Enter 1% of line 23	143,823	145,553	91,120	69,828	

26 Organizations described on lines 10 or 11:	a Enter 2% of amount in column (e), line 24	26a	
b Prepare a list for your records to show the name of and amount contributed by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) whose total gifts for 1997 through 2000 exceeded the amount shown in line 26a. Do not file this list with your return. Enter the total of all these excess amounts		26b	
c Total support for section 509(a)(1) test: Enter line 24, column (e)		26c	
d Add: Amounts from column (e) for lines:	18 _____ 19 _____	26d	
	22 _____ 26b _____	26e	
e Public support (line 26c minus line 26d total)		26e	
f Public support percentage (line 26e (numerator) divided by line 26c (denominator))		26f	%

27 Organizations described on line 12: a For amounts included in lines 15, 16, and 17 that were received from a "disqualified person," prepare a list for your records to show the name of, and total amounts received in each year from, each "disqualified person." Do not file this list with your return. Enter the sum of such amounts for each year:

(2000) 2,486,056 (1999) 1,444,658 (1998) 534,598 (1997) 0

b For any amount included in line 17 that was received from each person (other than "disqualified persons"), prepare a list for your records to show the name of, and amount received for each year, that was more than the larger of (1) the amount on line 25 for the year or (2) \$5,000. (Include in the list organizations described in lines 5 through 11, as well as individuals.) Do not file this list with your return. After computing the difference between the amount received and the larger amount described in (1) or (2), enter the sum of these differences (the excess amounts) for each year:

(2000) 59,426 (1999) 0 (1998) 43,297 (1997) 112,040

c Add: Amounts from column (e) for lines:	15 35,284,012	16 _____	27c	44,486,461
	17 9,562,449	20 _____	27d	4,680,075
d Add: Line 27a total	4,465,312	and line 27b total 214,763	27e	39,806,386
e Public support (line 27c total minus line 27d total)			27f	45,032,578
f Total support for section 509(a)(2) test: Enter amount from line 23, column (e)			27g	88.4 %
g Public support percentage (line 27e (numerator) divided by line 27f (denominator))			27h	.4 %
h Investment income percentage (line 18, column (e) (numerator) divided by line 27f (denominator))				

28 Unusual Grants: For an organization described in line 10, 11, or 12 that received any unusual grants during 1997 through 2000, prepare a list for your records to show, for each year, the name of the contributor, the date and amount of the grant, and a brief description of the nature of the grant. Do not file this list with your return. Do not include these grants in line 15.

**Part V Private School Questionnaire** (See page 7 of the instructions.)  
**(To be completed ONLY by schools that checked the box on line 6 in Part IV)**

	Yes	No
29 Does the organization have a racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students by statement in its charter, bylaws, other governing instrument, or in a resolution of its governing body? . . . . .	29	
30 Does the organization include a statement of its racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students in all its brochures, catalogues, and other written communications with the public dealing with student admissions, programs, and scholarships? . . . . .	30	
31 Has the organization publicized its racially nondiscriminatory policy through newspaper or broadcast media during the period of solicitation for students, or during the registration period if it has no solicitation program, in a way that makes the policy known to all parts of the general community it serves? . . . . . If "Yes," please describe; if "No," please explain. (If you need more space, attach a separate statement.) ..... ..... .....	31	
32 Does the organization maintain the following:		
a Records indicating the racial composition of the student body, faculty, and administrative staff? . . . . .	32a	
b Records documenting that scholarships and other financial assistance are awarded on a racially nondiscriminatory basis? . . . . .	32b	
c Copies of all catalogues, brochures, announcements, and other written communications to the public dealing with student admissions, programs, and scholarships? . . . . .	32c	
d Copies of all material used by the organization or on its behalf to solicit contributions? . . . . .  If you answered "No" to any of the above, please explain. (If you need more space, attach a separate statement.) ..... .....	32d	
33 Does the organization discriminate by race in any way with respect to:		
a Students' rights or privileges? . . . . .	33a	
b Admissions policies? . . . . .	33b	
c Employment of faculty or administrative staff? . . . . .	33c	
d Scholarships or other financial assistance? . . . . .	33d	
e Educational policies? . . . . .	33e	
f Use of facilities? . . . . .	33f	
g Athletic programs? . . . . .	33g	
h Other extracurricular activities? . . . . .  If you answered "Yes" to any of the above, please explain. (If you need more space, attach a separate statement.) ..... .....	33h	
34a Does the organization receive any financial aid or assistance from a governmental agency? . . . . .	34a	
b Has the organization's right to such aid ever been revoked or suspended? . . . . . If you answered "Yes" to either 34a or b, please explain using an attached statement.	34b	
35 Does the organization certify that it has complied with the applicable requirements of sections 4.01 through 4.05 of Rev. Proc. 75-50, 1975-2 C.B. 587, covering racial nondiscrimination? If "No," attach an explanation . . . . .	35	

**Part VI-A Lobbying Expenditures by Electing Public Charities** (See page 9 of the instructions.)  
 (To be completed **ONLY** by an eligible organization that filed Form 5768)

Check  **a** if the organization belongs to an affiliated group. Check  **b** if you checked "a" and "limited control" provisions apply.

<b>Limits on Lobbying Expenditures</b>		(a) Affiliated group totals	(b) To be completed for ALL electing organizations
(The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)			
36	Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grassroots lobbying)	36	
37	Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)	37	
38	Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 36 and 37)	38	
39	Other exempt purpose expenditures	39	
40	Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 38 and 39)	40	
41	Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table-		
	<b>If the amount on line 40 is-</b> <b>The lobbying nontaxable amount is-</b>		
	Not over \$500,000 . . . . . 20% of the amount on line 40.		
	Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000 . . \$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000		
	Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000 . \$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000	41	
	Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000 . \$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000		
	Over \$17,000,000 . . . . . \$1,000,000		
42	Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 41)	42	
43	Subtract line 42 from line 36. Enter -0- if line 42 is more than line 36	43	
44	Subtract line 41 from line 38. Enter -0- if line 41 is more than line 38	44	

**Caution:** If there is an amount on either line 43 or line 44, you must file Form 4720.

**4-Year Averaging Period Under Section 501(h)**

(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below. See the instructions for lines 45 through 50 on page 11 of the instructions.)

	Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period				
	(a) 2001	(b) 2000	(c) 1999	(d) 1998	(e) Total
45	Lobbying nontaxable amount				
46	Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 45(e))				
47	Total lobbying expenditures				
48	Grassroots nontaxable amount				
49	Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 48(e))				
50	Grassroots lobbying expenditures				

**Part VI-B Lobbying Activity by Nonelecting Public Charities**

(For reporting only by organizations that did not complete Part VI-A) (See page 12 of the instructions.)

During the year, did the organization attempt to influence national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of:	Yes	No	Amount
a Volunteers			
b Paid staff or management (Include compensation in expenses reported on lines c through h.)			
c Media advertisements			
d Mailings to members, legislators, or the public			
e Publications, or published or broadcast statements			
f Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes			
g Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body			
h Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any other means			
i Total lobbying expenditures (Add lines c through h.)			

If "Yes" to any of the above, also attach a statement giving a detailed description of the lobbying activities.



**THREE ANGELS BROADCASTING NETWORK, INC.**  
**990 - SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**  
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**Statement 1**  
**Form 990, Part I, Line 8**  
**Net Gain (Loss) from Noninventory Sales**

Publicly Traded Securities

Description:	Securities
Date Acquired:	Various
How Acquired:	Purchased or Donated
Date Sold:	Various
To Whom Sold:	Market Shares - Unknown

Gross Sales Price	74,871
Cost Basis	76,106
Loss on Sale	<u>(1,235)</u>

**Statement 2**  
**Form 990, Part I, Line 20**  
**Other Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances**

Record split interest agreements previously unrecorded	2,451,034
Reclassification of amounts due to other ministries previously classified as temporarily restricted	(14,282)
Net unrealized gains on marketable securities	13,862
	<u>2,450,614</u>

**Statement 3**  
**Form 990, Part I, Line 43**  
**Other Expenses**

Other Expenses	Total	Program Management	
		Services	& General Fundraising
Advertising and promotion	212,798	118,579	94,219
Bad Debts	28,160	28,160	
Broadcasting	131,066	131,066	
Camp Meeting	26,817		26,817
Contract Labor	135,826		135,826
Credit Card Fees	24,966		24,966
Downlink	841,050	841,050	
Dues and Registration	103,842	103,842	
Insurance	441,646		441,646
Miscellaneous	207,002	100,737	106,265
Small Tools & Equipment	75,269	21,196	54,073
Special Projects	796,889	796,889	
	<u>3,025,331</u>	<u>2,141,519</u>	<u>883,812</u>



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**Statement 4**  
**Form 990, Part IV, Line 57**  
**Land, Buildings and Equipment**

<u>Asset</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Accum. Deprec.</u>	<u>Net Book Value</u>
Aircraft	1,346,893	11,224	1,335,669
Buildings	3,517,409	436,666	3,080,743
Land	681,178		681,178
Land Improvements	187,511	22,531	164,980
Machinery & Equipment	12,456,074	7,157,788	5,298,286
Vehicles	1,564,985	785,262	779,723
Construction in Progress	542,976		542,976
	<u>20,297,026</u>	<u>8,413,471</u>	<u>11,883,555</u>

**Statement 5**  
**Form 990 Part IV, Line 58**  
**Other Assets**

Annuities	7,621,899
Trusts	16,229,926
	<u>23,851,825</u>

**Statement 6**  
**Form 990 Part IV, Line 65**  
**Other Liabilities**

Annuities	4,405,293
Liabilities under Unitrust Agreements	1,451,969
Revocable Trust Liabilities	16,229,926
	<u>22,087,188</u>

**Statement 7**  
**Form 990 Part IV-A, Line B(4)**  
**Other Amounts**

Cost of Goods Sold - Satellites	460,500
Rental Expenses	10,576
	<u>471,076</u>

**Statement 8**  
**Form 990 Part IV-B, Line B(4)**  
**Other Amounts**

Cost of Goods Sold - Satellites	460,500
Rental Expenses	10,576
	<u>471,076</u>

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**Statement 9**  
**Form 990, Part V**  
**List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees**

Name and Address	Title & Avg. Hrs/Wk	Comp.	Employee Benefits	Expense Account
Dr. Walter Thompson 174 Fox Borough Burr Ridge, IL 60521	Chairman None	0	0	0
J. Wayne Coulter 619 Plainfield Rd., 3rd Floor Willowbrook, IL 60521-5381	Director None	0	0	0
May E. Chung 155 Manchester Lane San Bernardino, CA 92408	Director None	0	0	0
Dr. Robert Ford 2517 NE Kresky Chehalis, Wa 98532-2409	Director None	0	0	0
Bill Hulsey PO Box 596 Collegedale, TN 37315	Director None	0	0	0
Ellsworth McKee PO Box 750 Collegedale, TN 37315	Director None	0	0	0
Danny Shelton 2954 New Lake Road West Frankfort, IL 62896	President Director 40 hrs/wk	55,504		
Linda Shelton 2954 New Lake Road West Frankfort, IL 62896	Vice Pres. Director 40 hrs/wk	49,354		
Stan Smith Box 100 Lillooet, BC V0K 1V0	Director None	0	0	0
G. Ralph Thompson 12501 Old Columbia Pike Silver Spring, MD 20904-6600	Director None	0	0	0

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**Statement 9****Form 990, Part V****List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees (Continued)**

Name and Address	Title & Avg. Hrs/Wk	Comp.	Employee Benefits	Expense Account
Owen Troy 1906 Dana Drive Adelphi, MD 20783-2119	Director None	0	0	0
Larry Welch 715 S Mulkey Christopher, IL 62822	Director 40 hrs/wk	38,624	0	0
		<u>143,482</u>		

**Statement 10****Form 990, Part V, Line 90A****List of States Which This Return is Filed**

California

Illinois

Oregon

**Statement 11****Form 990, Part VII****Relationship of Activities to the Accomplishment of Exempt Purposes**

Line #	Explanation of Activities
93	Payment for airtime & production of certain religious programming
95	Interest income is used to help offset general operating expenses
97	Rental income is used to help offset general operating expenses
102	Sale of satellite dishes to enable viewers to receive programming
103	Sale of religious programming and religious books

**Statement 12****Schedule A, Part IV-A, Line 27A****Payments From Disqualified Persons**

Disqualified Person	2000	1999	1998	1997
Dr. Robert Ford	55,000	220,000	65,000	
May E Chung	1,565	986,658	49,598	
McKee Foods Ltd.	352,000	238,000	420,000	
ASI Missions Inc.	775,000			
Hawaii Conference of SDA Church	424,749			
Edith Hawkins	877,742			
	<u>2,486,056</u>	<u>1,444,658</u>	<u>534,598</u>	

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**Statement 13**  
**Schedule A, Part IV-A, Line 27B**  
**Payments From Nondisqualified Persons**

Nondisqualified Person	2000	1999	1998	1997
It Is Written				182,228
Transada Advertising			134,399	
Merlin Fjarli	189,500			
Donald Stecker	157,572			
Subtotal	347,072		134,399	182,228
Less				
143,823 X 2	287,646			
91,120 X 1			91,120	
69,828 X 1				69,828
Excess	59,426		43,279	112,400

**THREE ANGELS BROADCASTING NETWORK, INC.**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**AND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**DECEMBER 31, 2005**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors  
Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial position of Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc. (a nonprofit organization) as of December 31, 2005, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Organization's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

Except as discussed in the fifth paragraph, we conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As discussed in Note 16 to the financial statements, the Organization does not report its investment in Three Angels T.V. and Radio Broadcast Network (Russia). All payments made to this branch are expensed when paid. In our opinion, accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require the branch be accounted for on a consolidated basis. The effects of that departure on the financial statements are not reasonably determinable.

The Organization's financial statements do not disclose a presentation of summarized financial data for Tres Anjos Broadcasting Network - LTDA, Association Three Angels Broadcasting Network, and 3ABN Philippines, Inc. This information is not available to the Organization. In our opinion, disclosure of this information is required to conform with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In connection with the recording of real estate revocable trusts, the fair values of the trusts were based on internal estimates performed by the Organization. We were unable to obtain sufficient evidential matter in connection with the estimates of fair value.

In our opinion, except for the effects of the items discussed in the third and fourth paragraphs, and except for the effects of such adjustments, if any, as might have been determined to be necessary had we been able to apply adequate procedures to the real estate revocable trusts as discussed in the fifth paragraph, the financial statements referred to in the first paragraph present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc. as of December 31, 2005, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The Schedule of Program Service Expenses and Schedule of Supporting Service Expenses are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not required parts of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, except for the effects of such adjustments, if any, for the items mentioned in the preceding paragraphs, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

*Gray Hunter Stern LLP*

Marion, Illinois  
April 28, 2006



## THREE ANGELS BROADCASTING NETWORK, INC.

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

DECEMBER 31, 2005

## ASSETS

**Current Assets**

Cash	\$ 133,440.36
Contributions receivable (Note 12)	531,741.26
Contributions receivable - Bequests	137,850.93
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for uncollectible accounts of \$0.00 (Note 1)	202,936.11
Investments (Note 3)	175,406.19
Employee advances (Note 14)	1,940.85
Deposits	341,520.81
Inventory (Note 1)	789,252.16
Prepaid expenses	450,706.40
Assets held for sale	<u>608,073.50</u>

**Total Current Assets****\$ 3,372,868.57****Non-Current Assets**

Cash restricted to investment in capital assets	\$ 930,039.10
Investments (Note 3)	4,048,747.10
Deposits	472,355.75
Revocable trusts (Note 11)	22,214,078.70
Charitable gift annuities (Note 11)	12,551,006.63
Property and equipment, less accumulated depreciation (Note 2)	<u>13,567,701.84</u>

**Total Non-Current Assets****\$ 53,783,929.12****Total Assets****\$ 57,156,797.69**

## LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

**Current Liabilities**

Accounts payable	\$ 724,258.83
Accrued wages and vacation pay	250,998.75
Accrued sales and payroll taxes	28,605.33
Accrued interest	37,529.42
Deferred revenue	6,965.00
Estimated liability for future group medical insurance claims (Note 1)	50,232.61
Current portion of long-term debt (Note 5)	40,000.00
Funds due to other ministries	32,615.74
Charitable gift annuities (Note 11)	747,151.91
Liabilities under unitrust agreements (Note 11)	<u>65,747.17</u>

**Total Current Liabilities****\$ 1,984,104.76****Long-term Liabilities**

Long-term debt (Note 5)	\$ -
Refundable advances (Note 11)	22,214,078.70
Charitable gift annuities (Note 11)	11,855,368.94
Liabilities under unitrust agreements (Note 11)	<u>1,632,921.93</u>

**Total Long-term Liabilities****\$ 35,702,369.57****Total Liabilities****\$ 37,686,474.33****Net Assets**

Unrestricted	\$ 14,863,131.26
Temporarily restricted (Note 6)	<u>4,607,192.10</u>

**Total Net Assets****\$ 19,470,323.36****Total Liabilities and Net Assets****\$ 57,156,797.69**

See accompanying notes.

**THREE ANGELS BROADCASTING NETWORK, INC.**  
**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005**

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Revenues and Other Support</b>			
Contributions	\$ 8,521,172.63	\$ 3,653,742.38	\$ 12,174,915.01
Charitable gift annuities (Note 11)	1,885,360.01	-	1,885,360.01
Airtime and production fees	1,162,106.00	-	1,162,106.00
Sales of satellite equipment	864,361.26	-	864,361.26
Rental income	44,800.93	-	44,800.93
Investment income (Note 3)	6,469.77	-	6,469.77
Gain (loss) on disposal of assets	1,122.28	-	1,122.28
Net unrealized and realized gains and (losses) on investments	(3,655.89)	-	(3,655.89)
Change in value of split-interest agreements	(356,969.05)	(269,396.74)	(626,365.79)
Other	59,909.65	-	59,909.65
Net assets released from restrictions (Note 7)	<u>2,937,827.94</u>	<u>(2,937,827.94)</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total Revenues and Other Support</b>	<b><u>\$ 15,122,505.53</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 446,517.70</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 15,569,023.23</u></b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Program service			
Television and radio broadcasting	\$ 11,121,126.31	\$ -	\$ 11,121,126.31
Supporting service	4,930,390.27	-	4,930,390.27
Management and general	<u>4,930,390.27</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,930,390.27</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b><u>\$ 16,051,516.58</u></b>	<b><u>\$ -</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 16,051,516.58</u></b>
Change in Net Assets	\$ (929,011.05)	\$ 446,517.70	\$ (482,493.35)
Net assets, beginning of year	<u>15,792,142.31</u>	<u>4,160,674.40</u>	<u>19,952,816.71</u>
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 14,863,131.26</u>	<u>\$ 4,607,192.10</u>	<u>\$ 19,470,323.36</u>

See accompanying notes.

**THREE ANGELS BROADCASTING NETWORK, INC.**  
**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005**

<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities:</b>	
Cash received from contributors	\$ 14,671,736.44
Cash received from airtime and production fees	1,113,191.79
Cash received from sales	843,866.76
Rental receipts	44,800.93
Interest received	6,469.77
Other receipts	59,309.65
Cash paid to employees and suppliers	(4,876,566.74)
Cash paid for program service	(8,317,651.25)
Interest paid	(6,038.89)
Cash paid for school subsidy	(82,962.06)
Cash paid for rental and miscellaneous expense	(38,540.42)
<b>Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</b>	<b><u>\$ 3,417,615.98</u></b>
<b>Cash Flows from Investing Activities:</b>	
Purchases of property and equipment	\$ (1,174,539.55)
Proceeds from sales of property and equipment	11,471.59
Purchases of investments	(78,364.15)
Purchases of gift annuity assets	(4,031,759.77)
Proceeds from sales of investments	50,396.70
Proceeds from sales of gift annuity assets	955,179.20
Proceeds from assets held for sale	169,473.52
Transfer of restricted contributions to restricted cash	(479,345.57)
Release of restricted cash for designated purposes	589,976.37
<b>Net Cash Used by Investing Activities</b>	<b><u>\$ (3,987,511.66)</u></b>
<b>Cash Flows from Financing Activities:</b>	
Proceeds from notes payable	\$ 110,000.00
Retirement of notes payable	(100,000.00)
Contributions restricted for investment in equipment	479,345.57
<b>Net Cash Provided by Financing Activities</b>	<b><u>\$ 489,345.57</u></b>
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	\$ (80,550.11)
Cash and cash equivalents at December 31, 2004	213,990.47
Cash and cash equivalents at December 31, 2005	<u>\$ 133,440.36</u>
<b>Reconciliation of Decrease in Net Assets to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:</b>	
Decrease in net assets	\$ (482,493.35)
Adjustments to reconcile decrease in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Depreciation	2,060,395.80
Gain on disposal of fixed assets	(1,122.28)
Change in value of split-interest agreements	588,836.37
Contributions restricted to investment in equipment	(479,345.56)
Net unrealized and realized gains and losses on investments	3,655.89
Donated assets	(603,351.72)
Increase in accounts receivable	(49,514.21)
Decrease in employee advances	9,194.71
Increase in contribution receivable	(174,309.46)
Decrease in contribution receivable - Bequests	21,901.96
Decrease in inventory	360,278.38
Increase in deposits	(243,313.50)
Increase in prepaid expense	(11,501.51)
Increase in accounts payable	328,832.76
Decrease in due to related parties	(9,724.38)
Increase in funds due to other ministries	7,172.44
Decrease in liability for future medical claims	(26,767.39)
Decrease in accrued wages, taxes and other	(44,643.65)
Increase in accrued interest payable	37,529.42
Decrease in deferred revenue	(20,494.50)
Increase in charitable gift annuity liability	2,146,399.76
<b>Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</b>	<b><u>\$ 3,417,615.98</u></b>

See accompanying notes.

THREE ANGELS BROADCASTING NETWORK, INC.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2005

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

- a. Nature and purpose of operations. Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc. is an Illinois nonprofit corporation chartered March 26, 1985. Its purpose is exclusively religious in nature and includes, but is not limited to, the development, planning, promotion, production, and direction of all types of religious programming for electronic transmission for television and radio broadcasting throughout the world.

The Organization's primary funding sources are individual and corporate contributions.

- b. Principles of presentation. These financial statements are intended to present the financial position, results of operations and cash flows of Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc. in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.
- c. Use of estimates. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.
- d. Property, equipment and depreciation. Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc. reports gifts of land, buildings and equipment as unrestricted support unless explicit donor stipulations specify how the donated assets must be used. Gifts of long-lived assets with explicit restrictions that specify how the assets are to be used and gifts of cash or other assets that must be used to acquire long-lived assets are reported as restricted support. Absent explicit donor stipulations about how long those long-lived assets must be maintained, Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc. reports expirations of donor restrictions when the donated or acquired long-lived assets are placed in service. The Organization's policy is to capitalize fixed assets with a cost of \$500.00 or more. Purchased fixed assets are carried at cost. Donated fixed assets are carried at fair market value as of the contribution date. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the assets' estimated useful lives. Maintenance and repairs are charged to operations when incurred. Betterments and renewals are capitalized.
- e. Cash and cash equivalents. For purposes of reporting cash flows, cash and cash equivalents include unrestricted cash on hand, unrestricted cash in banks, and unrestricted cash invested in money market funds.
- f. Tax status. The Internal Revenue Service has determined that Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc. is an exempt organization within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

- g. Investments. The Organization has adopted SFAS No. 124, *Accounting for Certain Investments Held by Not-For-Profit Organizations*. Under SFAS No. 124, investments in marketable securities with readily determinable fair values and all investments in debt securities are valued at their fair values in the statement of financial position. Unrealized gains and losses are included in the change in net assets.
- h. Inventories. Inventories are stated at the lower of cost or market, determined by the FIFO method. Inventory on hand includes satellite dishes, receivers, literature, and music compact discs. During the year ending December 31, 2005, inventory losses from write-down to market totaled \$278,700.00. Shipping costs on inventory are included in cost of goods sold.
- i. Accounts receivable. Accounts receivable are recorded at their net realizable values. The Organization provides an allowance for uncollectible accounts. The allowance for accounts receivable is based upon management's assessment of the collectibility of specific customer accounts and the aging of the accounts receivable. The aging of the accounts receivable is reviewed on an annual basis for accounts deemed to be uncollectible.
- j. Self-Insurance program. The Organization maintains a self-insurance program to fund a portion of certain expected losses related to group health costs. Provisions for losses expected under this program are recorded based on estimates of the aggregate liabilities for known claims and estimated claims incurred but not reported.
- k. Restricted support. The Organization reports gifts of cash and other assets as restricted support if they are received with donor stipulations that limit the use of the donated assets. When a donor restriction expires, that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished, temporarily restricted net assets are classified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions.

2. **PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT**

Fixed assets and accumulated depreciation at December 31, 2005 are summarized as follows:

Land	\$ 855,812.77
Land improvements	491,696.93
Buildings	6,162,523.24
Houses	437,580.07
Downlink equipment	7,260,456.45
Broadcast and office equipment	12,008,447.73
Vehicles	1,414,308.97
Construction in progress	<u>542,629.06</u>
<u>Total</u>	\$29,173,455.22
Accumulated depreciation	<u>15,605,753.38</u>
<u>Fixed Assets - Net</u>	<u>\$13,567,701.84</u>

Depreciation expense for the year ended December 31, 2005 was \$2,060,395.80.

**3. INVESTMENTS**

The following investments consist of money market accounts, United States government securities, mutual funds, and real estate.

Fair values of the investments were provided by dealer or bank quotes, or appraisals. Fair values and unrealized gains (losses) are summarized as follows:

	<u>Book Value</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Gross Unrealized Gain</u>	<u>Gross Unrealized Loss</u>
Money market accounts	\$ 231,104.02	\$ 231,104.02	\$ -	\$ -
Government securities	680,237.24	676,461.05	1,960.15	5,736.34
Mutual funds	203,170.10	196,588.22	-	6,581.88
Real estate	<u>3,120,000.00</u>	<u>3,120,000.00</u>	-	-
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ 4,234,511.36</u>	<u>\$ 4,224,153.29</u>	<u>\$ 1,960.15</u>	<u>\$ 12,318.22</u>

The following schedule summarizes the investment return and its classification in the statement of activities for the year ending December 31, 2005:

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
Interest income	\$ 6,469.77	\$ -	\$ 6,469.77
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses)	<u>(3,655.89)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,655.89)</u>
<u>Total Investment Return</u>	<u>\$ 2,813.88</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,813.88</u>

**4. LEASED PROPERTY**

Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc. leases transponder services, various parcels of land for the establishment of downlink installations, and an aircraft under operating leases expiring in various years through 2011.

Minimum future rental payments under noncancelable operating leases having remaining terms in excess of one year as of December 31, 2005 for each of the next five years and in the aggregate are:

2006	\$ 2,734,745.91
2007	1,855,880.67
2008	1,522,089.47
2009	1,446,973.62
2010	866,073.79
Subsequent to 2010	<u>255,000.00</u>
<u>Total minimum future rental payments</u>	<u>\$ 8,680,763.46</u>

Rental expense for the year ended December 31, 2005 was approximately \$3,566,281.59. These costs are included in various expense categories.

**5. LONG-TERM DEBT**

Following is a summary of long-term debt at December 31, 2005:

Note payable to individual, due within 30 days after demand, interest at 7.0% due quarterly. Debt is relieved in the event of lender's death.	\$ 20,000.00
Note payable to individual, due upon demand, non-interest bearing. Debt is relieved in the event of lender's death.	10,000.00
Note payable to individual, due within 30 days after demand, interest at 6.80%, due quarterly. Debt is relieved in the event of lender's death	<u>10,000.00</u>
Less: Current maturities	\$ 40,000.00
	<u>40,000.00</u>
Long-Term Portion of Debt	<u>\$ -</u>

Total interest expense for notes payable and other obligations during the year ended December 31, 2005 was \$6,038.89.

**6. TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS**

Temporarily restricted net assets are available for the following purposes at December 31, 2005:

Capital assets	\$ 1,405,039.10
Operations	40,093.00
Special projects and other	783,764.23
Charitable unitrusts	<u>2,378,295.77</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$4,607,192.10</u>

**7. RELEASE OF TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS**

Net assets were released from restrictions by incurring expenses satisfying the restricted purposes or by occurrence of other events specified by donors.

Purpose restrictions accomplished:

Capital assets	\$ 589,976.37
Operations	1,611,468.22
Special projects and other	252,078.04
Transponder fees	<u>484,305.31</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$2,937,827.94</u>

## 8. CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK

Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc. maintains cash balances at several banks. Accounts at each institution are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation up to \$100,000.00. At December 31, 2005, the Organization's uninsured cash balances were approximately \$481,195.68.

## 9. DONATED ASSETS

During the year ended December 31, 2005, the Organization received donated assets valued at \$698,607.72. The assets received are recorded at fair market value and are included in contribution revenue.

## 10. ADVERTISING COSTS

Advertising costs are charged to operations when incurred. Advertising costs for the year ended December 31, 2005 were \$74,835.96.

## 11. SPLIT-INTEREST AGREEMENTS

Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc. is the beneficiary of several irrevocable charitable remainder unitrust agreements under which the assets funding the trusts were transferred to the Organization. Under these agreements, the Organization is to pay certain amounts for specified periods of time to the donors. The assets received are recorded at fair market value in the financial statements. The liabilities under unitrust agreements are recorded at the present value of expected future cash flows to be paid to the donors. Discount rates range from 4.6% to 7.4% in calculating the present value of the liabilities under unitrust agreements. The present value calculations are based upon single or joint life expectancy as applicable.

The Organization is the beneficiary of several revocable trust agreements. Assets received under revocable trust agreements are recorded as assets and refundable advances at fair value when received. Contribution revenue for the assets received is recognized when the agreements become irrevocable or when the assets are distributed to the Organization for its unconditional use.

The Organization is the beneficiary of several charitable gift annuities under which the assets funding the agreements were transferred to the Organization. Under these agreements the Organization is to pay fixed amounts for specified periods of time to the donors. The assets received are recorded at fair market value in the financial statements. The annuity liabilities are recorded at the present value of expected future cash flows to be paid to the annuity beneficiaries. Various discount rates are used in calculating the present values of the annuity liabilities. Present value calculations on some annuities are based upon single life expectancy, while others are based upon double life expectancy.



California requires gift annuity assets be maintained in separate reserve funds adequate to meet future payments under outstanding California annuity agreements. The Organization has separately invested funds sufficient to meet the California reserve requirements. A summary of gift annuity assets at December 31, 2005 is as follows:

	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>
California	\$ 5,206,486.10	\$ 5,163,814.18
All other states	<u>7,494,250.46</u>	<u>7,387,192.45</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ 12,700,736.56</u>	<u>\$ 12,551,006.63</u>

California requires that 50% of the required reserves be maintained in specified governmental fixed income investments. The remaining 50% can be invested in securities traded on the New York and American Stock Exchanges, regional exchanges, and NASDAQ.

## 12. CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVABLE

Contributions receivable represent December, 2005 contributions received in January, 2006.

## 13. FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Organization's financial instruments, none of which are held for trading purposes, include cash, investments, accounts receivable, contributions receivable, charitable gift annuities, accounts payable, notes payable, funds due to other ministries, accrued expenses, liabilities under unitrust agreements, and liabilities for future group medical insurance claims. The Organization estimates that the fair values of all financial instruments at December 31, 2005, other than investments which are recorded at fair value, do not differ materially from the aggregate carrying values of its financial instruments recorded in the accompanying statement of financial position. The estimates, however, are not necessarily indicative of the amounts that the Organization could realize in a current market exchange.

