

Statement regarding Julie's article

Earlier this summer, Jon and Monique Collado asked for our forgiveness for sending the email referenced in this article, and for ending our friendship. We were eager to extend forgiveness. Five additional HBC leaders have reached out privately to apologize for believing the slanderous narrative that was propagated about us, and for their individual parts in the subsequent attack against us. While we are grateful for their humility and courage in reaching out, and while we have extended forgiveness, we are looking forward to hearing more about the ways these leaders are more broadly correcting this slanderous narrative with a more public apology. I think we can all agree that the extent of the confession should match the extent of the sin. Private apologies are appropriate for private sin. But this character assassination campaign against me was spread to thousands. Therefore, it's appropriate that the apology also extends to thousands. This would be a healthy next step in the healing process.

We look forward with hope to the healing, restoration, and unity in the body of Christ in our area. The Gospel frees us to pursue it.