An Attempt to Wend a Broken Metwork & Save the Cause of Christ from Reproach

Home Page Tommy Shelton

Tommy's Ordination Suspended

[Following the allegations of <u>Brad Dunning</u> 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, <u>Brad Dunning</u>, 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

Phone: (XXX) XXX-XXXX

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

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:

"The ordination of Tommy Shelton has been suspended immediately until further notice pending the results of the official police investigation concerning criminal sexual abuse charges against him. This action is effective this day, October 25, 1985."

This action was taken for the following reasons:

- 1.I mproper counseling procedures followed by you and admitted by you.
- 2. Numerous c harges of misconduct reported to this committee.
- 3.W e have been advised that an investigation is underway by the West Frankfort Illinois Police Department concerning criminal sexual abuse charges against you.
- 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

Executive Secretary

Tom E. Smith

Committee Chairman

GLN/TES: jn

Copy Furnished: Keith Huttenlocker, Division of Church

Service

Edwin R. Beasley, State Chairman

Pastors - Southern Illinois District Churches

Low & Smith

of God

"Illinois Ministries... Striving for Excellence"

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CHERCH OF GOD IN HAIROIS

October 25, 1985

Pererent Towny Shelton Houle V 1 Non 189-15 West Prankfest, 1111mois \$7896 SEPAGE L HEMMON (voca-observary framewown Promos (Frindra 2002) PO 1000 M 201 Prins MUNICIPATION

BOAT TURNEY

On Outsher 25, 1985, the Illinois Himistarial Credentials Committee of the General Assembly of the Church of God in Illinois set in requier seemics at the Church of God State Office building at 42% Rooth Comp Warren Lane, Sector, Illinois at Camp Marren. In concern for your best interest and the Church of God, the Intimeise action was Laken:

"The profitation of Tunny Shellon has been auspended immediately until further notice penaling the results of the official police investigation concerning reinland zormal abuse charges against him. This action is effective this abs. October 25, 1985."

This action was taken for the following remone:

- 1. Improper communities processions followed by you and admitted by you.
- 2. Numerous charges of misconduct paperted to this condition.
- 3. We have been advised that an investigation is underway by the Best Frankfort Illinois folice Department essectining criminal neural abuse charges amplied you.
- 4. Controversy surrounding your ministry and personal lifestyle.

Timer, you are advised to surrender your dedication Certificate to this office to the nucleoned self-addressed newslope and to cream all activities related to ministries of the Church of God until you are further advised by this creatities.

be assured this was not as easy decision for this committee to sake. We will be praying for you and your family that took's complete success will be accomplished in your life.

If we can be of help in any way, please do not bewitate to malt.

Sinceraly.

Lilly / /w/1

Ton E. Saith

CLH/IKS ()A

Occy Furnished: Keith Hotrenincker, Division of Church Service Edwin N. Beanley, State Chairman Fastors - Southern Illinois Minister Churchs of God

"sames timesties... Should for transference"

Save3ABN.com

Not © 2007

2344