## 14. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Organization regularly engages in transactions with various related parties. Following is a summary of related party transactions for the year ending December 31, 2005:

	<u>Due From</u>	<u>Contributions To</u>
Employee accounts	\$ 1,940.85	\$ -
Three Angels T.V. and Radio Broadcast (Russia)	-	311,462.85
3ABN Philippines, Inc. (Philippines)	-	71,515.01
Association Three Angels Broadcasting Network (Peru)	-	17,172.80
Tres Anjos Broadcasting Network - LTDA (Brazil)	-	-
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ 1,940.85</u>	<u>\$ 400,150.66</u>

Tres Anjos Broadcasting Network - LTDA (Brazil), Association Three Angels Broadcasting Network (Peru), and 3ABN Philippines, Inc. (Philippines) are separate legal entities. Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc. exercises control over these entities by providing the majority of their revenues. See Note 16 regarding Three Angels T.V. and Radio Broadcast Network (Russia).

The Organization periodically purchases books which are authored by a member of management. The books are purchased from the publisher for giveaway or for a suggested donation. For the year ending December 31, 2005, purchases of these books totaled \$82,712.43. Royalties are paid by the publisher to the author.

#### **15. CONTINGENT LIABILITY**

Management has agreed to return a portion of an \$800,000.00 contribution in the event of a major medical need by the donor.

#### **16. BRANCH**

The Organization established a branch of Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc. in Nizhny Novgorod, Russia. The official name of the branch is Three Angels TV & Radio Broadcasting Network. The branch is not a separate legal entity, and acts on behalf, by order, and under the responsibility of the Organization. The Organization pays for the majority of operating costs and capital improvements of the branch. All of these costs are expensed as incurred by the Organization. Transactions of the branch are not included in these financial statements.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**THREE ANGELS BROADCASTING NETWORK, INC.**  
**SCHEDULE OF PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005**

**Television and Radio Broadcasting Expenses**

Airplane operation	\$ 896,993.46
Airtime	2,279,106.83
Broadcast services	134,135.34
Cable promotion	7,266.17
Contract labor	179,408.88
Cost of goods sold and given away - Satellite equipment	609,669.09
Cost of goods given away - Other	605,744.30
Depreciation	2,060,395.80
Downlink	1,000,411.44
Dues and subscriptions	4,075.10
Inventory write-down	278,700.00
Music production	58,375.34
Newsletter	125,451.10
Program schedules	28,470.89
Registration	37,817.04
Special projects	498,882.72
Supplies - broadcasting	143,633.60
Telephone	159,058.21
Travel and entertainment	197,785.21
Utilities	215,193.17
Wages and benefits	<u>1,600,552.62</u>
<b>Total Television and Radio Broadcasting Expenses</b>	<b><u>\$ 11,121,126.31</u></b>

See accompanying notes.

**THREE ANGELS BROADCASTING NETWORK, INC.**  
**SCHEDULE OF SUPPORTING SERVICE EXPENSES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005**

<b>Management and General Expenses</b>	
Advertising and promotion	\$ 74,835.96
Auto	75,801.88
Bank and credit card fees	74,455.70
Camp meeting	43,286.79
Insurance	390,949.85
Interest	6,038.89
Love gifts	133,673.50
Miscellaneous	35,782.97
Postage	501,094.88
Professional fees	206,121.24
Rental	2,757.45
Repair and maintenance - Building	75,407.01
Repair and maintenance - Equipment	168,518.31
School subsidy	82,962.06
Special projects	37,000.00
Supplies - office	248,619.21
Taxes - payroll	235,089.93
Taxes - real estate	104,073.83
Travel and entertainment	217,106.21
Trust promotion	148,421.88
Wages and benefits	<u>2,068,392.72</u>
<b>Total Management and General Expenses</b>	<b><u>\$ 4,930,390.27</u></b>

See accompanying notes.

THREE ANGELS BROADCASTING NETWORK, INC.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

DECEMBER 31, 2004

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors  
Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial position of Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc. (a nonprofit organization) as of December 31, 2004, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Organization's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

Except as discussed in the fifth paragraph, we conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As discussed in Note 16 to the financial statements, the Organization does not report its investment in Three Angels T.V. and Radio Broadcast Network (Russia). All payments made to this branch are expensed when paid. In our opinion, accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require the branch be accounted for on a consolidated basis. The effects of that departure on the financial statements are not reasonably determinable.

The Organization's financial statements do not disclose a presentation of summarized financial data for Tres Anjos Broadcasting Network - LTDA, and 3ABN Philippines, Inc. This information is not available to the Organization. In our opinion, disclosure of this information is required to conform with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In connection with the recording of real estate revocable trusts, the fair values of the trusts were based on internal estimates performed by the Organization. We were unable to obtain sufficient evidential matter in connection with the estimates of fair value.



In our opinion, except for the effects of the items discussed in the third and fourth paragraphs, and except for the effects of such adjustments, if any, as might have been determined to be necessary had we been able to apply adequate procedures to the real estate revocable trusts as discussed in the fifth paragraph, the financial statements referred to in the first paragraph present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc. as of December 31, 2004, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The Schedule of Program Service Expenses and Schedule of Supporting Service Expenses are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not required parts of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, except for the effects of such adjustments, if any, for the items mentioned in the preceding paragraphs, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

*Gray Hunter Stern LLP*

Marion, Illinois  
April 12, 2005

THREE ANGELS BROADCASTING NETWORK, INC.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

DECEMBER 31, 2004

ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash	\$ 82,721.09
Contributions receivable (Note 12)	357,431.80
Contributions receivable - Bequests	159,752.89
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for uncollectible accounts of \$600 (Note 1)	153,421.90
Employee advances (Note 14)	11,135.56
Inventory (Note 1)	1,149,530.54
Prepaid expenses	439,204.89
Assets held for sale	<u>163,975.97</u>

Total Current Assets \$ 2,517,174.64

Non-Current Assets

Cash restricted to investment in capital assets	\$ 1,171,939.28
Investments (Note 3)	4,721,722.04
Deposits	500,642.25
Revocable trusts (Note 11)	20,486,679.86
Charitable gift annuities (Note 11)	10,814,528.85
Property and equipment, less accumulated depreciation (Note 2)	<u>14,549,578.21</u>

Total Non-Current Assets \$52,245,090.49

Total Assets \$54,762,265.13

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Current Liabilities

Accounts payable	\$ 395,426.07
Accrued wages and vacation pay	303,137.81
Accrued sales and payroll taxes	21,109.92
Due to related parties (Note 14)	9,724.38
Deferred revenue	27,459.50
Estimated liability for future group medical insurance claims (Note 1)	77,000.00
Current portion of long-term debt (Note 5)	30,000.00
Funds due to other ministries	25,443.30
Charitable gift annuities (Note 11)	484,680.86
Liabilities under unitrust agreements (Note 11)	<u>75,959.72</u>

Total Current Liabilities \$ 1,449,941.56

Long-term Liabilities

Long-term debt (Note 5)	\$ -
Refundable advances (Note 11)	20,486,679.86
Charitable gift annuities (Note 11)	10,954,573.97
Liabilities under unitrust agreements (Note 11)	<u>1,918,253.04</u>

Total Long-term Liabilities \$33,359,506.87

Total Liabilities \$34,809,448.43

Net Assets

Unrestricted	\$15,792,142.31
Temporarily restricted (Note 6)	<u>4,160,674.39</u>

Total Net Assets \$19,952,816.70

Total Liabilities and Net Assets \$54,762,265.13

See accompanying notes.

THREE ANGELS BROADCASTING NETWORK, INC.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Revenues and Other Support</b>			
Contributions	\$ 9,455,115.40	\$ 2,633,222.89	\$12,088,338.29
Charitable gift annuities (Note 11)	1,493,559.53	-	1,493,559.53
Airtime and production fees	1,106,556.00	-	1,106,556.00
Sales of satellite equipment	713,725.32	-	713,725.32
Rental income	33,173.44	-	33,173.44
Investment income (Note 3)	3,902.49	-	3,902.49
Gain (loss) on disposal of assets	(118,668.38)	-	(118,668.38)
Net unrealized and realized gains and (losses) on investments (Note 3)	(139.90)	-	(139.90)
Change in value of split-interest agreements	(614,273.80)	(185,033.53)	(799,307.33)
Other	38,915.11	-	38,915.11
Net assets released from restrictions (Note 7)	<u>2,107,378.26</u>	<u>(2,107,378.26)</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total Revenues and Other Support</b>	<u>\$14,219,243.47</u>	<u>\$ 340,811.10</u>	<u>\$14,560,054.57</u>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Program service			
Television and radio broadcasting	\$10,465,779.14	\$ -	\$10,465,779.14
Supporting service			
Management and general	<u>4,939,865.90</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,939,865.90</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>\$15,405,645.04</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$15,405,645.04</u>
Change in Net Assets	\$(1,186,401.57)	\$ 340,811.10	\$ (845,590.47)
Net assets, beginning of year	<u>16,978,543.88</u>	<u>3,819,863.29</u>	<u>20,798,407.17</u>
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$15,792,142.31</u>	<u>\$ 4,160,674.39</u>	<u>\$19,952,816.70</u>

See accompanying notes.

THREE ANGELS BROADCASTING NETWORK, INC.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004

<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities:</b>	
Cash received from contributors	\$14,237,962.28
Cash received from airtime and production fees	1,184,514.37
Cash received from sales	700,851.82
Rental receipts	33,173.44
Interest received	3,902.49
Other receipts	38,915.11
Cash paid to employees and suppliers	(4,701,006.48)
Cash paid for program service	(8,996,605.27)
Interest paid	(9,680.71)
Cash paid for school subsidy	(70,541.29)
Cash paid for farm, rental and miscellaneous expense	(19,131.00)
Cash paid to other ministries	<u>(287,781.70)</u>
<b>Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</b>	<b><u>\$ 2,114,573.06</u></b>
<b>Cash Flows from Investing Activities:</b>	
Purchases of property and equipment	\$(1,543,514.52)
Proceeds from sales of property and equipment	893,177.56
Purchases of investments	(29,156.40)
Purchases of gift annuity assets	(3,646,327.78)
Proceeds from sales of investments	21,725.50
Proceeds from sales of gift annuity assets	1,500,000.03
Proceeds from assets held for sale	252,708.87
Transfer of restricted contributions to restricted cash	(512,324.13)
Release of restricted cash for designated purposes	<u>108,565.87</u>
<b>Net Cash Used by Investing Activities</b>	<b><u>\$(2,955,145.00)</u></b>
<b>Cash Flows from Financing Activities:</b>	
Proceeds from notes payable	\$ 460,000.00
Retirement of notes payable	(450,000.00)
Contributions restricted for investment in equipment	<u>512,324.13</u>
<b>Net Cash Provided by Financing Activities</b>	<b><u>\$ 522,324.13</u></b>
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	\$ (318,247.81)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	<u>400,968.90</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at December 31, 2004	<b><u>\$ 82,721.09</u></b>
<b>Reconciliation of Increase in Net Assets to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:</b>	
Decrease in net assets	\$ (845,590.47)
Adjustments to reconcile increase in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Depreciation	2,229,468.89
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	118,668.38
Change in value of split-interest agreements	799,307.33
Contributions restricted to investment in equipment	(512,324.13)
Net unrealized and realized gains and losses on investments	139.90
Donated assets	(770,359.74)
Forgiveness of notes payable	(20,000.00)
Decrease in accounts receivable	79,668.91
Decrease in employee advances	3,312.60
Increase in contribution receivable	(34,267.03)
Increase in contribution receivable - Bequests	(159,752.89)
Decrease in inventory	8,582.86
Increase in deposits	(133,887.50)
Increase in prepaid expense	(38,095.70)
Decrease in accounts payable	(646,425.30)
Increase in due to related parties	9,724.38
Decrease in funds due to other ministries	(287,781.70)
Increase in liability for future medical claims	41,000.00
Increase in accrued wages, taxes and other	133,289.52
Decrease in deferred revenue	(12,873.50)
Increase in charitable gift annuity liability	<u>2,152,768.25</u>
<b>Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</b>	<b><u>\$ 2,114,573.06</u></b>

See accompanying notes.

THREE ANGELS BROADCASTING NETWORK, INC.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2004

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

- a. Nature and purpose of operations. Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc. is an Illinois nonprofit corporation chartered March 26, 1985. Its purpose is exclusively religious in nature and includes, but is not limited to, the development, planning, promotion, production, and direction of all types of religious programming for electronic transmission for television and radio broadcasting throughout the world.

The Organization's primary funding sources are individual and corporate contributions.

- b. Principles of presentation. These financial statements are intended to present the financial position, results of operations and cash flows of Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc. in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.
- c. Use of estimates. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.
- d. Property, equipment and depreciation. Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc. reports gifts of land, buildings and equipment as unrestricted support unless explicit donor stipulations specify how the donated assets must be used. Gifts of long-lived assets with explicit restrictions that specify how the assets are to be used and gifts of cash or other assets that must be used to acquire long-lived assets are reported as restricted support. Absent explicit donor stipulations about how long those long-lived assets must be maintained, Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc. reports expirations of donor restrictions when the donated or acquired long-lived assets are placed in service. Purchased fixed assets are carried at cost. Donated fixed assets are carried at fair market value as of the contribution date. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the assets' estimated useful lives. Maintenance and repairs are charged to operations when incurred. Betterments and renewals are capitalized.
- e. Cash and cash equivalents. For purposes of reporting cash flows, cash and cash equivalents include unrestricted cash on hand, unrestricted cash in banks, and unrestricted cash invested in money market funds.
- f. Tax status. The Internal Revenue Service has determined that Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc. is an exempt organization within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- g. Investments. The Organization has adopted SFAS No. 124, *Accounting for Certain Investments Held by Not-For-Profit Organizations*. Under SFAS No. 124, investments in marketable securities with readily determinable fair values and all investments in debt securities are valued at their fair values in the statement of financial position. Unrealized gains and losses are included in the change in net assets.
- h. Inventories. Inventories are stated at the lower of cost or market, determined by the FIFO method.

- i. Accounts receivable. Accounts receivable are recorded at their net realizable values. The Organization provides an allowance for uncollectible accounts. The allowance for accounts receivable is based upon management's assessment of the collectibility of specific customer accounts and the aging of the accounts receivable. The aging of the accounts receivable is reviewed on an annual basis for accounts deemed to be uncollectible.
- j. Self-Insurance program. The Organization maintains a self-insurance program to fund a portion of certain expected losses related to group health costs. Provisions for losses expected under this program are recorded based on estimates of the aggregate liabilities for known claims and estimated claims incurred but not reported.
- k. Restricted support. The Organization reports gifts of cash and other assets as restricted support if they are received with donor stipulations that limit the use of the donated assets. When a donor restriction expires, that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished, temporarily restricted net assets are classified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions.

2. **PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT**

Fixed assets and accumulated depreciation at December 31, 2004 are summarized as follows:

Land	\$ 855,812.77
Land improvements	290,902.90
Buildings	6,156,587.14
Houses	426,524.32
Downlink equipment	7,036,905.47
Broadcast and office equipment	11,623,143.23
Vehicles	1,410,065.97
Construction in progress	<u>365,220.15</u>
<u>Total</u>	\$28,165,161.95
Accumulated depreciation	<u>13,615,583.74</u>
<u>Fixed Assets - Net</u>	<u>\$14,549,578.21</u>

Depreciation expense for the year ended December 31, 2004 was \$2,229,468.89.

3. **INVESTMENTS**

The following investments consist of money market accounts, United States government securities, mutual funds, equity securities, and real estate.

Fair values of the investments were provided by dealer or bank quotes, or appraisals. Fair values and unrealized gains (losses) are summarized as follows:

	<u>Book Value</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Gross Unrealized Gain</u>	<u>Gross Unrealized Loss</u>
Money market accounts	\$ 264,943.58	\$ 264,943.58	\$ -	\$ -
Government securities	973,959.56	975,387.80	1,995.77	567.53
Mutual funds	125,341.07	123,565.66	440.92	2,216.33
Equity securities	45,725.00	45,725.00	-	-
Real estate	<u>3,312,100.00</u>	<u>3,312,100.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$4,722,069.21</u>	<u>\$4,721,722.04</u>	<u>\$ 2,436.69</u>	<u>\$ 2,783.86</u>

The following schedule summarizes the investment return and its classification in the statement of activities for the year ending December 31, 2004:

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
Interest income	\$ 3,902.49	\$ -	\$ 3,902.49
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses)	<u>(139.90)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(139.90)</u>
<u>Total Investment Return</u>	<u>\$ 3,762.59</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 3,762.59</u>

4. LEASED PROPERTY

Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc. leases transponder services and various parcels of land for the establishment of downlink installations under operating leases expiring in various years through 2011.

Minimum future rental payments under noncancelable operating leases having remaining terms in excess of one year as of December 31, 2004 for each of the next five years and in the aggregate are:

2005	\$ 3,135,310.44
2006	2,361,613.88
2007	1,557,869.81
2008	1,212,173.95
2009	1,123,805.32
Subsequent to 2009	<u>641,360.84</u>
<u>Total minimum future rental payments</u>	<u>\$10,032,134.24</u>

Rental expense for the year ended December 31, 2004 was approximately \$3,576,487.13. These costs are included in various expense categories.

5. LONG-TERM DEBT

Following is a summary of long-term debt at December 31, 2004:

Note payable to individual, due within 30 days after demand, interest at 7.0% due quarterly. Debt is relieved in the event of lender's death.	\$ 20,000.00
Note payable to individual, due upon demand, non-interest bearing. Debt is relieved in the event of lender's death.	10,000.00
Line of credit payable to MidCountry Bank for maximum of \$251,583.00, due in monthly installments, interest at 7.50%, collateralized by real estate and rents/leases, due November 3, 2005.	<u>-</u>
	\$ 30,000.00
<u>Less: Current maturities</u>	<u>30,000.00</u>
Long-Term Portion of Debt	<u>\$ -</u>

Total interest expense for notes payable and other obligations during the year ended December 31, 2004 was \$9,680.71.

**6. TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS**

Temporarily restricted net assets are available for the following purposes at December 31, 2004:

Capital assets	\$1,171,939.28
Operations	40,525.00
Special projects and other	300,517.61
Charitable unitrusts	<u>2,647,692.50</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$4,160,674.39</u>

**7. RELEASE OF TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS**

Net assets were released from restrictions by incurring expenses satisfying the restricted purposes or by occurrence of other events specified by donors.

Purpose restrictions accomplished:

Capital assets	\$ 108,565.87
Operations	1,418,980.66
Special projects and other	290,534.73
Transponder fees	<u>289,297.00</u>

Total \$2,107,378.26

**8. CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK**

Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc. maintains cash balances at several banks. Accounts at each institution are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation up to \$100,000.00. At December 31, 2004, the Organization's uninsured cash balances were approximately \$607,040.77.

The Organization also maintains cash balances in money market funds. Such balances are not insured. At December 31, 2004, cash balances in money market funds were approximately \$25,073.95.

**9. DONATED ASSETS**

During the year ended December 31, 2004, the Organization received donated assets valued at \$770,359.74. The assets received are recorded at fair market value and are included in contribution revenue.

**10. ADVERTISING COSTS**

Advertising costs are charged to operations when incurred. Advertising costs for the year ended December 31, 2004 were \$26,942.47.

**11. SPLIT-INTEREST AGREEMENTS**

Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc. is the beneficiary of several irrevocable charitable remainder unitrust agreements under which the assets funding the trusts were transferred to the Organization. Under these agreements, the Organization is to pay certain amounts for specified periods of time to the donors. The assets received are recorded at fair market value in the financial statements. The liabilities under unitrust agreements are recorded at the present value of expected future cash flows to be paid to the donors. Discount rates range from 4.6% to 7.4% in calculating the present value of the liabilities under unitrust agreements. The present value calculations are based upon single or joint life expectancy as applicable.



The Organization is the beneficiary of several revocable trust agreements. Assets received under revocable trust agreements are recorded as assets and refundable advances at fair value when received. Contribution revenue for the assets received is recognized when the agreements become irrevocable or when the assets are distributed to the Organization for its unconditional use.

The Organization is the beneficiary of several charitable gift annuities under which the assets funding the agreements were transferred to the Organization. Under these agreements the Organization is to pay fixed amounts for specified periods of time to the donors. The assets received are recorded at fair market value in the financial statements. The annuity liabilities are recorded at the present value of expected future cash flows to be paid to the annuity beneficiaries. Various discount rates are used in calculating the present values of the annuity liabilities. Present value calculations on some annuities are based upon single life expectancy, while others are based upon double life expectancy.

California requires gift annuity assets be maintained in separate reserve funds adequate to meet future payments under outstanding California annuity agreements. The Organization has separately invested funds sufficient to meet the California reserve requirements. A summary of gift annuity assets at December 31, 2004 is as follows:

	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>
California	\$ 4,681,979.17	\$ 4,817,649.00
All other states	<u>6,001,086.73</u>	<u>5,996,879.85</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$10,683,065.90</u>	<u>\$10,814,528.85</u>

California requires that 90% of the required reserves be maintained in specified governmental fixed income investments. The remaining 10% can be invested in securities traded on the New York and American Stock Exchanges, regional exchanges, and NASDAQ. New California legislation effective January 1, 2005 has amended this allocation, and will allow a 50% apportionment between the two categories of securities.

12. CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVABLE

Contributions receivable represent December, 2004 contributions received in January, 2005.

13. FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Organization's financial instruments, none of which are held for trading purposes, include cash, investments, accounts receivable, contributions receivable, charitable gift annuities, accounts payable, notes payable, funds due to other ministries, accrued expenses, liabilities under unitrust agreements, and liabilities for future group medical insurance claims. The Organization estimates that the fair values of all financial instruments at December 31, 2004, other than investments which are recorded at fair value, do not differ materially from the aggregate carrying values of its financial instruments recorded in the accompanying statement of financial position. The estimates, however, are not necessarily indicative of the amounts that the Organization could realize in a current market exchange.

**14. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

The Organization regularly engages in transactions with various related parties. Following is a summary of related party transactions for the year ending December 31, 2004:

	<u>Due From</u>	<u>Sales To</u>	<u>Due To</u>	<u>Purchases From</u>	<u>Contributions To</u>	<u>Contributions From</u>
Employee accounts	\$ 11,135.56	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
DLS Publishing, Inc.	-	-	9,724.38	44,724.38	-	-
D & L Publishing	-	-	-	35,000.00	-	-
Three Angels Christian Communications (Canada)	-	321,500.00	-	-	-	2,793.58
Three Angels T.V. and Radio Broadcast (Russia)	-	-	-	-	250,643.98	-
Tres Anjos Broadcasting Network - LTDA (Brazil)	-	-	-	-	-	-
3ABN Philippines, Inc. (Philippines)	-	-	-	-	167,559.99	-
<b>Total</b>	<u>\$ 11,135.56</u>	<u>\$321,500.00</u>	<u>\$ 9,724.38</u>	<u>\$ 79,724.38</u>	<u>\$418,203.97</u>	<u>\$ 2,793.58</u>

Tres Anjos Broadcasting Network - LTDA (Brazil) and 3ABN Philippines, Inc. (Philippines) are separate legal entities. Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc. exercises control over these two entities by providing 100% of their revenues. See Note 16 regarding Three Angels T.V. and Radio Broadcast Network (Russia).

**15. CONTINGENT LIABILITY**

Management has agreed to return a portion of an \$800,000.00 contribution in the event of a major medical need by the donor.

**16. BRANCH**

The Organization established a branch of Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc. in Nizhny Novgorod, Russia. The official name of the branch is Three Angels TV & Radio Broadcasting Network. The branch is not a separate legal entity, and acts on behalf, by order, and under the responsibility of the Organization. The Organization pays for the majority of operating costs and capital improvements of the branch. All of these costs are expensed as incurred by the Organization. Transactions of the branch are not included in these financial statements.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

THREE ANGELS BROADCASTING NETWORK, INC.

SCHEDULE OF PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004

Television and Radio Broadcasting Expenses	
Airplane operation	\$ 989,438.91
Airtime	2,365,273.00
Broadcast services	49,734.09
Cable promotion and expense	37,499.95
Contract labor	99,716.28
Cost of goods sold and given away - Satellite equipment	584,019.94
Cost of goods given away - Other	330,242.46
Depreciation	2,229,468.89
Downlink	1,062,323.85
Dues and subscriptions	5,166.09
Music production	102,776.61
Newsletter	107,411.83
Program schedules	38,340.97
Registration	31,689.16
Special projects	473,875.27
Supplies - broadcasting	112,135.13
Telephone	79,876.22
Travel and entertainment	154,654.42
Utilities	146,637.68
Wages and benefits	<u>1,465,498.39</u>
<b>Total Television and Radio Broadcasting Expenses</b>	<b><u>\$10,465,779.14</u></b>

See accompanying notes.

THREE ANGELS BROADCASTING NETWORK, INC.  
 SCHEDULE OF SUPPORTING SERVICE EXPENSES  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004

<b>Management and General Expenses</b>	
Advertising and promotion	\$ 26,942.47
Auto	80,554.84
Bad debt	1,710.54
Bank and credit card fees	64,188.63
Camp meeting expense	37,516.19
Contract labor	11,762.30
Insurance	333,123.04
Interest	9,680.71
Love gifts	54,132.36
Miscellaneous	18,233.55
Postage	755,918.17
Professional fees	423,869.46
Rental expense	897.45
Repair and maintenance - Building	67,614.31
Repair and maintenance - Equipment	148,828.91
School subsidy	70,541.29
Special projects	55,723.43
Supplies - office	158,207.40
Taxes - payroll	226,597.46
Taxes - real estate	102,926.73
Travel and entertainment	174,867.92
Trust promotion and expense	142,552.52
Wages and benefits	<u>1,973,476.22</u>
<b>Total Management and General Expenses</b>	<b><u>\$ 4,939,865.90</u></b>

See accompanying notes.

THREE ANGELS BROADCASTING NETWORK, INC.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

DECEMBER 31, 2003

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors  
Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial position of Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc. (a nonprofit organization) as of December 31, 2003, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Organization's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

Except as discussed in the fifth paragraph, we conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As discussed in Note 16 to the financial statements, the Organization does not report its investment in Three Angels T.V. and Radio Broadcast Network (Russia). All payments made to this branch are expensed when paid. In our opinion, accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require the branch be accounted for on a consolidated basis. The effects of that departure on the financial statements are not reasonably determinable.

The Organization's financial statements do not disclose a presentation of summarized financial data for Tres Anjos Broadcasting Network - LTDA, and 3ABN Philippines, Inc. This information is not available to the Organization. In our opinion, disclosure of this information is required to conform with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In connection with the recording of real estate revocable trusts, the fair values of the trusts were based on internal estimates performed by the Organization. We were unable to obtain sufficient evidential matter in connection with the estimates of fair value.



In our opinion, except for the effects of the items discussed in the third and fourth paragraphs, and except for the effects of such adjustments, if any, as might have been determined to be necessary had we been able to apply adequate procedures to the real estate revocable trusts as discussed in the fifth paragraph, the financial statements referred to in the first paragraph present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc. as of December 31, 2003, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The Schedule of Program Service Expenses and Schedule of Supporting Service Expenses are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not required parts of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, except for the effects of such adjustments, if any, for the items mentioned in the preceding paragraphs, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

*Gray Hunter Stenn LLP*

Marion, Illinois  
April 14, 2004

## THREE ANGELS BROADCASTING NETWORK, INC.

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

DECEMBER 31, 2003

<b>Current Assets</b>	
Cash	\$ 400,968.90
Contributions receivable (Note 12)	323,164.77
Accounts receivable (Note 1)	247,538.97
Inventory (Note 1)	558,113.40
Prepaid expenses	401,109.19
Assets held for sale	<u>292,051.50</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$ 2,222,946.73</b>
Cash restricted to investment in capital assets	\$ 768,181.02
Property and equipment, less accumulated depreciation (Note 2)	<u>16,247,378.52</u>
	<b>\$17,015,559.54</b>
<b>Other Assets:</b>	
Investments (Note 3)	\$ 5,156,065.59
Deposits	366,754.75
Revocable trusts (Note 11)	19,941,522.14
Charitable gift annuities (Note 11)	<u>10,074,842.79</u>
<b>Total Other Assets</b>	<b>\$35,539,185.27</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$54,777,691.54</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
Accounts payable	\$ 1,041,851.37
Accrued wages and vacation pay	180,353.33
Accrued expenses	10,604.88
Estimated liability for future group medical insurance claims (Note 1)	36,000.00
Deferred revenue	40,333.00
Current portion of long-term debt (Note 5)	40,000.00
Funds due to other ministries	313,225.00
Charitable gift annuities (Note 11)	427,021.56
Liabilities under unitrust agreements (Note 11)	<u>84,908.15</u>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 2,174,297.29</b>
<b>Long-term Liabilities</b>	
Long-term debt (Note 5)	\$ -
Refundable advances (Note 11)	19,941,522.14
Charitable gift annuities (Note 11)	9,651,832.91
Liabilities under unitrust agreements (Note 11)	<u>2,211,632.03</u>
<b>Total Long-term Liabilities</b>	<b>\$31,804,987.08</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$33,979,284.37</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	
Unrestricted	\$16,978,543.88
Temporarily restricted (Note 6)	<u>3,819,863.29</u>
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$20,798,407.17</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>\$54,777,691.54</b>

See accompanying notes.

THREE ANGELS BROADCASTING NETWORK, INC.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Revenues and Other Support</b>			
Contributions	\$ 7,432,304.34	\$ 1,846,535.01	\$ 9,278,839.35
Charitable gift annuities (Note 11)	1,623,816.34	-	1,623,816.34
Airtime and production fees	882,653.67	-	882,653.67
Sales of satellite equipment	991,604.39	-	991,604.39
Other sales	399,341.21	-	399,341.21
Rental income	20,762.56	-	20,762.56
Investment income (Note 3)	28,154.80	-	28,154.80
Gain (loss) on disposal of assets	(2,154.78)	-	(2,154.78)
Net unrealized and realized gains and (losses) on investments (Note 3)	1,526.95	-	1,526.95
Change in value of split-interest agreements	(457,071.37)	(319,744.56)	(776,815.93)
Other	64,114.83	-	64,114.83
Bad debt recoveries	18,895.62	-	18,895.62
Net assets released from restrictions (Note 7)	<u>1,657,737.27</u>	<u>(1,657,737.27)</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total Revenues and Other Support</b>	<b><u>\$12,661,685.83</u></b>	<b><u>\$ (130,946.82)</u></b>	<b><u>\$12,530,739.01</u></b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Program service			
Television and radio broadcasting	\$ 9,665,662.90	\$ -	\$ 9,665,662.90
Supporting service			
Management and general	<u>4,945,225.96</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,945,225.96</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b><u>\$14,610,888.86</u></b>	<b><u>\$ -</u></b>	<b><u>\$14,610,888.86</u></b>
Change in Net Assets	\$(1,949,203.03)	\$ (130,946.82)	\$(2,080,149.85)
Net assets, beginning of year	<u>18,927,746.91</u>	<u>3,950,810.11</u>	<u>22,878,557.02</u>
Net assets, end of year	<u><u>\$16,978,543.88</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 3,819,863.29</u></u>	<u><u>\$20,798,407.17</u></u>

See accompanying notes.

