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Public February 2007 Letter From Linda Shelton - Demands Evidence be Made Public!

I received the following slightly formatted and edited email on February 15, 2007:

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 to the entire church membership and to the stockholders in the pews. Danny Shelton in various forms and under various alias 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 is no basis for divorce, that no inappropriate relationship occurred and that there is no evidence to support the Danny Shelton 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 <http://www.LindaShelton.org> and on <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.

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Blessings to you and yours

Linda Shelton

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NOTE: I haven't yet located this letter on either the Save3abn.com or the lindashelton.org web sites, however, I expect they will soon be appearing there.

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The above letter by Linda Shelton was actually a draft that was released for posting prematurely, therefore, when the final version is released, it will also be posted here.

Gregory
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02/16/07 07:25
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Re: Public February 2007 Letter From Linda Shelton - Demands Evidence be Made Public!

Also posted in BSDA:

Folks, in regard to Linda's letter, I have the word:

Linda was working in connection with some other people to develop a letter that she could post on her website. That letter had NOT yet reached its final form.

The letter that was posted was a working draft. It had been extensively revised by another person working with Linda on its preparation. Some of Linda's comments were removed from that letter, and some comments from another person were added to it.

It was sent to Linda with the intention that she review it to see what changes, if any, she would make to that draft. Linda did not consider it to be in the final form that she wanted to post on her website.

She was not asked if she would permit it to be posted on the Internet prior to her posting it on her website. She would have denied permission if she had been asked. When Linda first learned that it was posted on the Internet, she asked that it be removed. She has been informed that it is too late to remove anything. So, the letter stands, and will remain posted on the Internet.

While the letter posted was not the final version of what Linda would have posted, she is clear that she was working with other people to prepare a letter to be posted on her website.

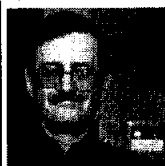
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03/04/07 10:30
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