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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  
Thompson, according to his own admission, had still not contacted the victims, thei  
families, or the two ordaining associations as this letter invited him to do.

Added on 4/1/2007  
Furniture

Added on 3/28/2007  
Defy the Board  
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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Evidence

Added on 3/16/2007  
Pregnancy Test

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Must Read:  
Mom in Pain #1

### **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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## **ACTION ITEMS SUGGESTED FOR TOMMY SHELTON**

**Expediency recommended :**

**Senate Bill 1035 extending statute of limitations goes into effect as soon as signed by Governor Blagojevich. This could be within the next thirty days.**

**Note <http://www.legis.state.il.us>**

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.



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.

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May 14, 2003

Dr. Walter Thompson  
174 Foxborough Place  
Burr Ridge, Illinois 60527

Dear Dr. Thompson:

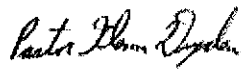
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"THE LORD WILL MAKE AN IMPRESSION UPON THE MINDS OF THE PEOPLE"

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