THREE ANGELS BROADCASTING NETWORK, INC.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities:</b>	
Cash received from contributors	\$12,918,511.03
Cash received from airtime and production fees	834,139.75
Cash received from sales	1,412,387.91
Rental receipts	20,762.56
Interest received	28,154.80
Other receipts	64,114.83
Cash paid to employees and suppliers	(4,933,723.71)
Cash paid for program service	(7,545,715.55)
Interest paid	(5,937.22)
Cash paid for school subsidy	(54,741.49)
Cash paid for farm, rental and miscellaneous expense	<u>(40,833.17)</u>
<b>Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</b>	<b><u>\$ 2,697,119.74</u></b>
<b>Cash Flows from Investing Activities:</b>	
Purchases of property and equipment	\$(5,844,316.56)
Proceeds from sales of property and equipment	24,000.00
Purchases of investments	(55,499.88)
Purchases of gift annuity assets	(3,913,150.82)
Proceeds from sales of investments	229,894.63
Proceeds from sale of gift annuity assets	5,528,000.00
Proceeds from assets held for sale	297,012.02
Transfer of restricted contributions to restricted cash	(256,448.88)
Release of restricted cash for designated purposes	<u>172,569.51</u>
<b>Net Cash Used by Investing Activities</b>	<b><u>\$(3,817,939.98)</u></b>
<b>Cash Flows from Financing Activities:</b>	
Proceeds from notes payable	\$ 382,462.86
Retirement of notes payable	(382,462.86)
Contributions restricted for investment in equipment	256,448.88
Repayment to trust accounts	(66,368.86)
Payments received on notes receivable	<u>29,877.19</u>
<b>Net Cash Provided by Financing Activities</b>	<b><u>\$ 219,957.21</u></b>
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	\$ (900,863.03)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	<u>1,301,831.93</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at December 31, 2003	<u><u>\$ 400,968.90</u></u>
<b>Reconciliation of Increase in Net Assets to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:</b>	
Decrease in net assets	\$(2,080,149.85)
Adjustments to reconcile increase in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Depreciation	1,928,846.23
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	2,154.78
Change in value of split interest agreements	776,815.93
Contributions restricted to investment in equipment	(256,448.88)
Net unrealized and realized gains and losses on investments	(1,526.95)
Donated assets	(309,139.02)
Increase in accounts receivable	(67,409.54)
Decrease in contribution receivable	52,229.19
Increase in inventory	(219,661.63)
Increase in deposits	(21,962.00)
Increase in prepaid expense	(161,497.29)
Increase in accounts payable	432,724.75
Increase in funds due to other ministries	239,879.57
Increase in liability for future medical claims	20,168.68
Increase in accrued wages, taxes and other	51,318.98
Increase in deferred revenue	21,442.31
Increase in charitable gift annuity liability	<u>2,289,334.48</u>
<b>Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</b>	<b><u>\$ 2,697,119.74</u></b>

See accompanying notes.

THREE ANGELS BROADCASTING NETWORK, INC.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2003

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

- a. Nature and purpose of operations. Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc. is an Illinois nonprofit corporation chartered March 26, 1985. Its purpose is exclusively religious in nature and includes, but is not limited to, the development, planning, promotion, production, and direction of all types of religious programming for electronic transmission for television and radio broadcasting throughout the world.

The Organization's primary funding source is individual and corporate contributions.

- b. Principles of presentation. These financial statements are intended to present the financial position, results of operations and cash flows of Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc. in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.
- c. Use of estimates. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.
- d. Fixed assets and depreciation. Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc. reports gifts of land, buildings and equipment as unrestricted support unless explicit donor stipulations specify how the donated assets must be used. Gifts of long-lived assets with explicit restrictions that specify how the assets are to be used and gifts of cash or other assets that must be used to acquire long-lived assets are reported as restricted support. Absent explicit donor stipulations about how long those long-lived assets must be maintained, Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc. reports expirations of donor restrictions when the donated or acquired long-lived assets are placed in service. Purchased fixed assets are carried at cost. Donated fixed assets are carried at fair market value as of the contribution date. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the assets' estimated useful lives. Maintenance and repairs are charged to operations when incurred. Betterments and renewals are capitalized.
- e. Cash and cash equivalents. For purposes of reporting cash flows, cash and cash equivalents include unrestricted cash on hand, unrestricted cash in banks, and unrestricted cash invested in money market funds.
- f. Tax status. The Internal Revenue Service has determined that Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc. is an exempt organization within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- g. Investments. The Organization has adopted SFAS No. 124, *Accounting For Certain Investments Held by Not-For-Profit Organizations*. Under SFAS No. 124, investments in marketable securities with readily determinable fair values and all investments in debt securities are valued at their fair values in the statement of financial position. Unrealized gains and losses are included in the change in net assets.
- h. Inventories. Inventories are stated at the lower of cost or market, determined by the FIFO method.

- i. Accounts receivable. Accounts receivable are recorded at their net realizable values. The Organization provides an allowance for uncollectible accounts. The allowance for accounts receivable is based upon management's assessment of the collectibility of specific customer accounts and the aging of the accounts receivable. The aging of the accounts receivable is reviewed on an annual basis for accounts deemed to be uncollectible.
- j. Self-Insurance program. The Organization maintains a self-insurance program to fund a portion of certain expected losses related to group health costs. Provisions for losses expected under this program are recorded based on estimates of the aggregate liabilities for known claims and estimated claims incurred but not reported.
- k. Restricted support. The Organization reports gifts of cash and other assets as restricted support if they are received with donor stipulations that limit the use of the donated assets. When a donor restriction expires, that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished, temporarily restricted net assets are classified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions.

2. **FIXED ASSETS**

Fixed assets and accumulated depreciation at December 31, 2003 are summarized as follows:

Land	\$ 834,777.87
Land improvements	187,510.08
Buildings	3,431,891.94
Houses	230,294.32
Downlink equipment	6,851,845.77
Broadcast and office equipment	11,165,802.50
Aircraft	1,346,893.43
Vehicles	1,402,865.97
Construction in progress	<u>2,558,824.08</u>
<u>Total</u>	\$28,010,705.96
Accumulated depreciation	<u>11,763,327.44</u>
<u>Fixed Assets - Net</u>	<u>\$16,247,378.52</u>

Depreciation expense for the year ended December 31, 2003 was \$1,928,846.23.

3. **INVESTMENTS**

The following investments consist of money market accounts, United States government securities, mutual funds, equity securities, and real estate.

Fair values of the investments were provided by dealer or bank quotes, or appraisals. Fair values and unrealized gains (losses) are summarized as follows:

	<u>Book Value</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Gross Unrealized Gain</u>	<u>Gross Unrealized Loss</u>
Money market accounts	\$ 136,148.52	\$ 136,148.52	\$ -	\$ -
Government securities	1,349,079.15	1,373,276.90	24,197.75	-
Mutual funds	255,410.03	259,540.17	4,130.14	-
Real estate	<u>3,387,100.00</u>	<u>3,387,100.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$5,127,737.70</u>	<u>\$5,156,065.59</u>	<u>\$28,327.89</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

The following schedule summarizes the investment return and its classification in the statement of activities for the year ending December 31, 2003:

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
Interest income	\$28,154.80	\$ -	\$28,154.80
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses)	<u>1,526.95</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,526.95</u>
<u>Total Investment Return</u>	<u>\$29,681.75</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$29,681.75</u>

4. LEASED PROPERTY

Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc. leases transponder services and various parcels of land for the establishment of downlink installations under operating leases expiring in various years through 2011.

Minimum future rental payments under noncancelable operating leases having remaining terms in excess of one year as of December 31, 2003 for each of the next five years and in the aggregate are:

2004	\$ 2,555,469.77
2005	2,135,820.81
2006	1,629,409.64
2007	1,375,690.90
2008	1,084,394.75
Subsequent to 2008	<u>1,988,390.00</u>

Total minimum future rental payments \$10,769,175.87

Rental expense for the year ended December 31, 2003 was approximately \$2,729,200.00. These costs are included in various expense categories.

5. LONG-TERM DEBT

Following is a summary of long-term debt at December 31, 2003:

Note payable to individual, due within 30 days after demand, interest at 7.0% due quarterly. Debt is relieved in the event of lender's death.	\$ 20,000.00
Note payable to individual, due upon demand, non-interest bearing. Debt is relieved in the event of lender's death.	20,000.00
Line of credit payable to Community National Bank for maximum of \$251,583.00, due in monthly installments, interest at 7.50%, collateralized by real estate and rents/leases, due November 3, 2004.	<u>-</u>
	\$ 40,000.00
<u>Less: Current maturities</u>	<u>40,000.00</u>
Long-Term Portion of Debt	<u>\$ -</u>

Total interest expense for notes payable and other obligations during the year ended December 31, 2003 was \$5,937.22.

**6. TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS**

Temporarily restricted net assets are available for the following purposes or periods at December 31, 2003:

Capital assets	\$ 768,181.02
Operations	25,000.00
Special projects and other	193,956.24
Charitable unitrusts	<u>2,832,726.03</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$3,819,863.29</u>

**7. RELEASE OF TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS**

Net assets were released from restrictions by incurring expenses satisfying the restricted purposes or by occurrence of other events specified by donors.

Purpose restrictions accomplished:

Capital assets	\$ 162,569.51
Operations	238,251.36
Special projects and other	155,151.61
Transponder fees	<u>1,101,764.79</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$1,657,737.27</u>

**8. CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK**

Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc. maintains cash balances at several banks. Accounts at each institution are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation up to \$100,000.00. At December 31, 2003, the Organization's uninsured cash balances were approximately \$710,588.00. The Organization also maintains cash balances in money market funds. Such balances are not insured. At December 31, 2003, cash balances in money market funds were approximately \$209,045.00.

**9. CONTRIBUTED ASSETS**

During the year ended December 31, 2003, the Organization received donated assets valued at \$309,139.02. The assets received are recorded at fair market value and are included in contribution revenue.

**10. ADVERTISING COST**

Advertising costs are charged to operations when incurred. Advertising costs for the year ended December 31, 2003 were \$103,934.57.

**11. SPLIT INTEREST AGREEMENTS**

Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc. is the beneficiary of several irrevocable charitable remainder unitrust agreements under which the assets funding the trusts were transferred to the Organization. Under these agreements, the Organization is to pay certain amounts for specified periods of time to the donors. The assets received are recorded at fair market value in the financial statements. The liabilities under unitrust agreements are recorded at the present value of expected future cash flows to be paid to the donors. Discount rates range from 4.6% to 7.4% in calculating the present value of the liabilities under unitrust agreements. The present value calculations are based upon single or joint life expectancy as applicable.



The Organization is the beneficiary of several revocable trust agreements. Assets received under revocable trust agreements are recorded as assets and refundable advances at fair value when received. Contribution revenue for the assets received is recognized when the agreements become irrevocable or when the assets are distributed to the Organization for its unconditional use.

The Organization is the beneficiary of several charitable gift annuities under which the assets funding the agreements were transferred to the Organization. Under these agreements the Organization is to pay fixed amounts for specified periods of time to the donors. The assets received are recorded at fair market value in the financial statements. The annuity liabilities are recorded at the present value of expected future cash flows to be paid to the annuity beneficiaries. Various discount rates are used in calculating the present values of the annuity liabilities. Present value calculations on some annuities are based upon single life expectancy, while others are based upon double life expectancy.

**12. CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVABLE**

Contributions receivable represent December, 2003 contributions received in January, 2004.

**13. FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

The Organization's financial instruments, none of which are held for trading purposes, include cash, investments, accounts receivable, contributions receivable, charitable gift annuities, accounts payable, notes payable, funds due to other ministries, accrued expenses, liabilities under unitrust agreements, and liabilities for future group medical insurance claims. The Organization estimates that the fair values of all financial instruments at December 31, 2003, other than investments which are recorded at fair value, do not differ materially from the aggregate carrying values of its financial instruments recorded in the accompanying statement of financial position. The estimates, however, are not necessarily indicative of the amounts that the Organization could realize in a current market exchange.

**14. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

The Organization regularly engages in transactions with various related parties. Following is a summary of related party transactions for the year ending December 31, 2003:

	<u>Purchases From</u>	<u>Contributions From</u>	<u>Contributions To</u>
D & L Publishing	\$ 73,112.50	\$ -	\$ -
Three Angels Christian Communications (Canada)	-	226,500.00	-
Three Angels T.V. and Radio Broadcast Network (Russia)	-	-	218,441.94
Tres Anjos Broadcasting Network - LTDA (Brazil)	-	-	20,472.07
3ABN Philippines, Inc. (Philippines)	-	-	88,798.41

Tres Anjos Broadcasting Network - LTDA (Brazil) and 3ABN Philippines, Inc. (Philippines) are separate legal entities. Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc. exercises control over these two entities by providing 100% of their revenues. See Note 16 regarding Three Angels T.V. and Radio Broadcast Network (Russia).

15. CONTINGENT LIABILITY

Management has agreed to return a portion of an \$800,000.00 contribution in the event of a major medical need by the donor.

16. BRANCH

The Organization established a branch of Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc. in Nizhny Novgorod, Russia. The official name of the branch is Three Angels TV & Radio Broadcasting Network. The branch is not a separate legal entity, and acts on behalf, by order, and under the responsibility of the Organization. The Organization pays for the majority of operating costs and capital improvements of the branch. All of these costs are expensed as incurred by the Organization. Transactions of the branch are not included in these financial statements.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

THREE ANGELS BROADCASTING NETWORK, INC.

SCHEDULE OF PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

Television and Radio Broadcasting Expenses	
Airplane operation	\$ 857,528.60
Airtime	1,800,999.00
Broadcast services	79,462.97
Cable promotion and expense	179,252.03
Contract labor	51,819.32
Cost of goods sold and given away - Satellite equipment	887,536.04
Cost of goods sold and given away - Other	154,165.62
Depreciation	1,928,846.23
Downlink	939,729.14
Dues and subscriptions	8,720.47
Music production	177,165.94
Newsletter	117,692.52
Program schedules	69,101.90
Registration	38,251.64
Special projects	327,712.42
Supplies - broadcasting	172,090.53
Telephone	194,650.46
Travel and entertainment	142,229.68
Utilities	147,702.33
Wages and benefits	<u>1,391,006.06</u>
<b>Total Television and Radio Broadcasting Expenses</b>	<b><u>\$9,665,662.90</u></b>

See accompanying notes.

THREE ANGELS BROADCASTING NETWORK, INC.

SCHEDULE OF SUPPORTING SERVICE EXPENSES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

<b>Management and General Expenses</b>	
Advertising and promotion	\$ 103,934.57
Auto	43,259.47
Bank and credit card fees	49,307.35
Camp meeting expense	26,140.65
Contract labor	50,660.25
Insurance	244,011.91
Interest	5,937.22
Love gifts	109,754.87
Miscellaneous	33,575.30
Postage	859,186.34
Professional fees	280,081.54
Repair and maintenance - Building	96,316.70
Repair and maintenance - Equipment	142,282.47
Rental expense	7,257.87
School subsidy	54,741.49
Special projects	132,036.76
Supplies - office	326,822.70
Taxes - payroll	210,400.08
Taxes - real estate	84,335.52
Travel and entertainment	169,356.26
Trust promotion and expense	143,003.84
Wages and benefits	<u>1,772,822.80</u>
<b>Total Management and General Expenses</b>	<b><u>\$4,945,225.96</u></b>

See accompanying notes.

THREE ANGELS BROADCASTING NETWORK, INC.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

DECEMBER 31, 2002

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors  
Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial position of Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc. (a nonprofit organization) as of December 31, 2002, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Organization's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

Except as discussed in the fifth paragraph, we conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As discussed in Note 17 to the financial statements, the Organization does not report its investment in Three Angels T.V. and Radio Broadcast Network (Russia). All payments made to this branch are expensed when paid. In our opinion, accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require the branch be accounted for on a consolidated basis. The effects of that departure on the financial statements are not reasonably determinable.

The Organization's financial statements do not disclose a presentation of summarized financial data for Tres Anjos Broadcasting Network - LTDA, and 3ABN Philippines, Inc. This information is not available to the Organization. In our opinion, disclosure of this information is required to conform with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In connection with the recording of real estate revocable trusts, the fair values of the trusts were based on internal estimates performed by the Organization. We were unable to obtain sufficient evidential matter in connection with the estimates of fair value.



In our opinion, except for the effects of the items discussed in the third and fourth paragraphs, and except for the effects of such adjustments, if any, as might have been determined to be necessary had we been able to apply adequate procedures to the real estate revocable trusts as discussed in the fifth paragraph, the financial statements referred to in the first paragraph present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc. as of December 31, 2002, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The Schedule of Program Service Expenses and Schedule of Supporting Service Expenses are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not required parts of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, except for the effects of such adjustments, if any, for the items mentioned in the preceding paragraphs, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

*Gray Hunter Stenn LLP*

Marion, Illinois

April 28, 2003, except for Note 20, as to which the date is May 2, 2003.

## THREE ANGELS BROADCASTING NETWORK, INC.

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

DECEMBER 31, 2002

<b>Current Assets</b>	
Cash	\$ 1,301,831.93
Contributions receivable (Note 12)	375,393.96
Accounts receivable (Note 1)	180,129.43
Inventory (Note 1)	338,451.77
Prepaid expenses	239,611.90
Assets held for sale	279,924.50
Note receivable	<u>29,877.19</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u>\$ 2,745,220.68</u>
Cash restricted to investment in capital assets	\$ 684,301.65
Property and equipment, less accumulated depreciation (Note 2)	<u>12,358,062.97</u>
	<u>\$13,042,364.62</u>
<b>Other Assets:</b>	
Investments (Note 3)	\$ 6,074,280.28
Deposits	344,792.75
Revocable trusts (Note 11)	18,531,147.54
Charitable gift annuities (Note 11)	<u>12,781,645.84</u>
<b>Total Other Assets</b>	<u>\$37,731,866.41</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>\$53,519,451.71</u>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
Accounts payable	\$ 609,126.62
Accrued wages and vacation pay	118,834.03
Accrued expenses	20,805.20
Estimated liability for future group medical insurance claims (Note 1)	15,831.32
Deferred revenue	18,890.69
Current portion of long-term debt (Note 5)	40,000.00
Funds due to other ministries	73,345.43
Charitable gift annuities (Note 11)	310,860.88
Liabilities under unitrust agreements (Note 11)	<u>101,353.31</u>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<u>\$ 1,309,047.48</u>
<b>Long-term Liabilities</b>	
Long-term debt (Note 5)	\$ -
Refundable advances (Note 11)	18,531,147.54
Charitable gift annuities (Note 11)	8,113,541.61
Liabilities under unitrust agreements (Note 11)	<u>2,687,158.06</u>
<b>Total Long-term Liabilities</b>	<u>\$29,331,847.21</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>\$30,640,894.69</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>	
Unrestricted	\$18,927,746.91
Temporarily restricted (Note 6)	<u>3,950,810.11</u>
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<u>\$22,878,557.02</u>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<u>\$53,519,451.71</u>

See accompanying notes.

THREE ANGELS BROADCASTING NETWORK, INC.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Revenues and Other Support</b>			
Contributions	\$ 9,313,335.34	\$ 1,997,299.10	\$11,310,634.44
Charitable remainder unitrusts (Note 11)	-	51,786.75	51,786.75
Charitable gift annuities (Note 11)	2,694,904.13	-	2,694,904.13
Airtime and production fees	847,979.99	-	847,979.99
Satellite sales	810,645.38	-	810,645.38
Video and other sales	373,652.07	-	373,652.07
Rental income	25,824.35	-	25,824.35
Investment income (Note 3)	26,591.48	-	26,591.48
Gain (loss) on disposal of assets	(43,719.71)	-	(43,719.71)
Net unrealized and realized gains and (losses) on investments	(2,727.71)	(9,647.57)	(12,375.28)
Change in value of split-interest agreements	(230,966.93)	63,605.14	(167,361.79)
Other	40,977.99	-	40,977.99
Net assets released from restrictions (Note 7)	<u>2,653,817.19</u>	<u>(2,653,817.19)</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total Revenues and Other Support</b>	<u>\$16,510,313.57</u>	<u>\$ (550,773.77)</u>	<u>\$15,959,539.80</u>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Program service			
Television and radio broadcasting	\$ 8,036,915.21	\$ -	\$ 8,036,915.21
Supporting service			
Management and general	<u>4,935,515.36</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,935,515.36</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>\$12,972,430.57</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$12,972,430.57</u>
Change in Net Assets	\$ 3,537,883.00	\$ (550,773.77)	\$ 2,987,109.23
Net assets, beginning of year as previously reported	15,364,863.91	2,792,666.28	18,157,530.19
Prior period adjustments -			
Record split interest agreements previously unrecorded (Note 15)	-	1,708,917.60	1,708,917.60
Adjustment of revocable cash trusts (Note 15)	<u>25,000.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,000.00</u>
Net assets, beginning of year, as restated	<u>\$15,389,863.91</u>	<u>\$ 4,501,583.88</u>	<u>\$19,891,447.79</u>
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$18,927,746.91</u>	<u>\$ 3,950,810.11</u>	<u>\$22,878,557.02</u>

See accompanying notes.

THREE ANGELS BROADCASTING NETWORK, INC.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002

<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities:</b>	
Cash received from contributors	\$17,236,402.14
Cash received from airtime and production fees	763,135.54
Cash received from satellite sales	820,965.07
Cash received from video and other sales	373,652.07
Rental receipts	25,824.35
Interest received	26,591.48
Other receipts	40,977.99
Cash paid to employees and suppliers	(6,181,735.44)
Cash paid for program service	(4,984,560.49)
Interest paid	(28,304.82)
Cash paid for school subsidy	(21,907.42)
Cash paid for farm, rental and miscellaneous expense	<u>(32,306.88)</u>
<b>Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</b>	<b><u>\$ 8,038,733.59</u></b>
<b>Cash Flows from Investing Activities:</b>	
Purchases of property and equipment	\$(2,305,564.76)
Proceeds from sales of property and equipment	147,893.00
Purchases of investments	(215,000.01)
Purchases of gift annuity assets	(6,657,811.19)
Proceeds from sales of investments	38,761.36
Proceeds from sale of gift annuity assets	1,323,300.00
Transfer of restricted contributions to restricted cash	(437,071.22)
Release of restricted cash for designated purposes	<u>818,665.22</u>
<b>Net Cash Used by Investing Activities</b>	<b><u>\$(7,286,827.50)</u></b>
<b>Cash Flows from Financing Activities</b>	
Retirement of notes payable	\$(1,603,427.95)
Contributions restricted for investment in equipment	437,071.22
Payments from trust accounts	46,788.63
Issuance of notes receivable	(30,000.00)
Payments received on notes receivable	<u>122.81</u>
<b>Net Cash Used by Financing Activities</b>	<b><u>\$(1,149,445.29)</u></b>
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	\$ (397,539.30)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period (Note 18)	<u>1,699,371.23</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at December 31, 2002	<b><u>\$ 1,301,831.93</u></b>
<b>Reconciliation of Increase in Net Assets to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:</b>	
Increase in net assets	\$ 2,987,109.23
Adjustments to reconcile increase in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Provision for bad debts	38,072.61
Depreciation	1,639,444.30
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	43,719.71
Change in value of split interest agreements	167,361.79
Contributions restricted to investment in equipment	(437,071.22)
Net unrealized and realized gains and losses on investments	12,375.28
Donated assets	(161,928.18)
Increase in accounts receivable	(84,844.45)
Increase in contribution receivable	(210,532.13)
Increase in inventory	(195,212.56)
Decrease in deposits	7,828.00
Increase in prepaid expense	(150,802.83)
Increase in accounts payable	369,101.48
Decrease in funds due to other ministries	(8,561.25)
Decrease in liability for future medical claims	(8,651.09)
Increase in accrued wages, taxes and other	38,443.02
Decrease in accrued interest payable	(6,046.16)
Increase in deferred revenue	10,319.69
Increase in charitable gift annuity liability	3,962,907.06
Increase in liabilities under unitrust agreements	<u>25,701.29</u>
<b>Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</b>	<b><u>\$ 8,038,733.59</u></b>

See accompanying notes.

THREE ANGELS BROADCASTING NETWORK, INC.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2002

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

- a. Nature and purpose of operations. Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc. is an Illinois nonprofit corporation chartered March 26, 1985. Its purpose is exclusively religious in nature and includes, but is not limited to, the development, planning, promotion, production, and direction of all types of religious programming for electronic transmission for television and radio broadcasting throughout the world.

The Organization's primary funding source is individual and corporate contributions.

- b. Principles of presentation. These financial statements are intended to present the financial position, results of operations and cash flows of Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc. in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.
- c. Use of estimates. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.
- d. Fixed assets and depreciation. Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc. reports gifts of land, buildings and equipment as unrestricted support unless explicit donor stipulations specify how the donated assets must be used. Gifts of long-lived assets with explicit restrictions that specify how the assets are to be used and gifts of cash or other assets that must be used to acquire long-lived assets are reported as restricted support. Absent explicit donor stipulations about how long those long-lived assets must be maintained, Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc. reports expirations of donor restrictions when the donated or acquired long-lived assets are placed in service. Purchased fixed assets are carried at cost. Donated fixed assets are carried at fair market value as of the contribution date. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the assets' estimated useful lives. Maintenance and repairs are charged to operations when incurred. Betterments and renewals are capitalized.
- e. Cash and cash equivalents. For purposes of reporting cash flows, cash and cash equivalents include unrestricted cash on hand, unrestricted cash in banks, and unrestricted cash invested in money market funds.
- f. Tax status. The Internal Revenue Service has determined that Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc. is an exempt organization within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- g. Investments. The Organization has adopted SFAS No. 124, *Accounting for Certain Investments Held by Not-For-Profit Organizations*. Under SFAS No. 124, investments in marketable securities with readily determinable fair values and all investments in debt securities are valued at their fair values in the statement of financial position. Unrealized gains and losses are included in the change in net assets.
- h. Inventories. Inventories are stated at the lower of cost or market, determined by the FIFO method.

- i. Accounts receivable. Accounts receivable are recorded at their net realizable values. The Organization provides an allowance for uncollectible accounts. The allowance for accounts receivable is based upon management's assessment of the collectibility of specific customer accounts and the aging of the accounts receivable. The aging of the accounts receivable is reviewed on an annual basis for accounts deemed to be uncollectible. Total accounts receivable are shown net of an allowance for uncollectible accounts of \$24,185.00.
- j. Self-Insurance program. The Organization maintains a self-insurance program to fund a portion of certain expected losses related to group health costs. Provisions for losses expected under this program are recorded based on estimates of the aggregate liabilities for known claims and estimated claims incurred but not reported.
- k. Restricted support. The Organization reports gifts of cash and other assets as restricted support if they are received with donor stipulations that limit the use of the donated assets. When a donor restriction expires, that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished, temporarily restricted net assets are classified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions.

2. **FIXED ASSETS**

Fixed assets and accumulated depreciation at December 31, 2002 are summarized as follows:

Land	\$ 649,777.87
Land improvements	187,510.08
Buildings	3,389,059.25
Houses	144,861.00
Downlink equipment	6,127,356.13
Broadcast and office equipment	7,321,477.65
Aircraft	1,346,893.43
Vehicles	1,409,014.97
Construction in progress	<u>1,657,111.49</u>
<u>Total</u>	\$22,233,061.87
Accumulated depreciation	<u>9,874,998.90</u>
<u>Fixed Assets - Net</u>	<u>\$12,358,062.97</u>

Depreciation expense for the year ended December 31, 2002 was \$1,639,444.30.

3. **INVESTMENTS**

The following investments consist of money market accounts, United States government securities, mutual funds, equity securities, and real estate.

Fair values of the investments were provided by dealer or bank quotes, or appraisals. Fair values and unrealized gains (losses) are summarized as follows:

	<u>Book Value</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Gross Unrealized Gain</u>	<u>Gross Unrealized Loss</u>
Money market accounts	\$ 162,367.47	\$ 162,367.47	\$ -	\$ -
Government securities	2,128,003.16	2,182,649.70	54,646.54	-
Mutual funds	361,552.05	331,316.31	1,113.88	31,349.62
Equity securities	8,406.00	10,846.80	2,440.80	-
Real estate	<u>3,387,100.00</u>	<u>3,387,100.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$6,047,428.68</u>	<u>\$6,074,280.28</u>	<u>\$58,201.22</u>	<u>\$31,349.62</u>

The following schedule summarizes the investment return and its classification in the statement of activities for the year ending December 31, 2002:

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
Interest income	\$26,591.48	\$ -	\$26,591.48
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses)	<u>(2,727.71)</u>	<u>(9,647.57)</u>	<u>(12,375.28)</u>
<u>Total Investment Return</u>	<u>\$23,863.77</u>	<u>\$(9,647.57)</u>	<u>\$14,216.20</u>

4. LEASED PROPERTY

Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc. leases transponder services and various parcels of land for the establishment of downlink installations under operating leases expiring in various years through 2011.

Minimum future rental payments under noncancelable operating leases having remaining terms in excess of one year as of December 31, 2002 for each of the next five years and in the aggregate are:

2003	\$ 2,268,967.18
2004	2,164,572.80
2005	1,586,862.67
2006	1,219,919.20
2007	929,291.19
Subsequent to 2007	<u>2,106,355.30</u>
Total minimum future rental payments	<u>\$10,275,968.34</u>

Rental expense for the year ended December 31, 2002 was approximately \$2,612,500. These costs are included in various expense categories.

5. LONG-TERM DEBT

Following is a summary of long-term debt at December 31, 2002:

Note payable to individual, due within 30 days after demand, interest at 7.0% due quarterly. Debt is relieved in the event of lender's death.	\$ 20,000.00
Note payable to individual, due upon demand, non-interest bearing. Debt is relieved in the event of lender's death.	20,000.00
Line of credit payable to Community National Bank for maximum of \$251,583.00, due in monthly installments, interest at 7.50%, collateralized by real estate and rents/leases, due November 3, 2004.	<u>-</u>
	\$ 40,000.00
<u>Less:</u> Current maturities	<u>(40,000.00)</u>
Long-Term Portion of Debt	<u>\$ -</u>

Total interest expense for notes payable and other obligations during the year ended December 31, 2002 was \$22,258.66.

6. TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

Temporarily restricted net assets are available for the following purposes or periods at December 31, 2002:

Downlink installations and equipment	\$ 179,359.05
Special projects and other	618,980.47
Contributions made for future periods	<u>3,152,470.59</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$3,950,810.11</u>

7. RELEASE OF TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

Net assets were released from restrictions by incurring expenses satisfying the restricted purposes or by occurrence of other events specified by donors.

Purpose restrictions accomplished:

Downlink	\$ 37,241.68
Capital assets	782,778.54
Production	89,281.07
Special projects	566,179.49
Transponder fees	<u>1,178,336.41</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$2,653,817.19</u>

8. CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK

Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc. maintains cash balances at several banks. Accounts at each institution are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation up to \$100,000.00. At December 31, 2002, the Organization's uninsured cash balances were approximately \$1,322,000.00. The Organization also maintains cash balances in money market funds. Such balances are not insured. At December 31, 2002, cash balances in money market funds were approximately \$111,223.00.

9. CONTRIBUTED ASSETS

During the year ended December 31, 2002, the Organization received donated assets valued at \$161,928.18. The assets received are recorded at fair market value and are included in contribution revenue.

10. ADVERTISING COST

Advertising costs are charged to operations when incurred. Advertising costs for the year ended December 31, 2002 were \$53,572.38.

11. SPLIT INTEREST AGREEMENTS

Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc. is the beneficiary of several irrevocable charitable remainder unitrust agreements under which the assets funding the trusts were transferred to the Organization. Under these agreements, the Organization is to pay certain amounts for specified periods of time to the donors. The assets received are recorded at fair market value in the financial statements. The liabilities under unitrust agreements are recorded at the present value of expected future cash flows to be paid to the donors. Discount rates range from 4.6% to 7.4% in calculating the present value of the liabilities under unitrust agreements. The present value calculations are based upon single or joint life expectancy as applicable.



The Organization is the beneficiary of several revocable trust agreements. Assets received under revocable trust agreements are recorded as assets and refundable advances at fair value when received. Contribution revenue for the assets received is recognized when the agreements become irrevocable or when the assets are distributed to the Organization for its unconditional use.

