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to me

Good morning, Julie.

Can you share with me more of what you're seeking? In other words, have you already determined you're going to write an article based on what Lori may have shared with you, or are you seeking information from the other side to determine if there is a story here that would justify an article being written?

As the church and I have done throughout the past year and a half, I'd prefer at this point not to share specifics of Lori's employment and departure as I don't want to speak disparagingly of her, although I'm aware of numerous public accusations she's made of the church and me, all of which the church, its leaders, and I wholeheartedly deny.

I considered Lori a genuine colleague, confidante, and friend during our five years of serving together and I personally and very gladly advocated in every way for her to be called and approved in the position of associate pastor.

Lori submitted her resignation from the executive responsibilities of her role (which were the majority of the position and the primary reason we called her as associate pastor), the elders of the church voted to accept that resignation as a full resignation from her position, and about a month later she officially confirmed that and the congregation concurred.

If you'd like more information to help you see if this situation is worthy of an article along the lines of others you have written, I'll do my best to respond in written form so there's a clear record of what is and is not said.

I'd also be glad to provide names of others with whom I've served at this church or other churches in the past . . . men and women, clergy and lay people. As Lori and I discussed many, many times in our years of serving together, integrity in ministry means everything, and I've sought to uphold the utmost integrity each step of the way.

In Christ's Love,

Jason Whitener