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& Save the Cause of Christ from Reproach***

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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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