The Organization is the beneficiary of several charitable gift annuities under which the assets funding the agreements were transferred to the Organization. Under these agreements the Organization is to pay fixed amounts for specified periods of time to the donors. The assets received are recorded at fair market value in the financial statements. The annuity liabilities are recorded at the present value of expected future cash flows to be paid to the annuity beneficiaries. Various discount rates are used in calculating the present values of the annuity liabilities. Present value calculations on some annuities are based upon single life expectancy, while others are based upon double life expectancy.

12. CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVABLE

Contributions receivable represent December, 2002 contributions received in January, 2003.

13. FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Organization's financial instruments, none of which are held for trading purposes, include cash, investments, accounts receivable, contributions receivable, charitable gift annuities, accounts payable, notes payable, funds due to other ministries, accrued expenses, liabilities under unitrust agreements, and liabilities for future group medical insurance claims. The Organization estimates that the fair values of all financial instruments at December 31, 2002, other than investments which are recorded at fair value, do not differ materially from the aggregate carrying values of its financial instruments recorded in the accompanying statement of financial position. The estimates, however, are not necessarily indicative of the amounts that the Organization could realize in a current market exchange.

14. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Organization regularly engages in transactions with various related parties. Following is a summary of related party transactions for the year ending December 31, 2002:

	<u>Purchases From</u>	<u>Contributions From</u>	<u>Contributions To</u>
D & L Publishing	\$130,612.50	\$ -	\$ -
Three Angels Christian Communications (Canada)	-	469,879.72	-
Three Angels T.V. and Radio Broadcast Network (Russia)	-	-	376,236.02
Tres Anjos Broadcasting Network - LTDA (Brazil)	-	-	49,348.31
3ABN Philippines, Inc. (Philippines)	-	-	113,496.66

Tres Anjos Broadcasting Network - LTDA (Brazil) and 3ABN Philippines, Inc. (Philippines) are separate legal entities. Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc. exercises control over these two entities by providing 100% of their revenues. See Note 17 regarding Three Angels T.V. and Radio Broadcast Network (Russia).

15. PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENTS

Net assets at the beginning of 2002 have been adjusted to record charitable remainder unitrust revenue earned in prior years of \$1,708,917.60. Had the error not been made, net income in 2001 would have been increased by \$51,355.20.

Net assets at the beginning of 2002 have also been adjusted to correct the funding of revocable cash trust deficiencies in 2001. Had the error not been made, net income for 2001 would have been increased by \$25,000.00.

16. CONTINGENT LIABILITY

Management has agreed to return a portion of an \$800,000.00 contribution in the event of a major medical need by the donor.

17. BRANCH

The Organization established a branch of Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc. in Nizhny Novgorod, Russia. The official name of the branch is Three Angels TV & Radio Broadcasting Network. The branch is not a separate legal entity, and acts on behalf, by order, and under the responsibility of the Organization. The Organization pays for the majority of operating costs and capital improvements of the branch. All of these costs are expensed as incurred by the Organization. Transactions of the branch are not included in these financial statements.

18. RECLASSIFICATION

Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year have been restated to reflect a reclassification of operating cash to cash restricted to investment in equipment.

19. PROCEDURAL REVIEW OF TRUST AND ANNUITY ACTIVITIES

The Organization has undergone a procedural review of trust and annuity activities. This review has indicated items to be brought to the attention of management relating to current and future trust and annuity operations. Actions to be taken by management in response to this review have yet to be determined.

20. SUBSEQUENT EVENT

On May 2, 2003, the Board approved selling the Organization's Diamond Mitsubishi Plane for market value and applying the proceeds toward leasing a Citation VI Plane for a period of up to five years.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

THREE ANGELS BROADCASTING NETWORK, INC.

SCHEDULE OF PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002

Television and Radio Broadcasting Expenses	
Advertising	\$ 53,572.38
Airtime	1,941,492.50
Broadcast services	69,934.70
Cable promotion and expense	93,412.68
Depreciation	1,639,444.30
Downlink	877,343.46
Dues	9,425.09
Equipment rental	4,507.19
Music production	137,716.40
Love gifts	147,020.37
Newsletter	170,880.00
Program schedules	57,169.50
Provision for bad debts	38,072.61
Registration	48,451.36
Satellite purchases	687,151.69
Special projects	675,240.16
Supplies - broadcasting	117,066.76
Telephone	300,678.50
Utilities	118,907.20
Wages	<u>849,428.36</u>
Total Television and Radio Broadcasting Expenses	<u>\$8,036,915.21</u>

See accompanying notes.

THREE ANGELS BROADCASTING NETWORK, INC.  
SCHEDULE OF SUPPORTING SERVICE EXPENSES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002

Management and General Expenses	
Auto	\$ 58,190.44
Camp meeting expense	32,275.44
Contract labor	83,376.68
Credit card fees	33,764.18
Insurance	540,377.65
Interest	22,258.66
Literature	151,984.93
Miscellaneous	18,384.69
Penalties	62.96
Postage	717,581.20
Professional fees	339,463.15
Repair and maintenance - Building	54,174.96
Repair and maintenance - Equipment	97,079.38
Rental expense	9,415.00
School subsidy	21,907.42
Small tools and equipment	20,347.85
Supplies - office	169,367.82
Taxes - payroll	183,761.33
Taxes - real estate	85,098.81
Taxes - sales	2,000.82
Travel	595,981.84
Trust promotion and expense	119,705.42
Wages	<u>1,578,954.73</u>
<b>Total Management and General Expenses</b>	<b><u>\$4,935,515.36</u></b>

See accompanying notes.

THREE ANGELS BROADCASTING NETWORK, INC.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

DECEMBER 31, 2001

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors  
Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial position of Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc. (a nonprofit organization) as of December 31, 2001, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Organization's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

Except as discussed in the fourth paragraph, we conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Downlink equipment acquired by gift is not recorded in the financial statements. In our opinion, generally accepted accounting principles require that such donated property be recorded at its fair value at the date of receipt. It was not practicable to determine the effects of the unrecorded equipment on the financial statements.

In connection with the recording of real estate revocable trusts, the fair values of the trusts were based on internal estimates performed by the Organization. We were unable to obtain sufficient evidential matter in connection with the estimates of fair value.

In our opinion, except for the effects of the items discussed in the third paragraph, and except for the effects of such adjustments, if any, as might have been determined to be necessary had we been able to apply adequate procedures to the real estate revocable trusts as discussed in the fourth paragraph, the financial statements referred to in the first paragraph present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc. as of December 31, 2001, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America.



Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The Schedule of Program Service Expenses and Schedule of Supporting Service Expenses are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not required parts of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, except for the effects of such adjustments, if any, for the items mentioned in the preceding paragraphs, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

*Gray Hunter Stern LLP*

Marion, Illinois

August 19, 2002, except for Note 17, as to which the date is August 20, 2002.

THREE ANGELS BROADCASTING NETWORK, INC.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

DECEMBER 31, 2001

<b>Current Assets</b>	
Cash	\$ 2,643,031.84
Contributions receivable (Note 12)	164,861.83
Accounts receivable (Note 1)	133,357.59
Inventory (Note 1)	143,239.21
Prepaid expenses	88,809.07
Assets held for sale	<u>133,121.21</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$ 3,306,420.75</b>
Cash restricted to investment in equipment	\$ 122,235.04
Property and equipment, less accumulated depreciation (Note 2)	<u>11,883,555.22</u>
	<b>\$12,005,790.26</b>
<b>Other Assets:</b>	
Investments (Note 3)	\$ 2,833,717.06
Deposits	352,620.75
Revocable trusts (Note 11)	16,229,925.73
Charitable gift annuities (Note 11)	<u>7,621,899.39</u>
<b>Total Other Assets</b>	<b>\$27,038,162.93</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b><u>\$42,350,373.94</u></b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
Accounts payable	\$ 240,025.14
Accrued wages and vacation pay	91,049.30
Accrued payroll taxes	4,167.10
Accrued sales tax	5,979.81
Accrued interest	6,046.16
Deferred revenue	8,571.00
Current portion of long-term debt (Note 5)	1,643,427.95
Funds due to other ministries	81,906.68
Charitable gift annuities (Note 11)	397,038.00
Liabilities under unitrust agreements (Note 11)	37,119.00
Estimated liability for future group medical insurance claims (Note 1)	<u>24,482.41</u>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 2,539,812.55</b>
<b>Long-term Liabilities</b>	
Long-term debt (Note 5)	\$ -
Refundable advances (Note 11)	16,229,925.73
Charitable gift annuities (Note 11)	4,008,255.24
Liabilities under unitrust agreements (Note 11)	<u>1,414,850.23</u>
<b>Total Long-term Liabilities</b>	<b>\$21,653,031.20</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$24,192,843.75</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	
Unrestricted	\$15,364,863.91
Temporarily restricted (Note 6)	<u>2,792,666.28</u>
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$18,157,530.19</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b><u>\$42,350,373.94</u></b>

See accompanying notes.

THREE ANGELS BROADCASTING NETWORK, INC.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Revenues and Other Support</b>			
Contributions	\$ 7,725,336.51	\$ 3,349,492.59	\$11,074,829.10
Charitable remainder unitrusts (Note 11)	-	173,575.18	173,575.18
Charitable gift annuities (Note 11)	1,074,757.47	-	1,074,757.47
Airtime and production fees	857,768.47	-	857,768.47
Satellite sales	618,832.21	-	618,832.21
Video and other sales	251,109.82	-	251,109.82
Rental income	35,039.93	-	35,039.93
Investment income (Note 3)	38,396.98	-	38,396.98
Net unrealized and realized gains and (losses) on investments	(2,634.73)	15,261.29	12,626.56
Change in value of split-interest agreements	(275,175.49)	47,745.59	(227,429.90)
Other	11,193.19	14,619.63	25,812.82
Net assets released from restrictions (Note 7)	<u>2,652,526.47</u>	<u>(2,652,526.47)</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total Revenues and Other Support</b>	<u>\$12,987,150.83</u>	<u>\$ 948,167.81</u>	<u>\$13,935,318.64</u>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Program service			
Television and radio broadcasting	\$ 7,913,486.66	-	\$ 7,913,486.66
Supporting service			
Management and general	<u>4,026,680.45</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,026,680.45</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>\$11,940,167.11</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$11,940,167.11</u>
Change in Net Assets	\$ 1,046,983.72	\$ 948,167.81	\$ 1,995,151.53
Net assets, beginning of year as previously reported	11,976,735.57	1,748,892.88	13,725,628.45
Prior period adjustments -			
Reclassification of net assets previously classified as unrestricted net assets (Note 15)	(75,879.59)	75,879.59	-
Record split interest agreements previously unrecorded (Note 15)	2,417,024.21	34,008.00	2,451,032.21
Reclassification of amounts due other ministries previously classified as temporarily restricted net assets (Note 15)	<u>-</u>	<u>(14,282.00)</u>	<u>(14,282.00)</u>
Net assets, beginning of year, as restated	<u>\$14,317,880.19</u>	<u>\$ 1,844,498.47</u>	<u>\$16,162,378.66</u>
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$15,364,863.91</u>	<u>\$ 2,792,666.28</u>	<u>\$18,157,530.19</u>

See accompanying notes.

THREE ANGELS BROADCASTING NETWORK, INC.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001

<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities:</b>	
Cash received from contributors	\$13,521,717.34
Cash received from airtime and production fees	889,874.67
Cash received from satellite sales	627,403.21
Cash received from video and other sales	251,109.82
Rental receipts	35,039.93
Interest received	38,396.98
Other receipts	25,812.82
Cash paid to employees and suppliers	(4,014,807.05)
Cash paid for program service	(6,465,626.23)
Interest paid	(28,291.40)
Cash paid for school subsidy	(24,031.19)
Cash paid for farm, rental and miscellaneous expense	<u>(26,669.12)</u>
<b>Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</b>	<b><u>\$ 4,829,929.78</u></b>
<b>Cash Flows from Investing Activities:</b>	
Purchases of property and equipment	\$(3,156,842.29)
Proceeds from sales of property and equipment	6,000.00
Purchases of investments	(499,289.55)
Purchases of gift annuity assets	(2,503,462.87)
Proceeds from sales of investments	76,209.26
Transfer of restricted contributions to restricted cash	(211,170.36)
Release of restricted cash for designated purposes	339,713.01
Receipts on employee advances	<u>979.98</u>
<b>Net Cash Used by Investing Activities</b>	<b><u>\$(5,947,862.82)</u></b>
<b>Cash Flows from Financing Activities</b>	
Proceeds from notes payable	\$ 1,720,320.00
Retirement of notes payable	(196,992.04)
Contributions restricted for investment in equipment	211,170.36
Payments from trust accounts	24,000.00
Payments to trust accounts	<u>(36,545.62)</u>
<b>Net Cash Provided by Financing Activities</b>	<b><u>\$ 1,721,952.70</u></b>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	\$ 604,019.66
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	<u>2,039,012.18</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at December 31, 2001	<b><u>\$ 2,643,031.84</u></b>
<b>Reconciliation of Increase in Net Assets to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:</b>	
Increase in net assets	\$ 1,995,151.53
Adjustments to reconcile increase in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Provision for bad debts	28,161.95
Depreciation	1,594,085.78
Change in value of split interest agreements	227,429.90
Contributions restricted to investment in equipment	(211,170.36)
Net unrealized and realized gains and losses on investments	(12,626.56)
Donated assets	(101,237.62)
Decrease in accounts receivable	32,106.20
Increase in contribution receivable	(164,861.83)
Increase in inventory	(55,079.50)
Increase in deposits	(63,995.00)
Increase in prepaid expense	(70,071.08)
Decrease in accounts payable	(98,282.48)
Increase in funds due to other ministries	42,969.68
Decrease in liability for future medical claims	(12,916.89)
Increase in accrued wages, taxes and other	20,408.50
Decrease in accrued interest payable	(4,538.84)
Increase in deferred revenue	8,571.00
Increase in charitable gift annuity liability	1,428,705.40
Increase in liabilities under unitrust agreements	<u>247,120.00</u>
<b>Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</b>	<b><u>\$ 4,829,929.78</u></b>

See accompanying notes.

THREE ANGELS BROADCASTING NETWORK, INC.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2001

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

- a. Nature and purpose of operations. Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc. is an Illinois nonprofit corporation chartered March 26, 1985. Its purpose is exclusively religious in nature and includes, but is not limited to, the development, planning, promotion, production, and direction of all types of religious programming for electronic transmission for television and radio broadcasting throughout the world.

The Organization's primary funding source is individual and corporate contributions.

- b. Principles of presentation. These financial statements are intended to present the financial position, results of operations and cash flows of Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc. in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.
- c. Use of estimates. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.
- d. Fixed assets and depreciation. Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc. reports gifts of land, buildings and equipment as unrestricted support unless explicit donor stipulations specify how the donated assets must be used. Gifts of long-lived assets with explicit restrictions that specify how the assets are to be used and gifts of cash or other assets that must be used to acquire long-lived assets are reported as restricted support. Absent explicit donor stipulations about how long those long-lived assets must be maintained, Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc. reports expirations of donor restrictions when the donated or acquired long-lived assets are placed in service. Purchased fixed assets are carried at cost. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the assets' estimated useful lives.
- e. Cash and cash equivalents. For purposes of reporting cash flows, cash and cash equivalents include unrestricted cash on hand, unrestricted cash in banks, and unrestricted cash invested in money market funds.
- f. Tax status. The Internal Revenue Service has determined that Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc. is an exempt organization within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- g. Investments. The Organization has adopted SFAS No. 124, *Accounting for Certain Investments Held by Not-For-Profit Organizations*. Under SFAS No. 124, investments in marketable securities with readily determinable fair values and all investments in debt securities are valued at their fair values in the statement of financial position. Unrealized gains and losses are included in the change in net assets.
- h. Inventories. Inventories are stated at the lower of cost or market, determined by the FIFO method.

- i. Accounts receivable. Accounts receivable are recorded at their net realizable values. Uncollectible accounts are written off in the year they are deemed uncollectible. Total accounts receivable are shown net of an allowance for uncollectible accounts of \$32,233.34.
- j. Self-Insurance program. The Organization maintains a self-insurance program to fund a portion of certain expected losses related to group health costs. Provisions for losses expected under this program are recorded based on estimates of the aggregate liabilities for known claims and estimated claims incurred but not reported.
- k. Restricted support. The Organization reports gifts of cash and other assets as restricted support if they are received with donor stipulations that limit the use of the donated assets. When a donor restriction expires, that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished, temporarily restricted net assets are classified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions.

2. **FIXED ASSETS**

Fixed assets and accumulated depreciation at December 31, 2001 are summarized as follows:

Land	\$ 681,177.87
Land improvements	187,510.08
Buildings	3,372,548.45
Houses	144,861.00
Downlink equipment	5,863,049.88
Broadcast and office equipment	6,593,023.77
Aircraft	1,346,893.43
Vehicles	1,564,985.49
Construction in progress	<u>542,975.69</u>
<u>Total</u>	\$20,297,025.66
Accumulated depreciation	<u>8,413,470.44</u>
<u>Fixed Assets - Net</u>	<u>\$11,883,555.22</u>

Depreciation expense for the year ended December 31, 2001 was \$1,594,085.78.

3. **INVESTMENTS**

The following investments consist of money market accounts, United States government securities, mutual funds, equity securities, and real estate.

Fair values of the investments were provided by dealer or bank quotes, or appraisals. Fair values and unrealized gains (losses) are summarized as follows:

	<u>Book Value</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Gross Unrealized Gain</u>	<u>Gross Unrealized Loss</u>
Money market accounts	\$1,268,892.21	\$1,268,892.21	\$ -	\$ -
Government securities	1,150,409.40	1,184,983.55	34,687.72	113.57
Mutual funds	146,046.11	143,359.94	603.89	3,290.06
Equity securities	48,178.58	44,381.36	-	3,797.22
Real estate	<u>192,100.00</u>	<u>192,100.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$2,805,626.30</u>	<u>\$2,833,717.06</u>	<u>\$35,291.61</u>	<u>\$ 7,200.85</u>

The following schedule summarizes the investment return and its classification in the statement of activities for the year ending December 31, 2001:

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
Interest income	\$38,396.88	\$ -	\$38,396.88
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses)	<u>(2,634.73)</u>	<u>15,261.29</u>	<u>12,626.56</u>
<u>Total Investment Return</u>	<u>\$35,762.15</u>	<u>\$15,261.29</u>	<u>\$51,023.44</u>

4. LEASED PROPERTY

Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc. leases transponder services and various parcels of land for the establishment of downlink installations under operating leases expiring in various years through 2007.

Minimum future rental payments under noncancelable operating leases having remaining terms in excess of one year as of December 31, 2001 for each of the next five years and in the aggregate are:

2002	\$2,256,479.86
2003	1,761,790.26
2004	1,667,504.81
2005	1,067,646.79
2006	275,671.22
Subsequent to 2006	<u>5,476.80</u>

Total minimum future rental payments \$7,034,569.74

Rental expense for the year ended December 31, 2001 was approximately \$2,485,650.00. These costs are included in various expense categories.

5. LONG-TERM DEBT

Following is a summary of long-term debt at December 31, 2001:

Note payable to individual, due within 30 days after demand, interest at 7.0% due quarterly. Debt is relieved in the event of lender's death.	\$ 20,000.00
Note payable to individual, due within 30 days after demand, interest at 6.00% due quarterly. Debt is relieved in the event of lender's death.	100,000.00
Note payable to individual, due March 27, 2002, non-interest bearing. Debt is relieved in the event of lender's death. (See Note 16)	800,000.00
Note payable to individual, due upon demand, non-interest bearing. Debt is relieved in the event of lender's death.	20,000.00
Note payable to Community National Bank, due May 16, 2002, interest at 6.0%, collateralized by an aircraft, two aircraft engines and avionics equipment.	703,427.95

Line of credit payable to Community National Bank.  
for maximum of \$251,583.00, due in monthly installments,  
interest at 7.50%, collateralized by real estate  
and rents/leases, due November 3, 2004.

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\$1,643,427.95  
(1,643,427.95)

Less: Current maturities

Long-Term Portion of Debt

\$ -

Total interest expense for notes payable and other obligations during the year ended December 31, 2001 was \$23,752.56.

**6. TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS**

Temporarily restricted net assets are available for the following purposes or periods at December 31, 2001:

Downlink installations and equipment	\$ 122,235.04
Special projects and other	1,332,622.57
Contributions made for future periods	<u>1,337,808.67</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$2,792,666.28</u>

**7. RELEASE OF TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS**

Net assets were released from restrictions by incurring expenses satisfying the restricted purposes or by occurrence of other events specified by donors.

Purpose restrictions accomplished:

Downlink	\$ 48,822.05
Equipment	290,890.96
Other	162,824.39
Special projects	448,782.87
Transponder fees	<u>1,701,206.20</u>

Total \$2,652,526.47

**8. CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK**

Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc. maintains cash balances at several banks. Accounts at each institution are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation up to \$100,000.00. At December 31, 2001, the Organization's uninsured cash balances were approximately \$1,396,000.00. The Organization also maintains cash balances in money market funds. Such balances are not insured. At December 31, 2001, cash balances in money market funds were approximately \$109,000.00.

**9. CONTRIBUTED ASSETS**

During the year ended December 31, 2001, the Organization received donated assets valued at \$101,237.62. The assets received are recorded at fair market value and are included in contribution revenue.

**10. ADVERTISING COST**

Advertising costs are charged to operations when incurred. Advertising costs for the year ended December 31, 2001 were \$118,578.68.



**11. SPLIT INTEREST AGREEMENTS**

Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc. is the beneficiary of several irrevocable charitable remainder unitrust agreements under which the assets funding the trusts were transferred to the Organization. Under these agreements, the Organization is to pay certain amounts for specified periods of time to the donors. The assets received are recorded at fair market value in the financial statements. The liabilities under unitrust agreements are recorded at the present value of expected future cash flows to be paid to the donors. Discount rates range from 5.6% to 7.4% in calculating the present value of the liabilities under unitrust agreements. The present value calculations are based upon single or joint life expectancy as applicable.

The Organization is the beneficiary of several revocable trust agreements. Assets received under revocable trust agreements are recorded as assets and refundable advances at fair value when received. Contribution revenue for the assets received is recognized when the agreements become irrevocable or when the assets are distributed to the Organization for its unconditional use.

The Organization is the beneficiary of several charitable gift annuities under which the assets funding the agreements were transferred to the Organization. Under these agreements the Organization is to pay fixed amounts for specified periods of time to the donors. The assets received are recorded at fair market value in the financial statements. The annuity liabilities are recorded at the present value of expected future cash flows to be paid to the annuity beneficiaries. Various discount rates are used in calculating the present values of the annuity liabilities. Present value calculations on some annuities are based upon single life expectancy, while others are based upon double life expectancy.

**12. CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVABLE**

Contributions receivable represent December, 2001 contributions received in January, 2002.

**13. FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

The Organization's financial instruments, none of which are held for trading purposes, include cash, investments, accounts receivable, accounts payable and notes payable. The Organization estimates that the fair values of all financial instruments at December 31, 2001, other than investments which are recorded at fair value, do not differ materially from the aggregate carrying values of its financial instruments recorded in the accompanying statement of financial position. The estimates, however, are not necessarily indicative of the amounts that the Organization could realize in a current market exchange.

**14. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

The Organization purchases a portion of their inventory from an entity that is owned by two Board members. Purchases from this entity totaled \$75,000.00 for the year ending December 31, 2001.

**15. PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENTS**

Subsequent to the issuance of the 2000 financial statements, it was determined that \$75,879.59 of net assets previously classified as unrestricted should have been classified as temporarily restricted. As a result of this determination, a reclassification has been made for this amount as of January 1, 2001. This reclassification had no effect on net income.

Net assets at the beginning of 2001 have been adjusted to record charitable gift annuity revenue earned in prior years of \$2,419,024.21 and charitable remainder unitrust revenue earned in prior years of \$34,008.00.

The statements have also been restated to reflect a reclassification of \$14,282.00, previously reported as temporarily restricted net assets, to funds due to other ministries. The effect of this restatement was to decrease net income for 2000 by \$14,282.00.

**16. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

On June 2, 2002, the Board approved forming Angel Enterprises LLC.

On June 2, 2002, the Board approved donating real estate, with an original cost of \$54,640.00 and accumulated depreciation of \$25,650.00, to the City of West Frankfort, Illinois.

On January 2, 2002, the note payable to an individual for \$800,000.00 was forgiven and recorded as contribution revenue.

**17. SUBSEQUENT EVENT**

On August 20, 2002, the Board approved obtaining a letter of credit or bond in the amount of \$1,800,000.00.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

THREE ANGELS BROADCASTING NETWORK, INC.

SCHEDULE OF PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001

Television and Radio Broadcasting Expenses	
Advertising	\$ 118,578.68
Airtime	2,139,050.50
Broadcast services	80,797.75
Cable promotion and expense	50,268.42
Depreciation	1,594,085.78
Downlink	841,049.96
Dues	17,164.01
Equipment rental	21,195.66
Love gifts	100,737.45
Newsletter	173,655.01
Program schedules	57,969.00
Provision for bad debts	28,159.91
Registration	86,677.35
Satellite purchases	460,500.32
Special projects	796,889.10
Supplies - broadcasting	209,142.00
Telephone	199,463.44
Utilities	112,942.22
Wages	825,160.07
<b>Total Television and Radio Broadcasting Expenses</b>	<b><u>\$7,913,486.66</u></b>

See accompanying notes.

THREE ANGELS BROADCASTING NETWORK, INC.  
SCHEDULE OF SUPPORTING SERVICE EXPENSES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001

Management and General Expenses	
Auto	\$ 39,923.59
Camp meeting expense	26,816.62
Contract labor	135,826.19
Credit card fees	24,966.13
Insurance	441,645.89
Interest	23,752.56
Literature	105,779.46
Miscellaneous	59,832.49
Other	16,093.35
Penalties	6,308.11
Postage	528,478.54
Professional fees	220,564.54
Repair and maintenance - Building	60,405.58
Repair and maintenance - Equipment	88,742.10
Rental expense	10,575.77
School subsidy	24,031.19
Small tools and equipment	54,073.13
Supplies - office	126,516.25
Taxes - payroll	153,483.35
Taxes - real estate	63,046.47
Travel	501,860.99
Trust promotion and expense	94,218.92
Wages	<u>1,219,639.23</u>
<b>Total Management and General Expenses</b>	<b><u>\$4,026,680.45</u></b>

See accompanying notes.

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IC 016. US 002 005 022 023 029 037 038 050. G & S: BOOKS, MAGAZINES AND NEWSLETTERS FEATURING THE SUBJECTS OF RELIGION; HEALTH, NUTRITION, EDUCATION, FAMILY LIFE, AND SUBJECT MATTER DIRECTED TO CHILDREN AND TEENAGERS; POSTERS; FIRST USE: 19850100. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19850100
IC 038. US 100 101 104. G & S: RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING SERVICES, SATELLITE BROADCASTING SERVICES, INFORMATION SERVICES PROVIDED ON A GLOBAL COMPUTER NETWORK IN THE NATURE OF LECTURES, SERMONS, ARTICLES AND STUDY MATERIALS IN THE FIELD OF RELIGION, HEALTH, NUTRITION, EDUCATION, FAMILY LIFE, AND SUBJECT MATTER DIRECTED TO CHILDREN AND TEENS. FIRST USE: 19850100. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19850100
IC 041. US 100 101 107. G & S: Production and distribution of radio and television programming for broadcast, and audio and video programming for release on a global computer network and directly to the public. FIRST USE: 19850100. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19850100

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Design Search Code
Serial Number 78119124
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**Published for Opposition** April 29, 2003

**Registration Number** 2895078

**Registration Date** October 19, 2004

**Owner** (REGISTRANT) Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc. CORPORATION ILLINOIS P.O. Box 229 West Frankfort ILLINOIS 62896

**Attorney of Record** Donald Martin

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Word Mark THREE ANGELS BROADCASTING NETWORK  
Goods and Services IC 009. US 021 023 026 036 038. G & S: Prerecorded video cassettes and audio cassettes featuring musical performances, sermons, lectures and interviews in the fields of religion, health, education and family life; prerecorded compact disks and digital video disks featuring musical performances, sermons, lectures and interviews in the fields of religion, health, education and family life. FIRST USE: 19850100. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19850100

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Design Search Code

Serial Number 78173344

Filing Date October 11, 2002

Current Filing Basis 1A

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Published for Opposition March 2, 2004

Registration Number 2844695

Registration Date May 25, 2004

Owner (REGISTRANT) Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc. CORPORATION ILLINOIS P.O. Box 220 West Frankfort ILLINOIS 62896

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Serial Number	78173746
Filing Date	October 11, 2002
Current Filing Basis	1A
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Published for Opposition	December 30, 2003
Registration Number	2825028
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Owner	(REGISTRANT) Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc. CORPORATION ILLINOIS P.O. Box 220 West Frankfort ILLINOIS 62896
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**Design Search Code**  
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**Filing Date** October 11, 2002  
**Current Filing Basis** 1A  
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**Published for Opposition** January 27, 2004  
**Registration Number** 2834345  
**Registration Date** April 20, 2004  
**Owner** (REGISTRANT) Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc. CORPORATION ILLINOIS P.O. Box 220 West Frankfort ILLINOIS 62896  
**Attorney of Record** Donald Martin  
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Typed Drawing

**Word Mark** THREE ANGELS BROADCASTING NETWORK

**Goods and Services** IC 041. US 100 101 107. G & S: Production of radio and television programs; distribution of radio and television programs for others; programming, namely, scheduling of audio and video programs on a global computer network; television and radio programming. FIRST USE: 19850100. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19850100

**Mark Drawing Code** (1) TYPED DRAWING

**Design Search Code**

**Serial Number** 78173771

**Filing Date** October 11, 2002

**Current Filing Basis** 1A

**Original Filing Basis** 1A

**Published for Opposition** April 5, 2005

**Registration Number** 2963899

**Registration Date** June 28, 2005

**Owner** (REGISTRANT) **Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc.** CORPORATION ILLINOIS P.O. Box 220 West Frankfort ILLINOIS 62896

**Attorney of Record** Donald Martin

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**Register** PRINCIPAL

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**Word Mark**                    WORLD OF PRAISE

**Goods and Services**      (ABANDONED) IC 041. US 100 101 107. G & S: Educational and entertainment services in the nature of ongoing radio and television programs in the field of religion

   (ABANDONED) IC 016. US 002 005 022 023 029 037 038 050. G & S: Printed Matter-Namely, Newsletters, Brochures, Pamphlets, Magazines, Books, Booklets, Dealing with Religious Themes, Bible Study, Mental and Emotional Health, Nutrition, Exercise, Diet, Marriage, Family, Social Issues and the Development of Spiritual, Physical, Mental and Social Qualities

**Standard Characters Claimed**

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**Design Search Code**

**Serial Number**            78524387

**Filing Date**                November 30, 2004

**Current Filing Basis**      1B

**Original Filing Basis**     1B

**Published for Opposition**    September 6, 2005

**Owner**                      (APPLICANT) Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc. CORPORATION ILLINOIS 3391

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Charley Good Rd. West Frankfurt ILLINOIS 62896

Attorney of Record James D. Standish, Esq.

Type of Mark TRADEMARK. SERVICE MARK

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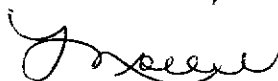
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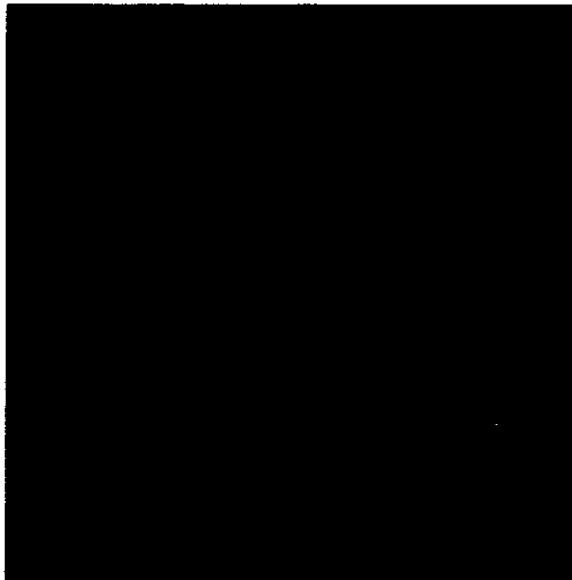
Gerald S. Duffy, Atty.  
Siegel, Brill, Greupner, Duffy & Foster, P.A.  
1300 Washington Square  
100 Washington Ave. S.  
Minneapolis, MN 55401

Dear Mr. Duffy,

As you requested, I am enclosing the post card referring churches to the [www.save3ABN.com](http://www.save3ABN.com) website. From all indications, it was mailed to all Seventh-day Adventist churches throughout the world.

Sincerely,

  
Mollie Steenson  
3ABN GM



**Please visit**

**[www.Save3ABN.com](http://www.Save3ABN.com)**

It should be pointed out that 3ABN is not currently part of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and never has been.

Thank you.

**Separation Agreement Between  
Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc.**

**and**

**Linda Shelton**

Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc. ("Three Angels") and Linda Shelton ("Mrs. Shelton"), hereby agree to the following terms and conditions:

1. Three Angels agrees to pay Linda Shelton, within seven days of the signing of this document by both parties, the sum of \$45,000. Three Angels agrees to transfer to Linda the rights, including the masters, to the five musical CD projects that she has had a primary role in (two solo projects and three duet projects with Danny and Linda) and the eight musical songs on video from the *I Think About Grace* album.
2. Three Angels agrees to pay Linda Shelton, within seven days of the signing of this agreement by both parties, a further sum of \$45,000.
3. Three Angels also agrees to pay Linda Shelton \$75,000 for each of the years 2005 and 2006. This money will be paid out in 24 equal installments (\$6,250.00) beginning the first Monday of January, 2005, and continuing to be paid on the first Monday of each month for the next 23 months, ending with the payment on the first Monday of December 2006. These payments shall continue to be made only insofar as Mrs. Shelton complies with the conditions specified below.
4. All the above payment amounts represent gross severance pay and settlement figures, and the actual amount given to Mrs. Shelton will be reduced by the amount that employers are required to withhold by law for state and federal income taxes and other mandatory withholdings.



5. Linda Shelton agrees that, in consideration for the \$90,000 which she will receive in seven days from the time that both parties sign this agreement, she will not bring any lawsuit, legal action, or other claim against Three Angels Broadcasting Network, any of its officers or directors, or any of its employees, in any court, forum, tribunal or proceeding for damages, whether compensatory or punitive, compensation, or other relief.

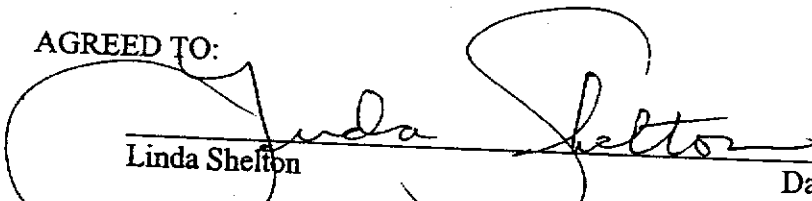
6. Linda Shelton agrees that, in consideration for the \$90,000 and for the monthly payments that will commence in January 2005, that she will not make public statements critical of Three Angels, the board of directors, or any of its officers or employees. Public statements include those made on the air, whether via radio or television, in print, whether in newspapers, magazines, books or other printed sources, or circulated on the internet in the form of e-mail or web-postings, or made at churches or other public meeting sites. She also agrees that she will not make statements in private for her friends, agents, or third parties to attribute to her in a public manner as described above. If her friends, agents or other third parties make public statements critical of Three Angels, Mrs. Shelton shall immediately, upon notification by Three Angels, cooperate with Three Angels and request in writing and by telephone, if reasonably possible, that public statements made by third parties discontinue. If she does not so cooperate, any such public statements by third parties will be considered to be those of Mrs. Shelton, will be viewed as violation of this section, and will result in the termination of the payments to her described in Section 3.

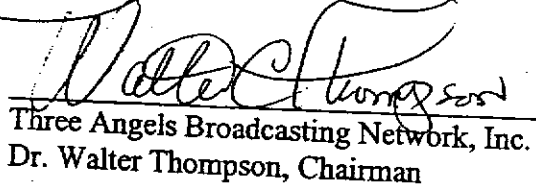
7. Any dispute that arises out of this contract or the relationship between Mrs. Shelton and Three Angels or any of its officers and directors, whether during the period of payment to Mrs. Shelton or afterwards, concerning its terms, application, or whether its standards have been met by the parties, shall be resolved through Christian arbitration, and shall not be taken up in

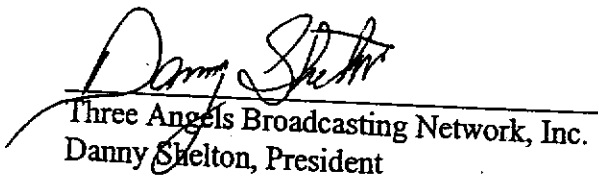
any court system, whether judicial or administrative. Both parties hereby waive any legal recourse, and agree that they will submit to binding arbitration, with no appeal, by a panel of three Seventh-day Adventist Christians. This panel will be chosen in the following manner: Each side shall choose one Adventist Elder or Pastor in the North American Division. Those two persons shall then choose one other person that they can mutually agree on to chair the panel to arbitrate the dispute. The panel will hear testimony from both sides, consider any necessary evidence, and render a written decision that will be binding on the parties, with no further appeal allowed.

8. Nothing in the above shall prevent Mrs. Shelton from seeking a fair and equitable split of her marital property, which shall not include any property owned by Three Angels Broadcasting Network, in or out of court, in any separation or divorce proceeding. Any moneys received by Mrs. Shelton under this agreement shall be considered her separate and personal property, and not marital property.

AGREED TO:

  
Linda Shelton \_\_\_\_\_ Date June 4, 2004

  
Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc. \_\_\_\_\_ Date June 9, 04  
Dr. Walter Thompson, Chairman

  
Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc. \_\_\_\_\_ Date 6-04-04  
Danny Shelton, President

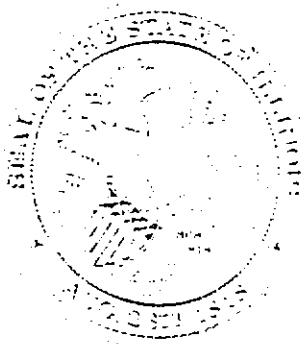


To all to whom these Presents Shall Come, Greeting:

I, Jesse White, Secretary of State of the State of Illinois, do hereby certify that

THREE ANGELS BROADCASTING NETWORK, INC., A DOMESTIC CORPORATION, INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF THIS STATE MARCH 1, 1985, APPEARS TO HAVE COMPLIED WITH ALL THE PROVISIONS OF THE GENERAL NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION ACT OF THIS STATE, AND AS OF THIS DATE, IS A DOMESTIC CORPORATION IN GOOD STANDING IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS\*\*\*\*\*

In Testimony Whereof, I hereto set my hand and cause to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Illinois, this 30TH day of JUNE A.D. 2005



Jesse White

SECRETARY OF STATE



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WEST FRANKFORT IL 62896

We have received your recent letter; and based on the information you furnished, we believe

THREE ANGELS BROADCASTING NETWORK  
of  
WEST FRANKFORT, IL

is organized and operated exclusively for religious purposes.

Consequently, sales of any kind to this organization are exempt from the Retailers' Occupation Tax, the Service Occupation Tax (both state and local), the Use Tax, and the Service Service Use Tax in Illinois.

We have issued your organization the following tax exemption identification number: E9986-9489-05. To claim the exemption, you must provide this number to your suppliers when purchasing tangible personal property for organizational use. This exemption may not be used by individual members of the organization to make purchases for their individual use.

This exemption will expire on February 1, 2011, unless you apply to the Illinois Department of Revenue for renewal at least three months prior to the expiration date.

Office of Local Government Services  
Illinois Department of Revenue

**Internal Revenue Service**

**Date:** November 16, 2005

THREE ANGELS BROADCASTING  
NETWORK INC  
P O BOX 220  
W FRANKFORT, IL 62896

**Department of the Treasury**  
**P. O. Box 2508**  
**Cincinnati, OH 45201**

**Person to Contact:**

Sally Froehle  
ID# 31-08058

**Toll Free Telephone Number:**  
8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. ET  
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Dear Sir or Madam:

This is in response to your request of October 11, 2005 regarding your tax-exempt status.

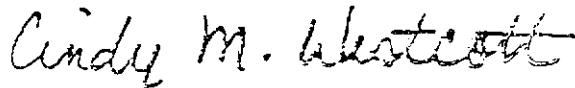
In May 1986 we issued a determination letter that recognized you as exempt from federal income tax. Our records indicate that you are currently exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Our records indicate that you are also classified as a public charity under section 509(a)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Our records indicate that contributions to you are deductible under section 170 of the Code, and that you are qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under section 2055, 2106 or 2522 of the Internal Revenue Code.

If you have any questions, please call us at the telephone number shown in the heading of this letter.

Sincerely,



Cindy Westcott  
Manager, EO Determinations

MAR 26 1985

at 2:20 o'clock P.M.  
Fee paid \$ 7.00

*Bob Keller*  
Recorder



**Whereas,** ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF  
THREE ANGELS BROADCASTING, INC.  
INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS HAVE BEEN  
FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE AS PROVIDED BY THE  
GENERAL NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION ACT OF ILLINOIS, IN FORCE  
JANUARY 1, A.D. 1944.

*Now Therefore, I, Jim Edgar, Secretary of State of the State of Illinois, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby issue this certificate and attach hereto a copy of the Application of the aforesaid corporation.*

**In Testimony Whereof,** *I hereto set my hand and cause to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Illinois,*

*at the City of Springfield, this* 1ST  
*day of* MARCH *AD. 19*<sup>85</sup> *and*  
*of the Independence of the United States*  
*the two hundred and* 9TH.



*Jim Edgar*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

85-2403

WE the incorporators declare that we have examined the foregoing Articles of Incorporation and that the statements contained therein are, to the best of our knowledge and belief, true, correct and complete. Executed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19 85.

(Signatures must be in ink. Carbon copy, xerox or rubber stamp signatures are not acceptable.)

Signatures and Names <i>(Not less than three)</i>		Post Office Address		
1. <u><i>Danny L. Shelton</i></u> Signature	<u>Danny L. Shelton</u> Name (please print)	1. <u>Rural Route #2</u> Street	<u>West Frankfort, IL 62896</u> City/Town	<u>62896</u> Zip
2. <u><i>Kenneth J. Shelton</i></u> Signature	<u>Kenneth Joel Shelton</u> Name (please print)	2. <u>Rural Route #2</u> Street	<u>West Frankfort, IL 62896</u> City/Town	<u>62896</u> Zip
3. <u><i>Linda Shelton</i></u> Signature	<u>Linda Shelton</u> Name (please print)	3. <u>Rural Route #2</u> Street	<u>West Frankfort, IL 62896</u> City/Town	<u>62896</u> Zip
4. <u><i>Emma Lou Shelton</i></u> Signature	<u>Emma Lou Shelton</u> Name (please print)	4. <u>Rural Route #2</u> Street	<u>West Frankfort, IL 62896</u> City/Town	<u>62896</u> Zip
5. _____ Signature	_____ Name (please print)	5. _____ Street	_____ City/Town	_____ Zip

The registered agent cannot be the corporation itself.

The registered agent may be an individual, resident in this State, of a domestic or foreign corporation, authorized to act as a registered agent.

The registered office may be, but need not be, the same as its principal office.

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of

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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TO: JIM EDGAR, Secretary of State

We, the Incorporators being natural persons of the age of twenty-one years or more and citizens of the United States, for the purpose of forming a corporation under the "General Not For Profit Corporation Act" of the State of Illinois, do hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

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Article 2. The name and address of the initial registered agent and registered office are:

Registered Agent Danny L. Shelton
Registered Office Rural Route #2 West Frankfort IL 62896 Franklin

Article 3. The duration of the corporation is [X] perpetual OR \_\_\_\_\_ years.

Article 4. The first Board of Directors shall be four in number, their names and addresses being as follows: (Not less than three)

Table with 5 columns: Directors' Names, Number, Street, Address City, State. Rows include Danny L. Shelton, Kenneth Joel Shelton, Linda Shelton, Emma Lou Shelton.

Article 5. The purposes for which the corporation is organized are:

See attached sheet.

Article 6. Other provisions (Please use separate page):



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The purposes for which the corporation is organized are exclusively religious, charitable or educational within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, and, in furtherance of these purposes, the corporation may:

(a) develop, plan, promote, produce and direct in cooperation with various religious organizations, all types of religious programming for electronic transmission for television and radio broadcasting throughout the world.

(b) to buy, sell, distribute and otherwise acquire or dispose of all kinds of television and radio apparatus properly incidental to or connected with the purpose of this corporation.

(c) to develop, plan, promote, produce, direct and distribute recorded music and video recorded programs to further the purposes of the corporation.

(d) own or operate facilities or own other assets for the public's welfare.

(e) solicit support for the corporation's activities from the public generally and through a board of directors.

(f) promote, by donation, loan or otherwise, the interests of any not-for-profit and federally tax-exempt organizations which are affiliated with the corporation, the purposes of which are not inconsistent with those of the corporation.

(g) own, lease or otherwise deal with all property, real and personal, to be used in furtherance of these purposes.

(h) contract with other organizations, for-profit and not-for-profit, with individuals, and with governmental agencies in furtherance of these purposes.

(i) otherwise operate exclusively for religious, charitable or educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, in the course of which operation:

(i) No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, trustees, directors, officers, or other persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth herein.

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(iii) Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of

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any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 (c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

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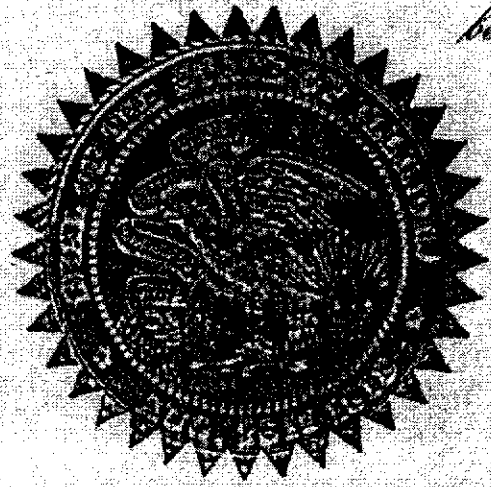
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**Whereas,** ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF  
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INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS HAVE BEEN  
FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE AS PROVIDED BY THE  
GENERAL NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION ACT OF ILLINOIS, IN FORCE  
JANUARY 1, A.D. 1944.

*Now Therefore, I, Jim Edgar, Secretary of State of the State  
of Illinois, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby  
issue this certificate and attach hereto a copy of the Application  
of the aforesaid corporation.*

**In Testimony Whereof,** I heretofore my hand and cause to  
be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Illinois,  
at the City of Springfield, this 1ST  
day of MARCH AD 1985 and  
of the Independence of the United States  
the two hundred and 9TH



*Jim Edgar*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

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First Name Middle Name Last Name

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City Zip Code County

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(Not less than three)

Directors' Names	Number	Street	Address City	State
Danny L. Shelton		Rural Route #2	West Frankfort, IL	62896
Kenneth Joel Shelton		Rural Route #2	West Frankfort, IL	62896
Linda Shelton		Rural Route #2	West Frankfort, IL	62896
Emma Lou Shelton		Rural Route #2	West Frankfort, IL	62896

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WE the incorporators declare that we have examined the foregoing Articles of Incorporation and that the statements contained therein are, to the best of our knowledge and belief, true, correct and complete. Executed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19 85.

(Signatures must be in ink. Carbon copy, xerox or rubber stamp signatures are not acceptable.)

Signatures and Names <small>(Not less than three)</small>	Post Office Address
1. <u><i>Danny L. Shelton</i></u> Signature <u>Danny L. Shelton</u> Name (please print)	1. <u>Rural Route #2</u> Street <u>West Frankfort, IL 62896</u> City/Town State Zip
2. <u><i>Kenneth J. Shelton</i></u> Signature <u>Kenneth Joel Shelton</u> Name (please print)	2. <u>Rural Route #2</u> Street <u>West Frankfort, IL 62896</u> City/Town State Zip
3. <u><i>Linda Shelton</i></u> Signature <u>Linda Shelton</u> Name (please print)	3. <u>Rural Route #2</u> Street <u>West Frankfort, IL 62896</u> City/Town State Zip
4. <u><i>Emma Lou Shelton</i></u> Signature <u>Emma Lou Shelton</u> Name (please print)	4. <u>Rural Route #2</u> Street <u>West Frankfort, IL 62896</u> City/Town State Zip
5. _____ Signature Name (please print)	5. _____ Street City/Town State Zip

The registered agent cannot be the corporation itself.

The registered agent may be an individual, resident in this State, of a domestic or foreign corporation, authorized to act as a registered agent.

The registered office may be, but need not be, the same as its principal office.

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3ABN Organizational Chart  
April 2007

Three Angels Broadcasting Network Board of Directors

President, Danny Shelton

General Manager, Mollie Steenson

Dir. of Broadcasting & Eng., Moses Primo	CFO, Larry Ewing
Dir., Trust Ser. Dept., Leonard Westphal	Dir., Russian Branch, Julia Outkina
3ABN Latino Network GM, John Dinzey	3ABN Radio Network
Mgr., 3ABN Sound Center, ET Everett	Mgr., Production Dept., CA Murray
Mgr., Pastoral Dept., John Dinzey	Mgr., Call Center, Greg Morikone
Mgr., Marketing Dept., Connie Kuehn	Mgr., Programming Dept., Tim Lass
Mgr., Publishing Dept., Michael Prewitt	Mgr., Program Develop, Shelley Quinn
Mgr., Maintenance Dept., Don Yost	Mgr., Construction Dept., Dave Turner
Supervisor, House Keeping/Receptionist, Debbie Otterson	



**3ABN BOARD MEMBERS INFORMATION LIST**

Updated 4/29/2007

**CHUNG, MAY**

San Bernardino, CA

**DENSLOW, KENNETH A.**

Westmont, IL

**FJARLI, MERLIN**

Medford, OR

**HULSEY, BILL**

Collegedale, TN

**McKEE, ELLSWORTH**

Ooltewah, TN

**PHIPPS, WINTLEY**

Vero Beach, FL

**SHELTON, DANNY**

West Frankfort, IL

**STEENSON, MOLLIE**

West Frankfort, IL

**THOMPSON, DR. WALTER**

Lake Geneva, WI

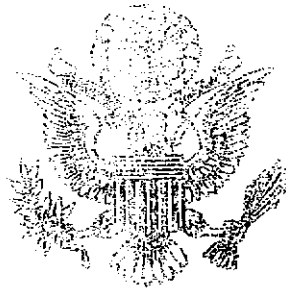
**TROY, CARMELITA**

Pacific Grove, CA

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Marion, IL

# The United States of America



## CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION

### PRINCIPAL REGISTER

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*The records of the United States Patent and Trademark Office show that an application for registration of the Mark shown in this Certificate was filed in the Office; that the application was examined and determined to be in compliance with the requirements of the law and with the regulations prescribed by the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office; and that the Applicant is entitled to registration of the Mark under the Trademark Act of 1946, as Amended.*

*A copy of the Mark and pertinent data from the application are part of this certificate.*

*To avoid CANCELLATION of the registration, the owner of the registration must submit a declaration of continued use or excusable non-use between the fifth and sixth years after the registration date. (See next page for more information.) Assuming such a declaration is properly filed, the registration will remain in force for ten (10) years, unless terminated by an order of the Commissioner for Trademarks or a federal court. (See next page for information on maintenance requirements for successive ten-year periods.)*



*John W. I. Dudas*

Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office

Int. Cls.: 9, 16, 38 and 41

Prior U.S. Cls.: 2, 5, 21, 22, 23, 26, 29, 36, 37, 38, 50,  
100, 101, 104 and 107

Reg. No. 2,895,078

United States Patent and Trademark Office

Registered Oct. 19, 2004

**TRADEMARK  
SERVICE MARK  
PRINCIPAL REGISTER**

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THREE ANGELS BROADCASTING NETWORK,  
INC. (ILLINOIS CORPORATION)  
P.O. BOX 229  
WEST FRANKFORT, IL 62896

FOR: VIDEO CASSETTES, AUDIO CASSETTES  
AND COMPACT DISKS ON WHICH ARE RECOR-  
DED VIDEO AND AUDIO PROGRAMS IN THE  
FIELDS OF RELIGION, HEALTH, NUTRITION,  
EDUCATION, FAMILY LIFE, AND PROGRAMS  
DIRECTED TO CHILDREN AND TEENAGERS. IN  
CLASS 9 (U.S. CLS. 21, 23, 26, 36 AND 38).

FIRST USE 1-0-1985; IN COMMERCE 1-0-1985.

FOR: BOOKS, MAGAZINES AND NEWSLETTERS  
FEATURING THE SUBJECTS OF RELIGION,  
HEALTH, NUTRITION, EDUCATION, FAMILY  
LIFE, AND SUBJECT MATTER DIRECTED TO  
CHILDREN AND TEENAGERS; POSTERS, IN  
CLASS 16 (U.S. CLS. 2, 5, 22, 23, 29, 37, 38 AND 50).

FIRST USE 1-0-1985; IN COMMERCE 1-0-1985.

FOR: RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCAST-  
ING SERVICES, SATELLITE BROADCASTING SER-

VICES, INFORMATION SERVICES PROVIDED ON  
A GLOBAL COMPUTER NETWORK IN THE NATURE  
OF LECTURES, SERMONS, ARTICLES AND  
STUDY MATERIALS IN THE FIELD OF RELIGION,  
HEALTH, NUTRITION, EDUCATION, FAMILY  
LIFE, AND SUBJECT MATTER DIRECTED TO  
CHILDREN AND TEENS, IN CLASS 38 (U.S. CLS.  
100, 101 AND 104).

FIRST USE 1-0-1985; IN COMMERCE 1-0-1985.

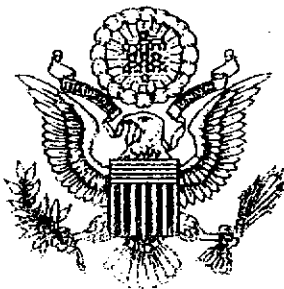
FOR: PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF  
RADIO AND TELEVISION PROGRAMMING FOR  
BROADCAST, AND AUDIO AND VIDEO PRO-  
GRAMMING FOR RELEASE ON A GLOBAL COM-  
PUTER NETWORK AND DIRECTLY TO THE  
PUBLIC, IN CLASS 41 (U.S. CLS. 100, 101 AND 107).

FIRST USE 1-0-1985; IN COMMERCE 1-0-1985.

SER. NO. 78-119,124, FILED 4-3-2002.

PAULA MAYS, EXAMINING ATTORNEY

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*Jon W. Dudas*

Acting Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office

Int. Cl.: 16

Prior U.S. Cls.: 2, 5, 22, 23, 29, 37, 38 and 50

**United States Patent and Trademark Office**

Reg. No. 2,825,028

Registered Mar. 23, 2004

**TRADEMARK  
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**THREE ANGELS BROADCASTING NETWORK**

THREE ANGELS BROADCASTING NETWORK,  
INC. (ILLINOIS CORPORATION)  
P.O. BOX 220  
WEST FRANKFORT, IL 62896

FOR: BOOKS, MAGAZINES, NEWSLETTERS,  
PAMPHLETS ALL IN THE FIELDS OF RELIGION,  
HEALTH, EDUCATION AND FAMILY LIFE; POS-  
TERS, IN CLASS 16 (U.S. CLS. 2, 5, 22, 23, 29, 37, 38  
AND 50).

FIRST USE 1-0-1985; IN COMMERCE 1-0-1985.

NO CLAIM IS MADE TO THE EXCLUSIVE  
RIGHT TO USE "BROADCASTING NETWORK",  
APART FROM THE MARK AS SHOWN.

SER. NO. 78-173,746, FILED 10-11-2002.

PRISCILLA MILTON, EXAMINING ATTORNEY

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Int. Cl.: 38

Prior U.S. Cls.: 100, 101 and 104

Reg. No. 2,834,345

**United States Patent and Trademark Office**

Registered Apr. 20, 2004

**SERVICE MARK  
PRINCIPAL REGISTER**

**THREE ANGELS BROADCASTING NETWORK**

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P.O. BOX 220  
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APART FROM THE MARK AS SHOWN.

FOR: RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCAST-  
ING SERVICES; SATELLITE BROADCASTING SER-  
VICES, IN CLASS 38 (U.S. CLS. 100, 101 AND 104).

SER. NO. 78-173,758, FILED 10-11-2002.

FIRST USE 1-0-1985; IN COMMERCE 1-0-1985.

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*Acting Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office*



Int. Cl.: 9

Prior U.S. Cls.: 21, 23, 26, 36 and 38

Reg. No. 2,844,695  
Registered May 25, 2004

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SER. NO. 78-173,344, FILED 10-11-2002.

MARTHA FROMM, EXAMINING ATTORNEY

**Int. Cl.: 41**

**Prior U.S. Cls.: 100, 101 and 107**

**United States Patent and Trademark Office**

**Reg. No. 2,963,899**

**Registered June 28, 2005**

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**SER. NO. 78-173,771, FILED 10-11-2002.**

**TARAH HARDY, EXAMINING ATTORNEY**

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This Certificate issued under the seal of the Copyright Office in accordance with title 17, United States Code, attests that registration has been made for the work identified below. The information on this certificate has been made a part of the Copyright Office records.

*Marybeth Peters*

Register of Copyrights, United States of America

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**1**

TITLE OF THIS WORK ▼

3ABN Today Live - New Year's Eve Special

PREVIOUS OR ALTERNATIVE TITLES ▼

None

NATURE OF THIS WORK ▼ See instructions

Audiovisual Work/Television Broadcast

**2**

**a** NAME OF AUTHOR ▼

Three Angels Broadcasting Network Inc

DATES OF BIRTH AND DEATH

Year Born ▼ Year Died ▼

Was this contribution to the work a work made for hire ?

Yes  
 No

AUTHOR'S NATIONALITY OR DOMICILE

OR { Citizen of USA  
Domiciled in

WAS THIS AUTHOR'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE WORK

Anonymous?  Yes  No  
Pseudonymous?  Yes  No

If the answer to either of these questions is Yes see detailed instructions

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**b** NAME OF AUTHOR ▼

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Year Born ▼ Year Died ▼

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**a** YEAR IN WHICH CREATION OF THIS WORK WAS COMPLETED

2006

**b** DATE AND NATION OF FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS PARTICULAR WORK

Month December Day 31 Year 2006

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Three Angels Broadcasting Network Inc  
PO Box 220  
West Frankfort, IL 62896

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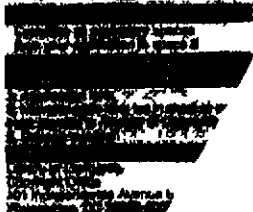
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**ADVENTIST NEWS Round up**  
**Tommy Shelton Retires from 3ABN**  
**Virginia church meets to address allegations of sexual misconduct**  
 By Edwin D. Schwisow, for ATNewsbreak (09 February 2007).  
 Facing multiple allegations of sexual misconduct, Tommy Shelton, production manager at Three Angels Broadcasting Network (3ABN) and brother of 3ABN President Danny Shelton, announced his retirement in a December 31, 2006 broadcast of 3ABN Live. Although not owned or operated by the Seventh-day Adventist Church, many of 3ABN's employees and volunteers are Adventist Church members. In a telephone interview with a representative of Adventist Today, Danny Shelton confirmed that his brother had left the employ of 3ABN for "health reasons."

**Virginia Church Allegations**  
 Tommy Shelton's retirement comes just four weeks after the Community Church of God in Dunn Loring, Virginia, held a December 3, 2006, business meeting to address accusations made by several young men that Tommy had molested them while he was pastor of the church. Following the meeting, church leaders read a carefully-worded statement, apprising the congregation of the accusations against Shelton and how they, as parishioners, should best respond. The church leaders prepared the statement under the advisement of their insurance carrier, Brotherhood Mutual, which had become involved after a young man came to the church with allegations that Tommy, during his pastorate, had molested him. The young man was a minor when he says he was abused. He is the third in recent months to come forward to Community Church of God leaders, accusing Shelton of making inappropriate sexual advances, according to Glenn Dryden, current pastor of the church.

**A History of Allegations**  
 This is not the first time Tommy has been accused of inappropriate sexual activity with underage males. During much of the 1980s, Tommy pastored the Ezra Church of God in his hometown of West Frankfort, Illinois. While there, he worked closely with a 12-grade school, whose property bordered the church. During this time, a teenage boy, who was a student

at the school, accused Tommy of soliciting him for a sexual relationship. According to Dryden, who pastored the West Frankfort church in the 1990s, three additional boys also made similar allegations, prompting civil authorities to become involved. Following a police investigation, Tommy was not charged with a crime, but the allegations were serious enough to prompt Church of God officials to intervene. In a letter dated October 25, 1985, the General Assembly of the Church of God in Illinois revoked Tommy's ordination. They listed their reasons for doing so as "improper counseling procedures," "numerous charges of misconduct," a criminal investigation into sexual abuse charges by the local police, and controversy surrounding Tommy's ministry and lifestyle. Ultimately Tommy's lack of cooperation in the disciplinary process, Dryden says, led the Church of God in Illinois to drop the Ezra Church of God from its roster of affiliated congregations.

In the early 1990s, further allegations of sexual misconduct were brought against Tommy and in 1991 Tommy resigned as pastor of the Ezra Church of God, citing health concerns.

#### Allegations at 3ABN

Shortly after Tommy resigned his post as pastor, Danny invited him to join 3ABN as production manager. During his time at 3ABN, a member of Tommy's production staff, who was in his early twenties at the time, says Tommy made a sexual advance toward him. Shortly after what he calls his "uncomfortable situation," the former employee says he confronted Danny Shelton with what had happened. In response, Danny assured the young man that he would no longer have to answer to Tommy and that 3ABN administrators would "work things out."

In late 1992, Elder Bj Christensen, then president of the Illinois Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, approached two members of Danny's family, asking them to make a statement in regard to improprieties they had observed in Tommy's behavior. Elder Christiansen transcribed the statement and brought it to the attention of the 3ABN board, on which he then sat.

At a subsequent 3ABN board meeting, Tommy was terminated as production manager. Shortly thereafter, 3ABN outfitted him with a touring bus and sent him as a 3ABN representative, giving gospel concerts and promoting 3ABN to cable companies throughout the United States.

### Connections in Virginia

During the time he was promoting 3ABN, he visited the Community Church of God in Dunn Loring. After learning that Tommy had experience with media ministry, the church offered him a position as a media consultant. Later he was hired as assistant pastor for media ministries. When the church's senior pastor left for missionary service in March 1996, Tommy was named as his replacement.

Further allegations of sexual misconduct surfaced during his tenure in Dunn Loring, and in 2000, members of Tommy's own family confronted him about what they saw as inappropriate activities between him and his adopted son. His family also shared their concerns about his relationship with an underage male from the church.

In the face of the new allegations, Tommy once again announced he was having medical problems in 2002 and resigned as pastor of the Community Church of God, moving with his wife and family to Marion, Kentucky, an hour and a half drive from 3ABN. Later that year, Tommy was hired as 3ABN tape and masters archive librarian, without the formal approval of the 3ABN board of directors, a group that had fired him just 10 years before.

### Pastor Contacts 3ABN

In the spring of 2003, Dryden, then pastor of the Ezra Church of God in West Frankfort, penned a letter outlining his concerns about Tommy Shelton. He distributed it to a handful of leaders of Church of God camp meeting associations, whom he knew, in the past, had invited Tommy to speak at their church meetings.

He later sent the letter to Dr. Walter Thompson, 3ABN board chairman, advising him that "at least six boys in our community were sexually abused" by Tommy. He told Thompson that Tommy's ordination was not in good standing with either the Church of God in Illinois or Virginia and offered to give Thompson the phone numbers of the family members of Tommy's purported victims so that 3ABN could follow up on the situation.

Thompson spoke with Dryden and then brought the letter to the attention of Danny Shelton. Danny brushed the letter off as 30-year old news, attributing it to a long-standing feud between Dryden and Tommy. After meeting with Danny, Thompson



brought the letter to the full 3ABN board at its June 2003 meeting. The board, due to its belief that the events had happened many years before; Tommy's assurance that he had attempted to make things right; and the fact that no legal action had been taken against Tommy, voted to allow Tommy's relationship with 3ABN to continue.

#### Further Allegations

In the Spring of 2004, Roger W. Clem, a 32 year-old man who had attended the Ezra Church of God during his teenage years, released a letter he had written to Tommy, accusing him of sexual abuse. In his letter, which he later posted on the Internet, Clem claims Tommy had ruined 15 years of his life. He says that he is sick of Tommy's manipulative behavior, including his claims of illness to divert attention away from allegations of sexual misconduct.

On June 4, 2004, Linda Shelton signed a Separation Agreement with 3ABN, ending her employment with the ministry. Later that year, Tommy moved into her old office at 3ABN and assumed her role as programming director. During his time at 3ABN he traveled with his brother to 3ABN gatherings around the world, many times playing the piano as Danny sang. He also began playing the piano for the Kids Time show on 3ABN.

Late in 2006, Duane Klem, Roger's brother, shared with close associates that Tommy had molested him, as well. In a statement released in January 2007, Klem accused Tommy of initiating a sexual relationship with him when he was 19, at times using 3ABN buildings for their assignations. Klem says the growing number of allegations against Tommy prompted him to come forward with his claims.

#### Adventist Investigators

Much of the pressure that Tommy Shelton now faces has come from the efforts of a small, informal network of Seventh-day Adventist individuals. Many in the group categorize themselves as conservative Adventists, a constituency 3ABN has long relied on for key support. For the past five months, this unpaid volunteer group has investigated a number of allegations against Danny Shelton and 3ABN. Some they have found to be true, while others have proved to be false. Doing their work primarily via telephone and e-mail, the group has interviewed dozens of people who have had connections with 3ABN and the Shelton family over the last 20 years.

Two members of the network—Gailon Arthur Joy, a loan officer trainer from Sterling, Massachusetts, and Bob Pickle, a webmaster and Adventist apologist from Halstad, Minnesota—have posted the findings of their investigation on the Internet. Both men espouse belief in a historical, conservative Adventist theology, including the traditional church teachings about 1844 and Ellen G. White, and say that before starting their investigation, they had positive feelings toward 3ABN and its ministry.

“3ABN was an integral part of our home TV viewing for more than a decade. My family members have contributed heavily to 3ABN (financially),” says Joy. Joy spearheaded an effort as late as May 2006 to pass out over 6,000 copies of Danny Shelton’s book *Ten Commandments Twice Removed*.

Joy and Pickle say they only began investigating when concerned Adventist friends urged them to help them verify or dismiss rumors of misconduct at the 3ABN. As they conducted their initial investigation, both men became impressed that what was happening behind the scenes at 3ABN didn’t mesh with the rosy picture they had seen on their television screens.

In late 2006, Joy, who has experience as a legal clerk, was asked by Linda Shelton to represent her as she negotiated the ground rules for an inquiry by Adventist-laymen’s Services and Industries (ASI) into the propriety of her divorce from Danny Shelton. Harold Lance, a retired attorney and former president of the self-supporting organization, Outpost Centers Incorporated, led the inquiry. In early 2007, the ASI-brokered negotiations fell apart early, due in part to the inability of the two parties to reach an understanding on the manner or scope of the inquiry. Lance, who had been asked to head up the inquiry by the ASI Executive Committee in October, summarized the dissolution of the inquiry in an e-mail statement on January 5.

“For approximately three months ASI has deeply considered its’ involvement in issues involving 3ABN in three special Executive Committee meetings called for that purpose and multiple other contacts.” Lance wrote. “It now appears that it is not appropriate for ASI to be involved.”

Joy has registered a website at [www.save3abn.com](http://www.save3abn.com) that contains documents and statements from various sources involved in the group’s investigation of Tommy Shelton. As of press time, the site had

received more than 1,900 hits.

Joy and Pickle have a growing list of e-mail contacts, many in church leadership, to whom they plan to send periodic communication, chronicling what they see as areas in which 3ABN must be held to higher accountability.

Adventist Today offered Dr. Thompson, in his capacity as 3ABN Board Chairman, an opportunity to confirm, disconfirm, or provide additional information concerning the accuracy of the parts of this report that cover areas about which he had direct, personal knowledge.

In an e-mail to the Executive Editor of Adventist Today, he stated that in view of a conversation that he had had with Danny Shelton, he would "withhold further comment at present." [To comment or inquire about this story, e-mail AToday]

#### Southern Illinois Hometown City Leaders Laud Danny Shelton's Support

By Edwin D. Schwisow, for ATNewsbreak (09 February 2007).

Danny Shelton, 3ABN president, is very willing to lend a helping hand financially to the civic needs of his boyhood town of West Frankfort, Illinois, say several prominent people there. "If our city had a meaningful project we needed to have a joint relationship financially with Three Angels, I anticipate that wouldn't be a problem," says Larry Warren, mayor of West Frankfort.

Warren goes on to describe how Shelton used 3ABN to promote the Roan Center, a home for abused women and children. On a November 24, 2006, broadcast of 3ABN Today, Shelton interviewed Sara Bond, one of the Center's founders about mission of the organization and asked his viewers to send in donations to help Bond accomplish her goals. Shelton also pledged \$5,000 from 3ABN to help Bond with her project. Bond recently thanked 3ABN in an article published in the February 1 edition of the West Frankfort Press American. In the article, she said that the broadcast had raised \$4,490 so far and that she continued to receive consistent donations from 3ABN viewers. "We have had donations from Oregon, California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee, Arizona," Bond said in the article. Franklin Community High School (FCHS) in West Frankfort has received thousands of dollars from Shelton as well according to Richard Glodich, athletic

director at the school. "Danny Shelton and 3ABN are an asset to our school. There's no doubt about it," says Glodich. "Any time we're in need of help, Mr. Shelton is always willing to help." Glodich estimates 3ABN has donated \$30,000 to the athletic department of FCHS alone during the 10 years he's been athletic director. He says that Shelton donated several thousand dollars to the school to help modernize their weight room and donated money towards athletic fields at the local junior high school. 3ABN donated close to \$10,000 in prizes for the school's Red Ribbon Week, Glodich says. He says they brought cameramen out to videotape the event so it could be publicized locally.

According to Glodich, it was a donation by 3ABN and Shelton that was the catalyst for a peer-mentoring program to begin on campus. Dubbed Alpha groups, the program enables juniors and seniors at the school to spend an hour each Thursday visiting with students in the freshman and sophomore classes, building friendships and urging them to stay clear of alcohol and drugs.

Danny Shelton is also a regular at FCHS Cardinal athletic events, especially men's' varsity basketball games Glodich says. "Oh yeah, we see him all the time, probably at least 10 times a year, he's here for games."

For many in West Frankfort, Danny Shelton is a man to admire. His philanthropy and personal "rags to riches" story of establishing 3ABN has endeared him to many admirers in the town his hometown. Interestingly many in the small city of Thompsonville have very different sentiments. Their viewpoints will be explored in an upcoming edition of Adventist Today.

Rwanda: Death of the Adventist Minister Elizaphan Ntakirutimana  
Hirondelle News Agency , Lausanne, (January 23, 2007). Arusha, Tanzania. "The Adventist Church minister, Elizaphan Ntakirutimana, released on December 7th by the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR) after he had completed his 10 year prison term, died in the night of Monday to Tuesday, an official source has reported on Tuesday. According to the ICTR's spokesperson, Everard O'Donnell, the minister passed away in a hospital of Arusha. The ICTR is waiting for 'instructions' from the deceased's family, he added. Ntakirutimana, 82, had been the first condemned of the ICTR to be liberated

at the end of his prison term. After his release, the old man, exhausted, had briefly called on the Rwandan population to 'not make false allegations against innocents, like him.'... In 1994, he was at the head of the Mugonero Adventist Church complex located in the region of Kibuye (west) which comprised a church, a hospital and a secondary school. Thousands of Tutsis died there in the month of April 1994." [More of the story].

**Adventist Surgeon Receives UN Humanitarian Award**  
 Adventist News. "Onuoha Clement, a pediatric surgeon and an elder of the Adventist church in Yaba, Lagos, Nigeria, was one of six United Nations (UN) volunteers to receive Awards of Excellence for 'their commitment as ambassadors of volunteerism for development.' The ceremony took place at Port of Spain in Trinidad and Tobago on December 20, 2006. Ad Melkert, UN undersecretary general and associate administrator of the UN Development Program, presented the awards. Clement was recognized specifically for his part in successfully organizing a Walk Against Child Hunger in Trinidad and Tobago in May 2006. Medical colleagues, Adventist Pathfinder groups, and other local community groups also participated."

#### REVIEW of the Review

Four-finned dolphin evidence of evolution? Opinion piece by Timothy G. Standish, Research Scientist, The Geoscience Research Institute, Adventist Review (14 December 2006). Citing a Fox News report of a developmentally-abnormal dolphin with "the usual two pectoral fins and two fins near its tail" as evidence for evolution, Standish asks in his brief opinion piece, "How can deformity be evidence supporting Darwinism?" He then proceeds to dismiss evolutionary theory. Of course, if he wishes to express his opinions as a believer or a church leader, he certainly may. However, with his scientific training, Dr. Standish has a responsibility to accurately represent the science. If he discusses the question of whale evolution, he should not merely cite a Fox News report, but should at least mention the mounting data published in the peer-reviewed scientific literature on the evolution and common ancestry of whales with some other land mammals, along with the healthy vibrant discussion these data generate among scientists. No, these data certainly don't constitute "evidence God did not create them [whales, etc.]" – but they just may be evidence for how!

An ecumenical moment! Imam By Dr. James Appel,

Bere Adventist Hospital, (Béré, Tchad, Africa), Adventist Review (18 January 2007). After an Adventist physician and chaplain at the 20-year old Adventist hospital in Tchad joined a local imam for prayer and offered to set up a shelter because "our Muslim brothers have no real place to pray to Allah at our hospital" the imam is on record saying, "Ever since you invited me to be present at your campmeeting and share a few words, I have felt that God is working here in Béré through the Adventist Hospital... I know it must be Allah who has inspired you to treat us this way – as brothers and fellow believers in the one true God." Imagine what could happen in Christian-Muslim relations, if the imperial kind of Christianity were replaced by the Jesus kind!

#### AWESTRUCK!

Nearly half a century ago, evolutionary biologist and anthropologist-essayist-poet, Loren Eiseley in his classic, *The Immense Journey*, wrote the following haunting description of a flight of migrating warblers he observed one evening while on a fossil collecting trip in the Dakota badlands.

"It was a late hour on a cold, wind-bitten autumn day when I climbed a great hill spined like a dinosaur's back and tried to take my bearings. The tumbled waste fell away in waves in all directions. Blue air was darkening into purple along the bases of the hills. I shifted my knapsack, heavy with the petrified bones of long-vanished creatures, and studied my compass. I wanted to be out of there by nightfall, and already the sun was going sullenly down in the west. It was then that I saw the flight coming on. It was moving like a little close-knit body of black specks that danced and darted and closed again. It was pouring from the north and heading toward me with the undeviating relentlessness of a compass needle. It streamed through the shadows rising out of monstrous gorges. It rushed over towering pinnacles in the red light of the sun, or momentarily sank from sight within their shade. Across that desert of eroding clay and wind-worn stone they came with a faint wild twittering that filled all the air about me as those tiny living bullets hurtled past into the night."

– Loren Eiseley

*The Immense Journey: An Imaginative Naturalist Explores the Mysteries of Man and Nature.*  
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**The Means and Ends of Adventist Media**

By Alexander Carpenter

The Adventist blogosphere has raised some questions about the **Danny** and **Linda Shelton** divorce and Adventist Today's coverage.

Perpetual Student points out, "Now I don't have the time or interest to figure out what really happened, but I thought the letters provided a good example of some of the pitfalls that a ministry can face if it is too tightly controlled by a dominant personanility (sic)."

Ron Corson and the rest writes: "It may be a shame that people search the AToday site for information on the 3ABN situation but that is really not the fault of AToday. To report on the situation is part of AToday's purpose in reporting news of Adventist interest and it certainly does not have lots of material on the subject."

**But let's not mix posting emails with news reporting.**

**I worry that my friends at Adventist Today are letting the wrong kind of interest drive their content. At the root, it seems, they are mixing their means and ends.**

Behind some the prurient discomfort over the Sheltons' personal lives lie serious objections to the content and management of 3ABN.

But let's stop for a second. We must pull away from the brink of employing personal relationships as substitute arguments for raising essential questions about the people who represent our faith to the world. It troubles me that some religious folks have been at the forefront of personal attacks on public figures (Bill Clinton/John McCain) - and we cannot allow dehumanizing titillation and argument by innuendo to leak into the public discourse of our faith community.

I've interviewed Linda for Spectrum and investigated the multi-million dollar waste and the bumbling right-wing coddling of 3ABN. And yes, you can buy a wedding dress or a doll by Marie Osmond from 3ABN on Ebay.

But beyond the personal, **Danny's** email retort reveals a troubling morality - essentially saying that he has many converts so shouldn't be criticized by folks with less. That hint of "ends over means" justification should make his accountant and 3ABN board sweat.

Ron gets at that when he writes: "Just claiming that **Danny Shelton** is spreading the gospel is not enough, Christian responsibility calls for accountability as well."

When a person starts defending themselves by saying: "but look at all the good I've done (Duke Cunningham/Pol Pot)," their moral jig is up.

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By Dr. Walter Thompson

It is true. We the members of the board of 3ABN are only human and it is true we are not many in number. While some might consider this a deficiency, our board is efficient, flexible and able to respond to opportunity and need-an advantage many larger boards might envy. Brother Schwisow may be correct in noting that some critics interpret our governance as compliant with Danny's heavy-handed control. So be it! In fact, any board that functions according to the dictates of its critics is already in trouble. The truth is that 3ABN and Danny have an excellent working relationship. We do not micromanage-by design. We have perceived our role as giving him room to move as the Spirit of the Lord directs-having a common understanding that with the free reign there is also responsibility for action. We are listened to and heard when we have advice and counsel, and are available to him when he has needs and concerns. It is difficult for me to conceive a better model for success than this. In addition, Danny has a number of other counselors whom he consults frequently-though unofficial, these serve much as an advisory board might serve.

The article makes note of Danny's exorbitant salary-exceeding the salaries of even the highest paid administrators of the Adventist church. In fact, we have patterned 3ABN salaries after the church with the exception we do not provide most of the benefits the Adventist church provides for its workers. Three of our board members are administrators within the organized church and can vouch for this fact. It is also a fact that many of the royalties on music and publications made by the Sheltons are donated to the ministry. During the hearings regarding taxing 3ABN properties at the State last year the prosecution pressed the defense very hard attempting to find evidence that Danny and Linda were hiding something about their income-like many other TV ministers. They found nothing; in fact, they expressed amazement with the economy with which 3ABN and its administration operate.

Finally, the last point I wish to make, and the one triggering the article: the commercial jet. My comments will be short. The board has been involved in all of the discussions and planning regarding the planes. Our discussions and decisions have been deliberate. Our board has only one objective, i.e., to be faithful to the proclamation of the Three Angels Message to the world in preparation for the return of Jesus. We believe God has called us to this ministry and is faithful to his promises to his servants. We have not made our decisions carelessly, nor without divine petition for wisdom. I believe the board would agree with me in saying that God is not generally governed by public opinion, nor is He limited in his provisions. Furthermore

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Dear Family and Friends of 3ABN,

Two years ago 3ABN was challenged by the most difficult battle the ministry has ever faced. It was a battle that threatened the very existence of the ministry and the work of preaching the end time message of the Three Angel's to the world. It is only because of the grace and power of God Almighty, and the faithful support of you, the 3ABN family that the ministry has survived to preach another day. Today, the ministry is stronger than it has ever been and its reach into the world even broader and more powerful for the cause of truth.

As is always the case when in the public eye, questions arise, stories abound, and rumors spread. We thank God that you have trusted the leadership and board of 3ABN during this time and have stayed with us in ministry. More recently some of you have heard that Danny has found one to comfort him in his loneliness and sorrow. You may have also heard rumors about an allegedly illegal divorce occurring without Biblical grounds. This letter is an attempt to fill you in with the facts.

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By Alexander Carpenter

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**I worry that my friends at Adventist Today are letting the wrong kind of interest drive their content. At the root, it seems, they are mixing their means and ends.**

Behind some the prurient discomfort over the Sheltons' personal lives lie serious objections to the content and management of 3ABN.

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**Posted by: Gary | 05 January 2007 at 22:17**



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By Edwin A. Schwisow

In a move that consolidates Danny Shelton, president, ever more firmly at the helm of the troubled Three Angels Broadcasting (3ABN) satellite network, the 3ABN board in June voted to dismiss Shelton's now-ex-wife, Linda, from her position as vice president and on-air hostess.

The dismissal came just days before the couple's divorce became final in late June; an uncontested divorce filed in Guam by Danny Shelton, naming Linda as respondent, according to divorce papers obtained by Adventist Today, Linda's dismissal in June was followed immediately by an official release by 3ABN's board chairman, Walter Thompson, to the effect that Linda Shelton had chosen to go a 'different direction' from her husband and 3ABN. The release also said that the decision to terminate had come after considerable study and with the assistance of counselors and face-to-face dialog among the parties.

Concurrent with the announcement, staff removed all photographs and references to Linda Shelton from 3ABN's Web site and struck all programs on which she appears from the station's play lists.

Meanwhile, sources close to Linda Shelton characterize her removal as a coup-in-the-works for several months leading up to the June announcement. They acknowledge that in months leading up to her dismissal, she had been heavily involved in the rehabilitation of her adult son, Nathan (by a previous marriage), who reportedly had developed serious drug- and alcohol-dependency problems.

The therapy routine, administered by a Norwegian Seventh-day Adventist physician and financial supporter of 3ABN, reportedly achieved outstanding early results. According to Linda Shelton, in a release posted July 11 on her Web site, rumors that she had engaged in inappropriately intimate activities with her son's therapist began to circulate at 3ABN, leading in large part to her ouster. She vigorously and consistently denies any improper behavior or relationship with the doctor.

At approximately the same time, Johann Thorvaldson, director of 3ABN development in Europe, was removed from his post and has become an advocate for Linda Shelton. Citing provisions of her agreement with 3ABN, Shelton herself so far has refused to speak with reporters regarding her dismissal or future plans. However, at least two releases written in her name (one on e-mail, the other on her Web site) specifically deny that she committed adultery and attribute her fall to the proliferation of false information about her.

Sources close to Linda Shelton cite the 3ABN allegation of 'spiritual adultery' as a factor in her dismissal, a phrase invoked among conservative Christians but not readily definable elsewhere. It appears to mean that the person so accused became overly friendly with, or bonded to, a person other than a spouse. Meanwhile, Danny Shelton's daughter by a previous marriage, Melody, has begun to appear regularly on the air as a co-host with her father.

Linda Shelton's dismissal took viewers across the nation by complete surprise, though careful observers had begun to pick up on-the-air cues more than a year ago that all was not well between Danny and Linda. Danny Shelton has acknowledged to viewers that the couple was undergoing marriage counseling in months leading up to their sudden divorce.

The Linda-and-Danny team had appeared together for nearly 20 years on 3ABN programs, portraying the kind of down-home, simple, Bible-based, devout Christian living they urged their viewers to adopt. That such an apparently devoted Christian couple could divorce so precipitously, amid such allegations of scandal, shocked the 3ABN world.

At least one affiliate manager interviewed by Adventist Today off the record believes that Linda Shelton's removal could benefit 3ABN ministry long-term. This source indicates that 3ABN has been undergoing troubled times, including a historic loss of revenue income in 2003, and that a shake-up at this time could be a new beginning for the maturing ministry. In a mass mailing to all financial supporters, 3ABN has also reflected the view that Linda Shelton's termination represents a time of opportunity.

Meanwhile, the emergence of a brand new 'Hope' satellite network, sponsored by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, is attracting a great deal of interest across the nation, leading at least one influential Northwestern broadcaster, Blue Mountain Television, to sever ties with 3ABN as of Sept. 30. Other non-3ABN-owned stations may follow that lead in months to come, with unwelcome implications for 3ABN's



bottom line.

All told, it appears likely that the internal disruption caused by the couple's breakup and the loss of 3ABN's monopoly as the sole source of satellite-driven programming for Adventist-oriented stations will combine to produce a less-than-banner year for 3ABN in 2004.

Oddly enough, Shelton herself sees a beneficial outcome, personally, from her termination. Noting on her new Web site that she had become institutionally sheltered by her many years of work at 3ABN, she says she welcomes the opportunity to get out on her own once again, mixing it up in the real world. She continues to portray herself as supportive of 3ABN's grand vision but conveys a sense of relief at severing ties.

Sources close to Linda Shelton indicate that she is now living near 3ABN headquarters in Illinois, in a modest dwelling, and that income sources include royalties from the sale of music she has written and performed and monthly termination payments. They also say that she has agreed not to comment publicly in ways that could be construed as attacks on her former husband and ministry.

She has also reportedly asked her friends to forswear any such attacks or attempts to vindicate her, though some are now speaking out.

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# Three Angels Broadcasting Responds to Schwisow

By Walter Thompson

The story by Edwin Schwisow regarding Linda Shelton's recent termination from Three Angels Broadcasting contains a number of basic factual inaccuracies. Even more troubling, given that Adventist Today holds itself out as a Christian, Adventist publication, is the highly misleading slant the article gives to the events by its reliance on "reports" and "sources" from only one side of the matter. It seems that no one currently from Three Angels was spoken to regarding the claims of this story prior to its being sent to the printer.

As chairman of the board, I was involved with this matter early on, and led the independent fact-finding committee that investigated it. We sought intensely for reconciliation, but ultimately we were forced to recommend the termination of Mrs. Shelton from Three Angels. I list below the most troubling aspects of Mr. Schwisow's story.

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The story of Danny and Linda's separation and divorce is a deeply personal, very sad event that has caused deep pain to all involved. To characterize the event as a "move that consolidates Danny Shelton at Three Angels helm" and as a sort of "coup", as the article claims, is untrue and even offensive to those of us involved in the decision. For the president of a religious ministry to engineer or pursue a divorce to enhance his standing or position at the ministry would be very foolish. Such an extraordinary claim would require extraordinary evidence to support it. Your author has not even ordinary evidence to support it, but is merely engaged in a cynical kind of speculation.

Danny is still the president of Three Angels, and has the full confidence of the board. But these events have caused Three Angels leadership to recognize that Danny needs greater assistance and support in carrying out that role, and the board chairman and others have become more involved in oversight activities. One example is a recently appointed manager of operations to assist Danny in his responsibilities.

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Mr. Schwisow's attempts to support his "theory" of the meaning of the events at Three Angels by a number of references to claims made by "sources close to Linda Shelton". While he would no doubt deny that he is according these claims the status of "facts", he uses them as though they were. To print and repeat allegations from one side of the story, without acknowledging the views and claims presented by the other side, is to accord the former an unchallenged and privileged status usually accorded only to verified facts.

Anyone who considers the recent events at Three Angels as a "coup" or a "coup-in-the-works" is sadly misinformed and ignorant of the multiple efforts made over several months by Christian leaders to bring reconciliation to both Danny and Linda and to Linda and Three Angels. The list includes Danny and Linda's local pastor; meetings with professional Christian counselors; meetings with myself as board chairman; a review of the facts and further meetings and attempts at reconciliation by an investigative committee made up of Bill Hulse, an Adventist layman and mayor of Collegedale; Dr. Kay Kuzma, Adventist family expert and author; Nicholas Miller, an Adventist attorney from a national law firm; and myself. Only after multiple efforts by these persons to achieve reconciliation failed was the matter reluctantly taken to the board for final resolution. This sequence of events is no secret. Three Angels described these efforts to its supporters in a letter sent out earlier last summer. Since then, Pastor Mark Finley has made further attempts at reconciliation, all to no avail.

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Likewise, the printing of claims regarding Linda's relationship with the Norwegian physician to be solely about her son's treatment is to promote a story which the facts do not support. Without going into detail, we have solid evidence that, prior to her divorce and termination, Linda spent considerable time with this physician, both on the telephone and in person, in a manner inappropriate for a leader of a Christian ministry, or for any married woman for that matter. These contacts, inappropriate in their length, subject matter, and subterfuge, continued despite requests by both Danny and other Three Angels leadership that they cease. It is also clear, even by Linda's own admission, that the vast majority of these interactions had nothing to do with medical treatments for her son. In the short time since her divorce, Linda has traveled to Europe twice for nearly five weeks to spend time with this physician. These recent trips, which were taken without her son, have caused many of Linda's formerly die-hard supporters to recognize the truth of the matter of Linda's inappropriate relationship, and to cease their efforts in defending her.

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The claim that Melody Shelton has begun to regularly appear as co-host is untrue. Melody sings from time to time on Three Angels, but has never co-hosted a program, and tries to avoid public speaking. The truth is that a variety of people have been assisting Danny with hosting responsibilities, and even hosting programs on their own. Of necessity, others are playing roles that Linda has played at Three Angels, but no one has "replaced" Linda. It is doubtful in my opinion that anyone ever will or can replace her unique combination of gifts.

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Mr. Schwisow cannot seem to decide if the Shelton's unfortunate split is an effort calculated to revive a flagging ministry, as he suggests in paragraph 11, or a grave disruption that will harm Three Angels' prospects over the coming year, as in paragraph 12. Fortunately, neither theory or projection is true. These unfortunate events, which have been strongly resisted rather than cultivated, have caused both the leadership and supporters of Three Angels to draw together in prayer and support for the ministry. We have chosen to view these events with the eye of faith, looking for the opportunity the Lord always brings at a time of crisis. Due to this, Three Angels has significantly expanded, nearly doubled, its potential viewers, and financial support is well ahead of where it was last year at this time. Your author's prediction of a "less-than-banner-year", whether he meant number of viewers or financial support, is not supported by the facts.

In my view, this article is far from being simple news story that recites the facts in a fair and balanced fashion. Rather, it is a story with an agenda. I am not opposed to a story with an agenda, when it is not presented as a news story, when there has been a careful review of both sides of the matter, and where the author is quite certain of his or her facts. Such is not the case here. Rather, a few facts have been mixed in with a number of allegations from one side of the story, and then it has been stirred together with an anti-Danny Shelton, anti-Three Angels slant.

I am in favor of a church of greater openness. Events, good and bad, at times need to be aired and reported on. But it is an axiom of Christian charity that we should seek to put the most reasonably positive construction on events rather than the most negative. Mr. Schwisow's story fails on this most fundamental and elemental of tests. We hope that Adventist Today will hold future stories regarding Three Angels and other Christian ministries and leaders to a higher standard.

Walter Thompson, M.D., Chairman of the Board

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**Personal Lives and The Three Angels Broadcasting Network (3ABN):  
Statements by Adventist Today Editors, Dr. Arild Abrahamsen, Dr. Walter  
Thompson (Chair, 3ABN Board of Directors), and Mr. Danny Shelton**

***Statement by Adventist Today Editors***

***The Three Angeles Broadcasting Network (3ABN) has become a major force in the Seventh-day Adventist Church even though it has no formal ties with the denomination. Its twelve million dollar plus annual budget comes largely from Adventist donors. Many conservative ministries find the access to Adventist donors provided through programming on 3ABN indispensable for their continued prosperity.***

Key to the success of 3ABN has been the drive, vision and skills of Danny and Linda Shelton. They have become Adventist celebrities, and their audience is hungry for information about their personal lives.

The Shelton's divorce, Linda's removal from the ministry, and Danny's subsequent remarriage have been the topic of intense and prolonged controversy among Adventists. The number one reason people have visited the Adventist Today website in recent months is their quest for more information about Danny and Linda Shelton.

One does not build a ministry like 3ABN without a bold, entrepreneurial spirit. Both Danny and Linda are forceful personalities. This kind of forcefulness in religious personalities usually leads to controversy. It is often associated with accusations of sexual behavior inconsistent with Christian ideals. It is important to remember that accusations are not proof of guilt. Neither are protestations of innocence proof of fidelity.

Linda has been accused of having an improper relationship with a physician friend from Norway. This has been strenuously denied by Linda and by the doctor. (See his statement below.) Recently, Danny has been accused of improper sexual advances by a young woman in the 3ABN orbit, an accusation Danny denies.

Adventist Today does not have the resources to hire a full-time investigative reporter to follow all of these allegations. What we can offer is a platform where the principals can speak directly to the issues themselves.

Below is a letter from Dr. Arild Abrahamsen, the physician accused of improper conduct with Linda. It has been widely circulated on the internet. We have asked Dr. Walter Thompson, chairman of the board of 3ABN, to respond. His reply, unedited, follows Dr. Abrahamsen's letter.

We have also asked Danny Shelton to respond. His letter, again unedited, follows Dr. Thompson's letter.

Adventist Today makes no claims regarding the facts asserted in any of these letters. We invite all readers to maintain a gentle skepticism about all of the claims and counterclaims. We all see the world and reality

through lenses shaped by our own histories, experiences and character. We all want to be right. But God is the ultimate judge.

### **Statement of Dr. Arild Abrahamsen Concerning Mr. Danny Shelton and 3ABN**

My name is Dr. Arild Abrahamsen. I live in Svindal, Norway. I have been a medical doctor for more than 35 years. I am a member of the Moss SDA Church. I've been the Sabbath School Superintendent for 14 years and the head elder for 4 years, which position I am presently serving. I am the Norwegian doctor who has been slandered by Dr. Walt Thompson, chairman of the board of 3ABN, Danny Shelton, John Lomacang and others.

Since I have observed the situation and the slander only getting worse, I feel it best to share my experience. I share my personal experience, what I have seen and heard. Much of this information has been verified by other sources, which include emails, letters and the personal experiences of others. I share my experience not to attack any individual or organization, but to bring the truth of this situation to the surface.

I have been shocked to observe the events of the last two years. I have made no public statement until now. I had hoped things would resolve themselves.

I visited Johann and Irmgard Thorvaldsson at 3ABN the last week of 2003. The purpose of the trip was to see them and visit the ministry, which I personally had been supporting for some time. I had never been to 3ABN previously, nor had I met the Shelton's. During this visit I discovered from the Thorvaldsson's that Linda Shelton's son, Nathan, was in a dangerous state of health because of an addiction to drugs and working in coalmines. I offered to see him. This visit resulted in an invitation for Nathan to come to Norway for treatments. Nathan came to Norway around January 20, 2004 along with his friend, Dava Vice. Linda came for a 3-½ day visit to support her son, the first week of February together with Brenda Walsh. This was the last time I saw Linda until the weekend she was fired.

I had a chance to visit with Nathan regularly. I learned from my conversations with Nathan that the roots of his drug problems were the relationships with his father and stepfather. Specifically he told me that Danny had turned his back on him. I shared this information with his mother on the phone. She told me that Danny said he had no responsibility towards Nathan since he was a product of her first marriage, so she felt she had to do what she could to help her son. There was nothing unusual in the occasional phone reports I gave Nathan's mother while he was in Norway. After Nathan returned home, I asked Linda to keep me updated on Nathan's progress.

I was shocked to discover in early March of 2004 that Danny was threatening to get Linda fired from 3ABN because of some conversations on the phone. In fact, she was threatened immediately with divorce. By this time Nathan had started with drugs again and Linda was seeking advice. I was also shocked to discover that Brenda had started circulating untrue statements as well. (Was it because Danny had admitted to some emotional involvement with Brenda?) I talked to Danny one time on the phone and found him to be unreasonable, unbalanced and very difficult to communicate with. Johann Thorvaldsson, a retired pastor of the SDA Church of 50 years, also was in communication with Danny, both by phone and email. We talked together and shared the same opinion that Danny was acting completely irrational and unreasonable towards

his wife. It appeared he was attempting to leave an email trail filled with untruths to verify a position at a later time. The decision was made to stop the communication by phone with Linda.

Some weeks went by. Johann and Irmgard were getting treatments at my clinic and staying in my home during the Easter week in April, so I discovered from them that the situation was not improving for Linda. She was being harassed, threatened, and unreasonable demands by her husband were repeatedly being made to confess things she had not done. By this time, she was also suspended from her job at 3ABN, an order that was issued and enforced by her husband with no Board action. Things were so bad in the home that she found it necessary to go to her daughter's home in Springfield, Illinois for safety and rest on several occasions. Derrell Mundall, who was traveling often for 3ABN, reports rumors of Linda's so-called "affair" were in SDA churches in April 2004, when Linda was still living with Danny. When he inquired about the source of the rumors, people always pointed to Danny Shelton.

I could see from my 35 years of experience as a physician that Danny was a psychopath. Accusations were directed at me that I had done "mind control" over Linda. (Walt Thompson made the same accusations in his letters.) Linda was accused of sending "secret messages" to me over the television. Danny's emails and communications with Johann were completely crazy, and his reasoning often conflicted with his previous emails. Danny targeted Linda's few inner circle confidants and slandered her to the point that even they backed away from her at this critical time. (Linda's "friends" did not want to lose their television privileges.) Johann and I concluded this was a man who was determined to get rid of his wife. We also concluded that Linda was in danger.

Things eventually progressed from emotional and mental abuse to physical abuse. In the midst of all this harassment Linda asked Danny, 'Why are you treating me like this?' He answered, 'Because I want you to get out.'

Considering the urgency of the situation I allowed the conversations to resume. Linda knew, with her high profile status, that confiding with local people regarding these issues would be very bad for the ministry. I had given counsel to people in difficulty in the past and felt I could be helpful from a distance in this situation. I encouraged Linda to fight for her marriage and ministry many times. This she really did, but she often had to leave her home to find refuge at her daughter's apartment in Springfield, even in the middle of the night because of Danny's behavior. At times like these she was afraid of him. She always returned to her home after a couple of days seeking to try to mend the marriage, but Danny would not allow this.

During the spring of 2004 Danny called my pastor in Norway. Danny tried to get me kicked out as an elder and as a member of the church. My pastor told me about the conversation and he said, "He is mentally sick, he needs professional help."

I find it very disturbing that Walt Thompson defended and continues to defend Danny although he was a witness repeatedly to the emotional and mental abuse that was taking place. At one point he witnessed Danny "trashing" his wife for five hours. I also find it disturbing that John Lomacang, Linda's former pastor, claims to have counseled extensively with Danny and Linda when this was far from the truth. During the months of April and May of 2004, when most of the activity was occurring in this situation, Linda NEVER saw



John, who was supposed to be her pastor.

Coincidentally the handful of people supporting Danny and defending his actions has gained either power, position, airtime, homes, public endorsement or all of the above.

At one point I had a conversation with Walt Thompson, Chairman of the Board of 3ABN. He asked me to stop all communication with Linda. This had also been communicated to Johann and Irmgard Thorvaldsson and others. I told him that it was obviously Danny's plan to isolate Linda from everyone at a time when she needed help. To me it was the Christian thing to answer her phone calls and the only humane thing to do for someone who was in crisis.

Others did not come to Linda's aid because they did not want to lose whatever benefit they gained from 3ABN, whether it be a job, programming, promotions, etc. Walt was also the one who phoned Linda when she was suspended from the ministry by her husband. He instructed her that she must not come to the ministry (which she co-founded) without calling ahead of time because she must be supervised when at 3ABN. Danny broke into a locked bathroom to forcefully take her keys to 3ABN from her. Her hard drive of her computer was confiscated, her contact information taken and even her filing cabinets ravaged, all without any kind of Board action.

Linda was living in an impossible situation. Danny was "in her face" on a regular basis. At times he would say, "If you don't say you're a pathological liar, the marriage and 3ABN is over. If you don't say you're an adulterous woman the marriage and 3ABN is over for you. If you don't say you've given your heart to another man and that he is a demon, the marriage and 3ABN is over..... etc." It even reached the point when he demanded her to say "Repeat after me." Johann and I received a couple [of] emails, which said they were from Linda, but they were written by Danny. Linda saw her ministry being destroyed one day at a time. All of this was dehumanizing and terrifying to Linda, who was trying to hold things together. She very much realized what was at stake.

An "investigative committee" was put together by Walt Thompson to look into this situation. They were Walt Thompson, Bill Hulsey, Nick Miller and Kay Kuzma. Danny talked privately at length with each of these people. Linda did not. The committee as a whole never met with Linda at all. In one brief phone conversation with Kay Kuzma she told Linda, "The Board is not interested in you and Danny's personal problems. It is only interested in the fact that the President no longer wants his Vice-President."

Johann Thorvaldsson testifies that he spoke with Kay the following day. She told him she was instructed to get Linda used to the idea of not being at 3ABN anymore and to try to get her involved in another ministry.

It's interesting that at the time Danny accused Linda for speaking on the phone to me, that he was in the practice of speaking regularly with Brenda, Linda's "friend." He also visited often with her in her 3ABN apartment in the night. A worker at 3ABN states that Brenda even went golfing with Danny behind Linda's back while she was working. As soon as Brenda saw where the tide was turning, she was no longer Linda's friend. She became an accuser as well.

About May 1, 2004 instructions were given to the production staff to wipe Linda's face off of the network by

June 1, again with no Board action. All CD's, videos, literature and photos of Linda were stripped out of the Call Center. She was sent a document a few days later specifying that she was advised to get 30 days of counseling by counselors of "their" choice. If she did not agree to this in writing within 24 hours, her employment could be gone. She requested time for an attorney to look at the document. This was refused. Mail was flooding into the network with Linda's name on it. They were all returned to sender. Her scheduled speaking appointments for women's ministries were sabotaged by those in leadership at 3ABN. Danny told those who worked for Linda that she was a pathological liar and to stay away from her. (He did not want them to hear the other side of the story.) At one point Linda told Walt that Dan was purposefully ruining her reputation and that she was not willing to be a martyr for 3ABN. Walt's response was "How else are we going to save the ministry?"

Rumors of Linda's so-called "affair" were flying throughout the churches and the General Conference in May of 2004, rumors which were begun by her husband. It was communicated to me that Linda was going to be fired at the Board meeting, which would occur in May, following the 3ABN camp meeting.

Johann and I decided to go to the camp meeting and talk to the Board members and tell them the truth about the situation. When we walked into the 3ABN building we were surrounded by about 10 people. One person stood directly behind me for the entire service. Walt Thompson and Nick Miller (3ABN's attorney) asked us to leave. We stayed until nearly the end of the service. (At this camp meeting an announcement was made regarding Linda. There were tearful appeals by Danny, which raised a record-breaking amount of money for 3ABN. Danny also claims that an additional two million dollars was raised the year of their divorce.) When Johann and I went to the door, once again we were followed by a small crowd of people. I spoke to Mark Finley about the situation at length in the parking lot. John Lomacang tried to stop the conversation. He said 'It is not good for you to talk to him alone.' What was he afraid of? He was standing with me when Danny drove up and said that if I returned to camp meeting I would be arrested and thrown in jail. He had already talked to the Sheriff. I decided to not return, as it was Mark Finley's suggestion to avoid the possibility of disrupting the camp meeting for all of the people attending. Linda was staying in her daughter's apartment in Springfield, so we drove there on Saturday to stay in a hotel for the weekend. During this weekend we were followed by three private investigators all the time. What kind of actions was that, for a man that REALLY wanted to save his marriage?

It is my understanding that a one-sided conversation was illegally taped by Danny towards the end of May. With a mind set on framing his wife, her words have been misconstrued into saying what he wants people to think. She mentions a trip to Las Vegas. He explains to all that she is planning a rendezvous with "the doctor." In reality for weeks he has offered Linda larger and larger sums of money for her to go to Las Vegas and stay with her mother for six weeks to acquire residency, a requirement for couples that want a quick divorce. For weeks she refused. SHE NEVER WANTED A DIVORCE.

The events of the previous months eventually bring her to the place where she thinks this is maybe what she should do. She knew a separation was necessary. Danny takes her words from the phone call and adds his insinuations. He makes photo copies of her one sided conversation and distributes it. This is his main source of "proof" for his actions and re-marriage. They call it circumstantial evidence." To further cover their tracks Linda's accusers say that for her sake they don't want to tell "all she has done." They say this so people will

accept their statements and imagine the worst. This is slander of the worst kind all coming from professed Christians.

Johann says he was fired from 3ABN for refusing to attest to something false Danny wanted him to put in writing about Linda. Derrell Mundall, Danny's ex-son-in-law, says he was given the option to resign or be fired because of his actions defending Linda. Others quit their jobs because they could not support the actions of the leaders. There is one thing many of these people have in common. Anyone who disagrees with Danny is slandered and discredited.

It's interesting that Danny's daughter recently was found to be pregnant out of wedlock. A quick wedding followed when Derrell, (her ex-husband & father of their four children), claims she had no grounds for re-marriage. It's also interesting that nobody asked Derrell about the issue of grounds at all when he was still a resident in Thompsonville. Also another married Shelton family member had a romantic encounter recently with a married employee of 3ABN. They were instructed to keep it quiet. They did. They all still work at 3ABN, and Melody is featured on the network. Is 3ABN all about standing for principle and values, or standing for those who happen to be in good graces with the President and the Shelton family?

Another question that seems to be in the minds of many is "Why was Linda given \$240,000 when all claim she was fired for a wrongdoing?" The only reason Linda signed this 3ABN contract was because she needed money to escape from a very irregular, abusive and impossible situation. Danny forced her to sign not only this contract, but another contract which sold him her half of their joint-owned home the same day.

Linda has suffered much emotional trauma and humiliation from all of this. She still has nightmares about these events. She did not feel ready to face the people of the SDA church for six months after all of this occurred. I encouraged her to begin again. She went for the first time around the end of November of 2004 in Springfield. The people welcomed her. She requested her membership to be transferred out of the Thompsonville church into the Springfield church in December of 2004. The Springfield pastor had previously worked at 3ABN and knew Linda. He did not believe the rumors and encouraged the church to put her to work. It was a healing time for her to teach Sabbath School and occasionally preach.

In June of 2005 things changed. Pastor Grady was transferred out of the Springfield church, although he wanted to stay, and a pastor from 3ABN was moved into the church. Within two weeks John Stanton met with Linda and told her she would be doing nothing on the platform. She told him that the church really needed the help and she hoped that if she was asked once in two months to teach a Sabbath School class that she would be able to do this. He told her that the orders had come from the conference level. (The Illinois conference President sits on 3ABN's Board and his parents work for 3ABN.) During our visit to the General Conference Session Johann and I visited with this pastor. He told us he thought Linda was a liar. I TOLD HIM THAT LINDA HAD NEVER BEEN UNFAITHFUL TO HER HUSBAND and that all the rumors from her husband were lies. But this man had TV interests to pursue and he was in close connection with Danny and John Lomacang.

The last week of October 2005, a letter came to Linda from John Lomacang, the pastor of the Thompsonville (3ABN) church. It stated that the church board had voted "to call a church business session to recommend to

the church that you be placed under censure." Linda called John to ask him why.

He said it was because she had abandoned her marriage and ministry, which led to her divorce. (This is what Danny refers to as "grounds" to re-marry.) Linda planned to address the church business meeting. She wrote to Danny requesting a release from the restrictions of the contract she signed so she could openly share her side of the story. Danny denied this request. Because of this she felt forced to drop her membership there and then join another SDA church. This decision was made after much counsel with several SDA's. It's interesting that this recommendation for censure came almost 18 months after the fact. (Which kind of practice is this? Special for USA?) It's also interesting that all of this occurred while Danny was trying to gather evidence against Linda so he could re-marry.

Danny Shelton and the leadership of 3ABN are responsible for using the ministry of 3ABN to bring character assassination to Linda and others. In Linda's case, television and radio announcements were made denouncing her character. There was an announcement on the front page of 3ABN's website for many months. About 180,000 letters about Linda were sent to the mailing list at 3ABN. Videos about her were made and distributed. Magazine articles were written and submitted. Mailings were made to church officials. Many calls were taken at 3ABN where slanderous remarks about Linda were given over the phone. Many letters containing completely false statements were sent to many individuals. Danny even made his personal email address available over 3ABN so people could write to him and obtain his side of the story. They did a thorough job of character assassination. Now two years later the "trashing" continues. It is inexcusable, especially for a proclaimed Christian ministry.

In conclusion I want to clearly state that I have not committed adultery (emotional, physical, "spiritual"), and neither has Linda. The conversations we had were not unusual or inappropriate. Linda is the victim of domestic violence, only this has resulted in worldwide effects for our Church.

Linda has sought for help at the General Conference level. She has sought the aid of pastors. No one has an answer. She has tried repeatedly to meet with a committee from the Board of 3ABN. This request has not been granted. Still the bulk emails and letters flow from 3ABN slandering the innocent. This has been the most ungodly situation I have observed in my entire life.

Any who find themselves not in good graces with Danny Shelton will find that their name is discredited and slandered in an attempt to destroy their influence. Linda has suffered the most with the loss of her job, her influence and reputation. But many others, including myself, have felt the heat coming from what is supposed to be a ministry representing Jesus Christ. This is an outrage. This is unacceptable. Accountability of leaders is a must. (Can bad fruits come from good trees?) As Christians, it is our duty to demand accountability and a high standard from leaders. I

hope this testimony will fulfill the mission intended.

Respectfully,

Dr. Arild Abrahamsen

**Statement of Dr. Walter Thompson, Chairman, 3ABN Board of Directors**

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the article in Adventist Today that you are calling "Personal Lives and Three Angels Broadcasting Network (3ABN)."

I have carefully reviewed the article and have the following comments:

The Three ABN Board of Directors, a board that consists of dedicated business men, church leaders, and other dedicated laymen, have carefully and thoroughly studied the situations leading up to the dismissal of Linda Shelton from the ministry as well as the evidence indicating Danny's legal and moral rights to remarry. All decisions and actions taken have been by unanimous agreement based upon defensible evidence.

We live in a world dying without hope and are committed to doing our part in giving only that hope that may be found in the everlasting Good News of Jesus Christ and His soon return.

Walter Thompson MD

Chairman, 3ABN Board of Directors

**Statement of Mr. Danny Shelton**

Dear Editor:

This is my response to your offer to publish my unedited version of my reaction to the Adventist Today article.

I think it is a shame that the number reason people contact Adventist Today is to hear about Danny and Linda Shelton. I wish Adventist Today was spending as much time telling people about Jesus as they are exposing unsupported rhetoric about Danny and Linda. If that were the case, I suspect you would have conversion stories to share instead of unsubstantiated comments by those who are attempting to bring disgrace to the cause of God. I haven't heard of one conversion story from Adventist Today's printing all this "gossip" about us. I hear conversion stories almost daily at 3ABN because the focus of 3ABN is to take the Three Angel's messages into all the world.

I believe that we all need to concentrate on truth rather than to sort through all the testimonials and try to pick a side to support. As Christians we should all be on Jesus's side, and he says take the gospel into all the world. He does not say to take GOSSIP into all the world.

You mentioned that you do not have the ability to do "investigative reporting" in your search for truth, so in exchange, you are publishing the comments of the parties involved in the conflict which may or may not reflect truth. I might ask, how does this help to discover the truth of the matter or enhance the cause we all profess to want to serve-and which Adventist Today claims to want to do? The letters in this article that you asked me to respond to are made up of many errors. I won't try to point them all out at this time. I will say that Dr. Thompson's letter speaks for me and the board of 3ABN at this time.

***An Attempt to Mend a Broken Network  
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**The Problem**

For the last several years the international television ministry known as Three Angels' Broadcasting Network (3ABN) has found itself beset by a growing number of moral, ethical, and financial allegations. Despite the serious nature of these allegations, repeated calls for investigation, reform, and accountability have gone unheeded by its officers and directors. Yet the ignoring of these allegations could potentially:

- Lessen donor confidence in 3ABN, and thus threaten 3ABN's financial support and its very existence.
- Create significant liability if the decisions of 3ABN's directors and officers result in litigation.
- Cause embarrassment to the Seventh-day Adventist Church if these allegations become more widely known.

It should be quickly pointed out that 3ABN is not technically a part of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination, and never has been. The potential for embarrassment arises from 3ABN's claims that it is advancing the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, even though, if the allegations be true, it is doing anything but that.

**Why This Website**

It is hoped that this website will accomplish the following objectives:

- Demonstrate that Seventh-day Adventists as a whole do not tolerate the types of things 3ABN's officers and directors are accused of doing.
- Call upon the officers and directors of 3ABN to place the ones accused on administrative leave until such a time as an investigation has been completed.
- Provide a place where Seventh-day Adventists and others can voice their concerns and call for spiritual revival and reformation at 3ABN.

In short, this website is intended to be a part of a larger effort to save 3ABN to the cause, and vindicate the character of God, whose name has been brought into reproach through the allegations leveled at 3ABN.

**A Little History of the Current Crisis**

By early March 2004, 3ABN co-founder Linda Shelton was being accused by her husband and 3ABN co-founder Danny Shelton of having an inappropriate, long-distance relationship with a doctor in Norway. This resulted in her being placed on administrative leave and eventually being terminated in disgrace and divorced. The reason was simple: she was accused of being unfaithful to her husband, and of having committed adultery.

Linda's position as production manager was taken over by Danny's older brother Tommy, even though he had repeatedly been accused of sexual misconduct with men and boys over a period of many years. On November 27, 2006, the 3ABN board chairman, Dr. Walt Thompson, essentially admitted in writing that Danny had been involved in a cover up of these allegations around May of 2003. On December 3, 2006, the Church of God pastor of the Dunn Loring, Virginia, congregation where Tommy pastored from 1995 until about late 2000, announced that there were three new allegations of sexual misconduct there, one involving an individual who was a minor at the time.

Danny Shelton's response to these new allegations is quite different than how he dealt with Linda. Tommy was not placed on administrative leave, and on December 31, 2006, Danny gave Tommy a globally-televised tribute, praising him for His Christian experience and how much better a job he had done than his predecessor. Though claiming that Tommy was going off into retirement three months early because of poor health, Danny promised repeatedly that Tommy would be back, as long as his health continued.

Even if Linda was guilty as charged, the difference in treatment raises many questions. And to complicate things further, while no evidence in support of Linda's guilt has been forthcoming, credible evidence has surfaced in support of the allegations against Tommy, including a letter of "confession" written by Tommy himself.

These actions on Danny Shelton's part brought about the launch of this website.

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## Tommy Shelton's "Confession" to One of His Victims

[The best way for Tommy to confess and to display genuine repentance would be to do exactly what he was asked to do by May of 2003:

"A full disclosure of all victims and details should be made to the Franklin County Sheriff's Office (Investigator Kevin Skurat, 618-435-8187). This disclosure should include pertinent incidences in other states as well as in other jurisdictions in Illinois in addition to Franklin County.

"Tommy should cooperate in the placement of his name and pertinent information on appropriate sex offenders lists, as the law may require in the state of his residence or in Illinois."

Failure to follow these simple, practical, and reasonable suggestions would suggest that there is still an unresolved problem.

Still, we do have in our possession the following "confession" by Tommy Shelton that must be considered. Is it a genuine confession? Or is it yet another attempt at manipulating a victim into silence by suggesting that the victim is a homosexual, thus keeping the victim from coming forward for fear that his own character might be brought into disrepute?

A victim of child molestation has provided us a critique of Tommy's "confession," which we provide on a separate page.]

### Tommy's Confession

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [Seventh alleged victim to come forward in Illinois]  
**Subject:** FW: Re: Hello  
**Date:** Mon, 08 Jan 2007 17:24:24 +0000

It is with great heaviness of heart that I forward this email. Please be very conscientious about its use. I hope this can help bring a resolution to the horrible situation at hand.

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**From:** "Tommy Shelton"  
**To:** [Seventh alleged victim to come forward in Illinois]  
**Subject:** Re: Hello  
**Date:** Mon, 13 Jun 2005 20:53:09 -0500

Hi \*\*\*\*\*,

I received your e-mail a couple of days ago. I guess you sent it longer ago than that, but I am not home several days a week. It sounds like you are doing what makes you the happiest - being involved in Gospel music.

\*\*\*\*\*, I have spent the last several years trying to straighten my life out. As you well know, I had a big problem and should have gotten help years ago or got out of the ministry. To be honest, I really didn't know that I needed help then, but of course I know now. At the time, I knew that I loved God and wanted to help people, but my problem always got in the way.

You will remember that before I went to D.C. I apologized to you and told you that I wanted to make a new start and I have been trying to do that ever since. I've been honest with my wife, whom I almost destroyed with what I did.

I have been honest with her that some inappropriate things happened between you and me - all my fault - and I also told her that you resisted every attempt that I ever made. You and I both know that is true. I know now that I took advantage of how much you cared for me, and I am shocked that you will even speak to me.

Because of what I have done to Carol, you and others, it is not good for me or you to try to rekindle a friendship. Please understand, the last thing I want to do is hurt you more. I've hurt you enough for a life time. I'm sure that you have felt that I have abandoned you, and you are right, that was part of my sickness - run when things got hot. For all of this, \*\*\*\*\*, I am so sorry.

If it would help you with some of the hurt you have experienced, Carol and I are both willing to sit and talk to you. Although Carol was very hurt at you for several years for continuing to be friends with me when you knew she didn't want us together, she too has been working on finding healing and has forgiven us both. Naturally she could never be comfortable with me having a one on one friendship with any one from the past, she is willing, however, to do what ever she can to help if you may be still carrying some scars from my relationship with you.

Carol may possibly write to you too, just letting you know that we do care what happens to you and if there is anything we can do together to help, or help make things right, we are willing to do. If you need to ask her anything, we share the same e-mail account.

I do thank you for the many years that you were a friend to me. I loved your mother deeply and cared for all of your family. It is unbelievable that I could make such a mess out of everything. I hope you can someday find it in your heart to forgive me - I am really trying to do right.

Tommy

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## **Tommy's Ordination Suspended**

[Following the allegations of Brad Dunning and three other boys, Tommy's ordination with the Church of God (Anderson) was suspended in 1985, and Tommy was notified of this fact via the following letter.

This letter claims that Tommy "admitted" to certain "improper counselling procedures." When asked what that might have been, one alleged victim recalled that when the charge was made that Tommy had propositioned a boy, the explanation was given that he was trying to expose that boy as being someone who was trying to lead other boys in the school into homosexual activity.

When the boy in question, Brad Dunning, now a United Pentecostal preacher, was asked on January 3, 2007, about this explanation, he said that that was the first time he had ever heard of such a thing.]

### **The 1985 Illinois Ministerial Credential Committee Letter**

#### **GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CHURCH OF GOD IN ILLINOIS**

GEORGE L. NEWTON  
Executive Secretary/Treasurer

October 25, 1985

Reverend Tommy Shelton  
Route # 1 Box 189-B  
West Frankfort, Illinois 62896

Phone: (XXX) XXX-XXXX  
P.O. BOX J  
MT. ZION, ILLINOIS 62549

Dear Tommy :

On October 25, 1985, the Illinois Ministerial Credentials Committee of the General Assembly of the Church of God in Illinois met in regular session at the Church of God State Office building at 4225 South Camp Warren Lane, Decatur, Illinois at Camp Warren. In concern for your best interest and the Church of God, the following action was taken:

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This action was taken for the following reasons:

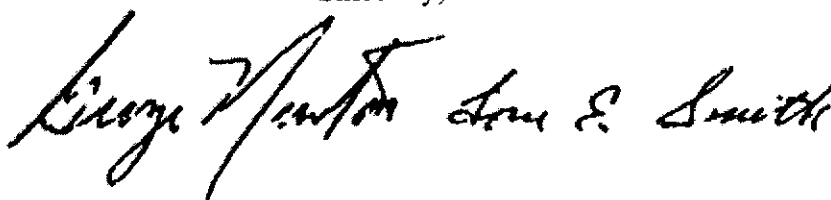
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3. We have been advised that an investigation is underway by the West Frankfort Illinois Police Department concerning criminal sexual abuse charges against you.
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Tommy, you are advised to surrender your Ordination Certificate to this office in the enclosed self addressed envelope and to cease all activities related to ministries of the Church of God until you are further advised by this committee.

Be assured this was not an easy decision for this committee to make. We will be praying for you and your family that God's complete purpose will be accomplished in your life.

If we can be of help in any way, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,



George L. Newton  
Executive Secretary

Tom E. Smith  
Committee Chairman

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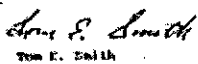
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## **Tommy Shelton Alleged Victim: Brad Dunning**

[Brad, now a United Pentecostal preacher, remembers being around 14 years of age when the following incident took place around 1982 or 1983 at the Ezra Church of God school in West Frankfort, Illinois.

A few words of what Pastor Dunning says Tommy told him have been asterisked out, since it is so disgusting. However, two other alleged victims have testified that they were told the same thing by Tommy.

Because of all the things that Pastor Dunning knows have gone on at 3ABN, he and his family sometimes call it Three Devils' Broadcasting instead. It is our prayer that matters at 3ABN may soon be completely rectified.]

### **Pastor Brad Dunning's written statement**

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Brad Dunning  
**Subject:** RE: Here's my email, Pastor Dunning.  
**Date:** Thu, 4 Jan 2007 16:09:11 -0600

Dear Bob,

Here is my follow up email from our telephone conversation yesterday January 3rd, 2007.

The purpose of this communication is to give you a personal account of how I was assaulted by Tommy Shelton, then Pastor of the Ezra Church of God.

I believe it was in the 1982-83 school year. I was a student in the Ezra Church of God Christian School. I was an honor student and a member of the basketball team.

On the day of my encounter with Tommy Shelton, here is what took place.

I was in the gym playing basketball one afternoon by myself. I had extra free time as I was an "E" privilege student.

Ricky Shelton came to the gym and told me that his dad wanted to see me in his office. So I left the gym and went to the Pastor's office. Tommy invited me

in and closed the door. He sat behind his desk, I sat on the couch.

He began to tell me that he was really embarrassed to talk about this, but he needed my help. He said that he had a problem with his t\*\*\*\*\*s. It was a medical condition that was causing them to bleed. I asked him if he had been to the doctor. He replied that he was too embarrassed to be seen by the nurses and that he would not go.

He said that he had prayed about it, and God showed him how that he could be healed. He told me that God showed him that if he could apply the s\*\*\*m of another man, that the proteins would heal his t\*\*\*\*\*s. He then asked me if I would be willing to help him by applying my s\*\*\*m to his t\*\*\*\*\*s.

Being in shock, I told him that I had to think about it and left his office. I went home that afternoon and told my mother all that had gone on.

I did not return to school. My mother, my grandfather and I, went back to the school and confronted Tommy. He denied everything and told my Grandfather that no one would believe us and he would win.

We then went to the West Frankfort Police Department and filed a formal complaint. To my knowledge, no charges were brought against Tommy. Our family suspected that Tommy was being protected by State Police officers who were members of his congregation.

My mother and I moved to Houston, TX shortly after that.

A few years later, we were told that Tommy had been caught with other boys. Some who were personal friends of mine while I was at Ezra.

One of the boys later apologized to me for not speaking up when I did.

My mother received an official written apology from the Church of God. I had not had any communication with Tommy Shelton since that event took place.

If I can be of any further assistance, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Because of Him,

Brad Dunning  
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### Background

How did Duane Clem find the material about Tommy Shelton that had been posted at [BlackSDA.com](http://BlackSDA.com) and [Maritime SDA Online](http://Maritime SDA Online)?

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Duane Clem  
**Subject:** Re: Glenn Dryden, Tommy Shelton, etc.  
**Date:** Tue, 02 Jan 2007 02:06:53 +0000

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I found them quite by accident. Truthfully, I did a Google search on "Tommy Shelton" to see if I could find any information on what he was currently doing, since I have not talked to him in over a year. That led me to BlackSDA and from there I started digging around and eventually came across both my brother's and Glenn Dryden's names.

Seeing his brother, Roger Clem, referred to by name and the following interchange was just too much for Duane. He realized that he was going to have to face things he had hoped he could forever forget. He was in shock.

----- Original Message -----

**Subject:** Final questions for now on Tommy Shelton allegations.  
**Date:** Wed, 06 Dec 2006 11:48:57 -0600  
**To:** Danny Shelton  
**CC:** Walt Thompson, Elder Ken Denslow

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[Roger] Clem has two brothers. In one of the two calls Tommy made to Clem in 2003 and 2004, Clem asked Tommy,

"Did the same thing happen to my brother that happened to me?"



And, according to Clem, Tommy replied,

"Which one?"

And the following comments about his mother did not lessen his distress:

Mr. Clem's mother was a staunch defender of Tommy, and it was only after she died in late 2001 that he felt he could come forward.

Tommy's ordination was revoked about 1985, but his defenders would not relent, and that portion of the congregation that sided with him left their denomination, the Church of God, Anderson, in consequence. Tommy remained their pastor until maybe 1990 or 1991, with a one-year absence to Kentucky, according to the recollections of several individuals.

Since Mr. Clem says that he was abused at the age of 16, he is placing the abuse around 1988, which would be after Tommy's ordination was revoked for similar allegations involving perhaps three alleged victims. In other words, according to Mr. Clem's account and chronology, it was because so many believed Tommy rather than the alleged victims and those who had caught him doing his misdeeds that Mr. Clem himself became an alleged victim.

If he had only come forward long ago, would other victims have been spared the pain he endured?

An easy question to ask, and a hard one to answer, for only one who has been a victim of clergy abuse, only one who has been manipulated into silence, only one who has experienced the shame that these young men felt, only that one can truly understand what it means to come forward either then or now.

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### Duane Clem in Shock

[The importance of the following communications is very simple:

- The only defense 3ABN president Danny Shelton gave his board chairman Dr. Walt Thompson in 2003 to counter the Tommy Shelton child molestation allegations was that Pastor Glenn Dryden had a feud with Tommy.
- Duane Clem agrees that there was a feud and that Dryden was jealous of Tommy, a position he still holds to and that he makes plain below.
- Yet at the same time, Duane maintains that the Tommy Shelton molestation and sexual misconduct allegations are indeed true.

Thus, the only defense given by Danny Shelton vaporizes. And as the evidence continues to roll in, it appears that Danny from the very beginning knew that this feud/jealousy alibi was a lie.]

### His Personal Message on BlackSDA.com (Used with Permission)

#### Personal Message

**3abn, Dryden, etc., Dec 29 2006, 10:54 PM**

I am Roger Clem's oldest brother and a former member of the Ezra Church of God congregation, under both Tommy Shelton's and Glenn Dryden's tenures as pastor. Let me begin by saying that I am extremely angry about the amount of information that you are plastering all over the internet, especially about something that is NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS.

Your "informant", Glenn Dryden, is not a credible source of information. He also made some hideous accusations against me a few years back. They were for the same reason as the ones he is leveling against Tommy Shelton: JEALOUSY. Glenn Dryden is a spiteful, vindictive backstabber when someone crosses him. He has done this with numerous people over the past several years, and took the Ezra Church of God down nearly to the point of closure. I had to threaten him with legal action myself to get him to shut his mouth.

You reference that Roger has two brothers. I am one of them. This makes it MY business. You also reference my late mother as being a strong supporter of Tommy Shelton. You have no right to speak of me or my family. As far as I know, I've never met you. Who do you think you are?

You are advised to cease this manner of posting at once. In addition, this is a PRIVATE message to you. It had certainly better stay that way.

If you wish to discuss this further (in a civil manner), you may contact me privately. Otherwise, don't mention my name.

### **His Email to Pastor Glenn Dryden (Used with Permission)**

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Duane Clem

**To:** Glenn Dryden

**Date:** Sat, 30 Dec 2006 06:44:54 +0000

Let this serve as a warning. If you mention my name in any of the letters and emails you're sending to anyone in your latest attack on Tommy Shelton, you WILL regret it.

Duane Clem

### **Duane Continues to Maintain That What Walt Was Told About Dryden's Jealousy Is True**

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Duane Clem

**Subject:** Re: Glenn Dryden, Tommy Shelton, etc.

**Date:** Sun, 31 Dec 2006 07:08:13 +0000

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To date, I have never spoken with Dr. Walt Thompson regarding this issue, nor at any other time as best I can recall. I will say that I agree with what the unnamed individual from the Church of God reportedly told Dr. Thompson, but it was NOT me, and I can honestly say I have no idea who it was. That's one issue you can finally put to rest.

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[Recovering from the initial shock of it all, Duane Clem types out the following apology.

Notice particularly how Duane continues to maintain that Pastor Glenn Dryden was jealous of Tommy. Yet he acknowledges that Dryden's jealousy could have nothing to do with the molestation allegations that led to the 1985 suspension of Tommy's ministerial ordination.

And more was to come.]

### Duane Clem's Apology

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Duane Clem  
**Subject:** Re: Glenn Dryden, Tommy Shelton, etc.  
**Date:** Tue, 02 Jan 2007 02:06:53 +0000

Mr. Pickle and Mr. Joy:

I sincerely want to thank both of you for your cordial responses. This has been a big shock to me since discovering it on the message boards last week. I have probably reacted in a non-Christian manner toward both of you, and for that I do apologize. I also understand that you were both operating under the assumption that I was a "3ABN operative" for lack of a better term. I can understand as well why you would think that. I was fired from 3ABN myself back in the late 80's for a "bad attitude", so I have my own feelings about 3ABN, but that's a different issue altogether.

I am going to respond to your questions as best I can. There are some things I simply cannot comment on for various reasons, and I think you can understand why. I will quote the portions of your emails I am referencing, and my responses will follow.

"How was Dryden jealous of Tommy to the point of instigating child molestation allegations against him as late as 1985, when he had just recently met him and lived 800 miles away until 1993?"

You are correct in thinking that Glenn Dryden had nothing to do with the 1985 allegations. That was a totally separate set of circumstances, and was also when the Ezra Church of God (which I attended at the time) severed ties with the Church of God, Anderson. We became an independent Church of God and shortly thereafter Tommy received ordination from another Church of God organization, and according to their website is still listed as a minister with them. (<http://www.churchofgodcv.org/addresses.aspx/>) Glenn Dryden never had the success at Ezra that Tommy saw as pastor, and I believe that is where the jealousy has come from. Tommy also began attending Ezra for a while when Dryden was pastor, and Dryden did not like it. He was very instrumental in Tommy taking the pastorate at Community Church of God in Dunn Loring, VA and even made the statement to me personally shortly after it was announced, "Well, it looks like the Sheltons will be out of here soon."

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"Can you explicitly state that you do not know of a single instance where Tommy engaged in inappropriate behavior of a sexual nature with a minor?"

Obviously, with my brother sending the letter to Tommy and the letter's subsequent circulation on the boards, I cannot comment at all on this question. I'm sure you can understand that no matter what I would say, it could cause me major trouble on either side of the issue.

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Thank you

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[Pastor Duane Clem issues his written statement. Read how Tommy Shelton used the trust young Duane had in him to manipulate Duane into allowing himself to be victimized.]

### Pastor Duane Clem's written statement

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Duane Clem  
**Subject:** My statement  
**Date:** Sat, 20 Jan 2007 04:37:27 +0000

Gentlemen,

Here is the long awaited statement. You have my OK to use it in whatever way you feel necessary, and you may include my name. This has been extremely hard to do, but I think it had to be done.

--- statement follows ---

It has taken me a long time to get to the point where I felt I could write this. In light of recent events and allegations brought forth by other parties, I feel it has become necessary to compose this statement.

Let me begin by saying that I am not writing out of a spirit of vengeance or animosity. I had never planned on sharing what happened with anyone else. I was prepared to take this to my grave. I had forgotten, or at least pushed back, the feelings of shame and resentment I had about this situation, but in recent days a lot of that has been brought back. I do not, however, blame anyone who has been DIRECTLY affected by this for coming forward.

Tommy Shelton was my pastor for many years at the Ezra Church of God in West Frankfort, IL. I began attending with my mother, sister and two brothers around 1974 or so, and my father became a Christian and began coming with us shortly after I graduated from high school in 1984. Tommy and I were never really close until I began attending the Christian school our church operated. Over the next few years, we would spend a lot of time talking, as I was dealing with depression issues and he was counseling me.

When the General Assembly of the Church of God in Illinois decided to suspend Tommy's ministerial credentials in 1985, I was one of several who wrote a letter in his defense. I was also questioned by a detective at the West Frankfort Police Department. I had been on a few overnight trips with him, and gave testimony that nothing had happened that would substantiate the allegations being made against him. At the time, this was true. It was, unfortunately, about to change.

Sometime in late 1985 or early 1986, Tommy came to me and said he had an unusual medical problem and asked for my help. I was shocked. I had previously been told by two other young men that he had said the same thing to them, but I could not believe that they were telling me the truth, even though they told me identical stories at two different times. Now I was hearing these words from my pastor. I felt trapped. I wanted to say something right then, but I didn't. I had vigorously defended him against allegations in the past, and had even lost friends because of it. I had written a letter saying nothing had happened to me. I had told the police nothing happened. Now, here I was, 19 years old, with NO ONE I felt I could talk to about it.

Over the next few months, Tommy and I would meet at his house, the church, the original 3ABN building, and even one night on a back country road, anywhere he thought no one would see us. There was a lot of inappropriate touching, but nothing further. He wanted much more out of it, but I couldn't let it happen because in my heart I knew it wasn't right. I was wrestling with thoughts like "What if someone finds out? What will happen to the church ... his family ... my family? Who would believe me anyway?"

Whenever he would be touching me, I would get muscle spasms in my back. I guess it was because I was so tense. More than once he sensed that I was in pain, and a couple of times he even accused me of "faking it" because I didn't care or didn't want to help him. I really started questioning if I was in the wrong. It was constant mental and emotional turmoil.

On one occasion, I had been hired by a television and appliance rent-to-own company as an assistant manager, and was to travel to the main office about an hour away for two days of training. The company said they would get me a motel room so I wouldn't have to drive back and forth. When Tommy found this out, he decided that it would be a good opportunity for him to come down to my room and no one would ever know the difference. I paid very little attention to my training all day long because I was dreading what was going to happen that night. Finally, as the supervisor was going to reserve the room, I told him that "something had come up" and I was going to have to drive back home, so I wouldn't need the room after all. I lied. I don't remember what excuse I gave Tommy for not staying the night down there, but I know I lied to him also. I really didn't want to drive back and forth, but I hated the thought of another "meeting" worse. I loved my pastor and didn't want to hurt him, but I didn't know how much longer I could keep this up. I was now lying to try to avoid it.



Finally, he said he realized that I was uncomfortable and decided we shouldn't be doing this. It was like a thousand pound weight was gone. I felt free. The problem is that I felt such a release that I didn't consider the fact that this had already happened before, or so I had been told. I never told anyone. It is because of my silence, I feel, that others have been harmed. That is one of my big regrets and I will carry that guilt for the rest of my days. There is nothing I can ever do to change that. I only hope that in some way, speaking out now will help put an end to it once and for all.

I am happy to say that God has been with me through it all. I am still attending church faithfully, and have been working with teens at church for the past 10-12 years. I was ordained as a General Baptist minister in September of 2005, and have served as a youth pastor and Sunday School teacher at churches I have attended previously. I am pleased to be able to say that I do NOT have any homosexual desires or tendencies as a result of my experience. If anything, it has made me abhor and detest it even more than I ever did before. In addition, it is very possible that I will be dealing with a young person in the future facing similar issues, and God may have allowed me to go through this so I would know how to help them. All things DO work together for good to those who love God!

In conclusion, I want to say that I do NOT hate Tommy Shelton, nor do I want to see him or his family destroyed. I grew up with the Shelton kids. They're almost like family to me. I hope that my coming forward doesn't end our friendships, although I'm sure it will never be the same from this point forward.

I ask all who read this to please pray for all those who have been directly involved, our families, our churches and yes, for Tommy Shelton also. It is my opinion that he needs to be out of the ministry right now, but he also needs the Lord's leadership as he deals with past issues. Our God is a God of judgment, but He is also a God of forgiveness and restoration. I want that restoration for Tommy and everyone else who has been affected by this. Snide remarks and hateful comments won't solve anything or bring healing to anyone. Only God's touch can do that.

Thank you for your prayers and thoughts as we all try to put this behind us.  
God bless.

Duane Clem

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**Pastor Glenn Dryden to 3ABN Board  
Chairman Dr. Walter Thompson, May  
2003**

[Pastor Glenn Dryden has the unique experience of having pastored two churches that Tommy Shelton pastored:

- The Ezra Church of God in West Frankfort, Illinois.
- The Community Church of God in Dunn Loring, Virginia.

Unfortunately, Pastor Dryden has received complaints from members of both congregations about sexual misconduct on the part of Tommy Shelton, misconduct involving both men and teenage boys.

Pastor Dryden arrived back in Dunn Loring after being in West Frankfort from 1993 to 2005. On December 3, 2006, Pastor Dryden released a statement indicating that there were three new allegations arising out of Tommy's tenure in Dunn Loring (1995-c. 2000), one of which involved an individual who was a minor at the time.

The following letter was sent by Pastor Glenn Dryden to 3ABN board chairman Dr. Walter Thompson in May 2003. The reply he received was a threatening letter from 3ABN attorney Mike Riva. As of November 27, 2006, three and a half years later, Dr. Thompson, according to his own admission, had still not contacted the victims, their families, or the two ordaining associations as this letter invited him to do.]

**The 2003 Dryden Letter**

----- Original Message -----

**Subject:** Re: 3ABN special request

**Date:** Mon, 14 Aug 2006 14:00:00 -0400

**From:** Glenn Dryden

Following is the text of my letter on Ezra Church of God letterhead to Dr. Thompson as well as "Action Items" suggested for Tommy Shelton by the congregation I formerly served. These were sent to Dr. Thompson by certified mail and I suppose it was his wife who signed for the letter on May 16, 2003.

Pastor Glenn Dryden

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May 14, 2003

Dr. Walter Thompson

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## **ACTION ITEMS SUGGESTED FOR TOMMY SHELTON**

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Tommy should retain an attorney to represent him as well as to serve him in contacting victims and their families, all at Tommy's expense.

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Web: www.lgja.state.il.us

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## **Mike Riva's Threatening Reply to Pastor Glenn Dryden**

[What follows is the totally inappropriate, June 2003 reply Pastor Glenn Dryden received from 3ABN attorney D. Michael Riva.

The careful reader will note that the only legal justification given by Mike Riva is,

"Even if the actions occurred, there is no criminal jeopardy as the statute of limitations has long since passed."

Is this adequate justification for an attorney to intimidate into silence a non-Adventist pastor who is concerned about child molestation? Is this letter appropriate coming from an attorney affiliated with a Christian ministry that is a member of the organization known as ASI, and that is operated by a Seventh-day Adventist? Do Seventh-day Adventists, a people who promote the keeping of the 10 Commandments, approve of such tactics being used to cover up allegations of child molestation? We think not.

A vital question is, Who paid Mike Riva for his services in writing this letter? Did Tommy pay for them out of his own pocket or did 3ABN pay for them in some way? Danny Shelton, 3ABN president and brother of Tommy Shelton, refuses to say.]

### **Attorney Mike Riva's 2003 Threat**

**D. MICHAEL RIVA**  
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June 13, 2003

Pastor Dryden  
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Dear Pastor Dryden:

Please be advised that I represent Tommy Ray Shelton and have been directed to contact you concerning actions you have taken against him which are slanderous and libelous and calculated to deprive him of his right to earn a living. We are aware that you have been talking to and sending letters to various individuals in which you state with certainty that he has committed certain felonious acts.

You are putting yourself and the Ezra Church of God in a position of legal jeopardy by your actions as you have used church letterhead in your attacks on my client.

Even if the actions occurred, there is no criminal jeopardy as the statute of limitations has long since passed. Senate Bill 1035 does not, nor could it constitutionally if it actually stated so, place a person in legal jeopardy after a statute of limitation had already run. The courts of Illinois have addressed this question. A few of those cases are: **People of the State of Illinois v. Coleman**, 1993 5<sup>th</sup> District, 245 Ill.App.3d 592, 615 N.E.2d 53, 185 Ill.Dec. 758; **People v. Berg**, 277 Ill.App.3d 549, 660 N.E.2d 1003, 214 Ill.Dec. 296; **People v. Massarella**, 80 Ill.App.3d 549, 660 N.E.2d 436, 36 Ill.Dec. 16.

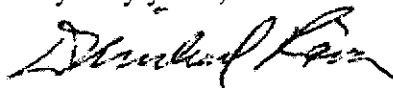
These cases are enclosed for your review and to prove to you that no State's Attorney will charge my client with any criminal offense because the statute of limitations had already run and any new legislative bill cannot put him back in a position of criminal jeopardy.

I have discussed this legal point and cases with an attorney in the State of Illinois Appellate Prosecutor's office and an Illinois State's Attorney. There is no disagreement on this legal point.

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Very truly yours,



D. Michael Riva

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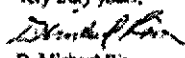
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## **Excerpts from Pastor Glenn Dryden's June 2003 Reply to Riva**

[Pastor Glenn Dryden responds to 3ABN Attorney Mike Riva's threat, a threat that to all appearances was an attempt on the part of 3ABN president Danny Shelton to cover up and silence the child molestation allegations against his brother, Tommy Shelton.]

### **Pastor Glenn Dryden's Reply**

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**Tommy Shelton's "Confession" Critiqued**

When dealing with a pedophile, one has to be aware of the fact that such individuals can be highly manipulative. One is therefore torn between the possibility that the "confession" is genuine, and the possibility that it is another attempt at manipulation of a victim.

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We therefore appreciate the following critique provided by an individual who was a victim of child molestation, and who therefore has some experience dealing with individuals who resort to manipulative behavior to keep their misdeeds from being brought to light.

Our suspicions about this "confession" were seconded by the one who provided us this critique. Tommy's apparent suggesting that he and his victim had had a long-term homosexual relationship would potentially keep this victim quiet, since he most certainly wouldn't want Tommy telling people something like that.

**A Critique by a Victim of Child Molestation**

<p>Hi *****,</p> <p>I received your e-mail a couple of days ago. I guess you sent it longer ago than that, but I am not home several days a week. It sounds like you are doing what makes you the happiest - being involved in Gospel music.</p>	<p>"See what a great man I am. I am interested in your happiness."</p>
<p>*****, I have spent the last several years trying to straighten my life out. As you well know, I had a big problem and should have gotten help years ago or got out of the ministry. To be honest, I really didn't know</p>	<p>"Pity me." He doesn't clarify if the problem he is speaking of is ... his homosexual tendencies or his penchant to</p>

<p>that I needed help then, but of course I know now. At the time, I knew that I loved God and wanted to help people, but my problem always got in the way.</p>	<p>molest young boys.</p>
<p>You will remember that before I went to D.C. I apologized to you and told you that I wanted to make a new start and I have been trying to do that ever since. I've been honest with my wife, whom I almost destroyed with what I did.</p>	<p>Here he has either told him he honestly wants to try to battle his demons or #7 has gotten too old to fit the characteristics that turn him on or he is just tired of him or someone has found him out.</p>
<p>I have been honest with her that some inappropriate things happened between you and me - all my fault - and I also told her that you resisted every attempt that I ever made. You and I both know that is true. I know now that I took advantage of how much you cared for me, and I am shocked that you will even speak to me.</p>	<p>While he openly admits that the 7th victim resisted his attempts he leaves the door open to interpret the "inappropriate things" that happened between them as homosexual encounters. This use of "inappropriate things" is also a further attempt to control #7 by minimizing what actually happened between them. He then infers he had exploited #7's own homosexual tendencies because of #7's feelings about him. and then inferring that those feelings must still be there because #7 still will speak to him.</p>
<p>Because of what I have done to Carol, you and others, it is not good for me or you to try to rekindle a friendship. Please understand, the last thing I want to do is hurt you more. I've hurt you enough for</p>	<p>While on the surface he appears to be coming off as a caring and concerned reformed sinner, he also seems to infer that he and #7</p>

<p>a life time. I'm sure that you have felt that I have abandoned you, and you are right, that was part of my sickness - run when things got hot. For all of this, *****, I am so sorry.</p>	<p>were having an adulterous relationship which he suddenly broke off, hurting the "other man".</p>
<p>If it would help you with some of the hurt you have experienced, Carol and I are both willing to sit and talk to you. <b>Although Carol was very hurt at you for several years for continuing to be friends with me when you knew she didn't want us together, she too has been working on finding healing and has forgiven us both. Naturally she could never be comfortable with me having a one on one friendship with any one from the past,</b> she is willing, however, to do what ever she can to help if you may be still carrying some scars from my relationship with you.</p>	<p>This is the part that concerns me the most. He is inferring that #7 shares the blame for the hurt caused to Carol Shelton. He also reinforces that by saying that Carol has forgiven them both. A victim responsible for the pain they have caused? He is continuing the grooming of this victim to try to keep him quiet! To keep him full of shame at his possible tendencies, or allowing himself to be exploited.</p>
<p>Carol may possibly write to you too, just letting you know that we do care what happens to you and if there is anything we can do together to help, or help make things right, we are willing to do. If you need to ask her anything, we share the same e-mail account.</p> <p>I do thank you for the many years that you were a friend to me. I loved your mother deeply and cared for all of your family. It is unbelievable</p>	<p>Once again he is tugging at #7's heart strings, showing what a loving, caring person he really is even though he did some "inappropriate things" that caused pain.</p>

<p>that I could make such a mess out of everything. I hope you can someday find it in your heart to forgive me - I am really trying to do right.</p> <p>Tommy</p>	
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## New Year's Eve Tribute to Tommy Shelton

### Some Background

While serving as a Church of God minister, Danny Shelton's brother, Tommy Shelton, was accused by multiple people in two states over multiple decades of sexual misconduct and child molestation involving men and teenage boys. Just recently in Virginia another alleged victim has come forward where Tommy pastored from 1995 to around late 2000. This alleged victim was a minor at the time of the alleged incident(s), and thus this allegation possibly might put Tommy behind bars. The pastor there of that Church of God congregation issued a statement about the new allegations on December 3, 2006, which was made public two days later.

The following weekend Tommy was to have joined other 3ABN staff at the Lauderhill, Florida, Seventh-day Adventist Church for a 3ABN rally, but he was unable to attend because of an alleged sudden illness. (In 2004 or 2005, a letter sent by alleged Tommy Shelton victim Roger Clem accused Tommy of having illnesses whenever these sorts of allegations arise, and of suddenly recovering when everything settles down again.) On December 9, a close family member to Tommy wrote and essentially attributed his sudden health problems to these old and new allegations.

On December 31, 2006, knowing full well about these allegations, Danny Shelton televised a New Year's Eve special in which tribute was paid to Tommy Shelton. Tommy was repeatedly praised for the superior job he had done since replacing his predecessor, Linda Shelton, two and a half years ago. His fine "Christian experience" and "Christian walk with the Lord," as well as his "warmth," were noted.

- On January 2, 2007, just two days later, a seventh victim came forward in Illinois for the very first time.
- On January 4, 2007, Pastor Brad Dunning provided a written statement regarding how he was sexually "assaulted" by Tommy.
- On January 8, 2007, a previously written "confession" by Tommy was received.

The New Year's Eve tribute to Tommy was given upon his three-month-too-early retirement due to health problems attributed on the broadcast to:

- A tremendous schedule.
- Weekend traveling.

- So much driving to and from work.
- Above everything else, a ferry.

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## **3ABN's Tribute to Alleged Pedophile Tommy Shelton**

In light of the allegations of child molestation in Virginia which were just made public on December 5, 2006, one has to wonder why any globally televised tribute was given to Tommy at all. Then when one examines what exactly was said, one asks, Why was this said? Why was that said?

Below we have tried to categorize the various statements that the different speakers made during the tribute. If you feel we have made a mistake somewhere, please let us know.

It appears that the entire program was orchestrated in order to counter the sexual misconduct allegations against Tommy Shelton, but the program did it in a way that avoided directly confronting those allegations, and it made no attempt whatsoever to refute them. This seems unfair to the alleged victims.

Further, the program's obvious references to Linda Shelton were totally uncalled for, even if she is guilty of adultery as Danny claims.

We therefore appear to have an example here of abuse of power by Danny Shelton. The fact that he has control of a microphone does not give him license to run his ex-wife into the dirt, or to steam roll over the alleged victims of his brother Tommy's sexual misconduct.

One has to wonder, who wrote the script? Did each speaker write their own remarks? Were they prompted by someone with ideas of what to include, such as Tommy being a good travelling companion or having quiet talks together or being so warm?

### **Selected Quotes from the New Year's Eve Tribute**

#### **"You Took Over the Production Department 2½ Years Ago"**

"You're production manager. You have been the last two and a half years or so ...." (Danny Shelton, 0:17)

"Because, uh, as a brother of course I love your very much, but also as production manager for the last two and a half years in

particular ..." (Danny Shelton, 1:23)

"That when you took over production two and a half years ago ...." (Danny Shelton, 1:41)

"Well, two and a half years ago ... you've been there for the last two and a half years." (Danny Shelton, 6:22)

"... the crew these last two two and a half years ...." (Tommy Shelton, 12:56)

"... two and a half years ago ...." (Mollie Steenson, 21:25)

### **"We Had to Fire Linda 2½ Years Ago"**

"Well, two and a half years ago when things changed we had some very traumatic things and things happen at 3ABN and, uh, we asked you to step in, Mollie asked you to step into a position that, uh, just temporarily, and, uh, you've been there for the last two and a half years." (Danny Shelton, 6:22)

### **"Linda Did a Terrible Job"**

"Tommy, when I think of, uh, our experience together, one of the first things that comes to mind is an experience that happened when you first became the production director for 3ABN. Umm. Your predecessor had, uh, decided to pay, uh, production employees minimum wage for travel. And, uh, that person also, uh, structured the work week for the, umm, production truck to minimize the amount of travel that would be available for the employees.

"I forget just exactly when it was but I know that it was very early into your tenure as production director, maybe couple of weeks or few weeks at the most, you came into my office and wanted to talk about the minimum wage situation. Uh. You recognized that this was unfair to your staff and and wanted to correct it, and within a few minutes we had made arrangements to pay production people their full wage as they traveled, and also we standardized the work week for 3ABN employees." (Larry Ewing, 13:42)

Since Danny's ex-wife Linda Shelton was not able to respond on the air to Larry Ewing's comments, we asked her if the above was true. She responded:

"Dan approved all production salaries, not me. They made the same wage [while traveling] that they did in the home studio, plus per diem. I don't think any of that is true. Like I said, Dan approved all of the individual salaries. I kind of had a beef about

that. Dan and Mollie decided who got a raise and who didn't. I wanted to give Sandra Juarez a raise and Dan wouldn't allow it."

### **"You've Done a Much Better Job Than Linda"**

"I mean, you've done an incredible job. I ... Mollie told me that uh the first year they keep track of all this stuff, you know. She's their general manager. That when you took over production two and a half years ago that we actually increased our production around 60% for programming new programs going on the air." (Danny Shelton, 1:36)

"Also our international headquarters growing and the production of course that it's it's a first-great first-class production ... one of the things they look for is good quality ... and so 3ABN is a part of those now because of you and the production crew." (Danny Shelton, 2:49)

"I want to say I want to thank you tonight, uh, this New Year's Eve I want to thank you for the years of a that you have been a great asset to 3ABN." (Danny Shelton, 6:57)

"You've done an excellent job for 3ABN." (Larry Ewing, 16:28)

"[Mollie] mentioned, "Tommy is the best," and I would have to agree with that." (Larry Ewing, 16:59)

"And I've heard that production increased under your leadership. And that's, uh something good, uh. There's been nothing but good things said, uh, here about you because of the fine work you've done." (John Dinzey, 18:00)

"You see, Tommy, our production department has grown and flourished under your management. No one could have possibly done the job that you've done. Tommy you're the best. I just can't imagine 3ABN without you." (Mollie Steenson, 21:55)

### **"You Have to Retire 3 Months Early Because of Your Stress-Caused Health Problems"**

"You are retirement age, actually, coming in March. ... And so we decided to go ahead and do it here tonight and, uh, so that you can, we're trying to get you out of that stress." (Danny Shelton, 7:56)

### **"No, Your Stress Isn't Because You're in Trouble Again for Propositioning Men and Abusing Boys"**

"... you've been there [in the production department] for the last two and a half years. It is very stressful." (Danny Shelton, 6:38)

"Any position ... can be very stressful. And I realize that that's been very hard on you." (Danny Shelton, 6:44)

"So you have a lot of responsibilities plus weekend traveling." (Danny Shelton, 7:23)

"... pray for you physically too. Because I realize we've put you under a lot of stress. And I know your cholesterol ... Right now I know that your blood pressure has been up again. And, eh, you're under a lot of stress." (Danny Shelton, 7:35)

"And so we decided to go ahead and and do it here tonight and, uh, so that you can, we're trying to get you out of that stress." (Danny Shelton, 8:06)

"Of course ... I think getting you out of a position of so much responsibility ...." (Danny Shelton, 8:23)

"But as far as you know what he's doing with that tremendous schedule working all week plus traveling weekends that's too much for anybody with a good heart let alone somebody that's struggling." (Danny Shelton, 8:55)

"Plus I live an hour and a half away. It's an awful lot of driving." (Tommy Shelton, 9:04)

"It wouldn't be so bad the driving but you got that ferry that you have to deal with." (Danny Shelton, 9:10)

"Probably my most stressful thing of all of it is that ferry. If I didn't have that ferry I could cope." (Tommy Shelton, 9:26)

Really? It's the ferry that is the worst thing of all? Far worse than the new allegations of child molestation in Virginia? But Tommy, one of your alleged victims in Illinois tells us that that particular ferry boat ride is extremely relaxing.

### **"You're Not Gone; You'll Be Back. Promise."**

"It doesn't mean that we don't want you to come back and volunteer for nothing sometimes, you know, or that we want you to travel with us and do some music here or come back and do some programs." (Danny Shelton, 8:13)

"My sister Tammy she walked in the the office a awhile ago and

she goes Well I'm I'm I don't know how I can deal with this if Tommy's not here, she said, you know. And I said, Well no, he's going come and he's going to be helping us and he's still going to do some things." (Danny Shelton, 8:41)

"Like I said, It doesn't mean he's going to be gone from 3ABN. As long as his health holds up. And and we want you to just spend some time and get your health ...." (Danny Shelton, 9:42)

"... and we're telling our viewers, you're not just gone ... we're going to let up on that for awhile, but as your health, you know, and as you get better and stronger, ... we want you to come back, and be with us as often as you can." (Danny Shelton, 12:20)

"And I'm looking forward to more time with you and I'm hoping very much that we'll be able to work at other, on other projects and things together." (Dee Hilderbrand, 19:10)

### **"We're Not Guilty of Embezzling Like People Say"**

"I remember also that you were strict with them at times, and you, you didn't let them take advantage of 3ABN or the Lord. You were very, you felt very accountable, umm, for the, uh, the management of the Lord's money and you wanted to, to always handle it well." (Larry Ewing, 15:39)

### **"Tommy Is Such a Great Christian, a Man of Integrity"**

"And I must say it was a pleasure to work with you I saw you as an honest person, a person of integrity that was trying to do the best to for the crew and for the guests that came in to do programming but also uh for the Lord. And I appreciate that about you." (John Dinzey, 17:20)

"It's been a pleasure, I must say, to see someone, uh, that would put their best effort forward for the Lord. ... And I appreciate you as a Christian brother ... And I know that you will do the best for the Lord." (John Dinzey, 17:53)

"My real emphasis is how you've helped me grow spiritually." (Dee Hilderbrand, 18:53)

As you know I've prayed a lot for you for your health and I'm very concerned about that. So what the burden on my heart is that you get well and healthy and stay well and healthy and that I have more years to grow and have you as a mentor and an example." (Dee Hilderbrand, 19:24)

"One, you brought a Christian grace and dignity to your work." (C. A. Murray, 20:09)

"You were a good person to work with and umm a fair person and a Christian person ... and you are a good traveling companion." (C. A. Murray, 20:17)

"You're a good man, a good Christian." (C. A. Murray, 21:00)

"But I to praise God that we've had this time to get to know each other. For brother, I've learned so much from you. Mine and Hal's prayer is that God will greatly bless you because we know at that this time of of your life He's going to just open up new avenues for you to serve Him." (Mollie Steenson, 22:11)

"The most important thing they've all said is that they appreciate your Christian experience and your Christian walk with the Lord." (Danny Shelton, 23:51)

### **"No Allegations Against Tommy Here"**

"There's been nothing but good things said, uh, here about you ...." (John Dinzey, 18:06)

"You are universally loved by us all, and certainly loved and appreciated by me. Sometimes we come together and have little quiet talks and discuss things." (C. A. Murray, 20:43)

"God is going to be with you and we are with you and we send you our love and our respect and God's love." (C. A. Murray, 21:09)

### **"No, Tommy Is Not After Men"**

"Another thing that, uh, I think about when I think about you is, uh, the way that you would always say, "Hi Larry," when we met in the hallway or in the foyeh, and you know, your warmth always shone through to me." (Larry Ewing, 16:33)

"You are universally loved by us all, and certainly loved and appreciated by me. Sometimes we come together and have little quiet talks and discuss things. And, uh, you have the ability to even say no and a person comes out feeling good." (C. A. Murray, 20:43)

### **"When Those Boys and Their Parents Say That Tommy Would Abuse Them on Trips, Don't Believe It"**



"... and you are a good traveling companion." (C. A. Murray,  
20:26)

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