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Subject: Re: Media inquiry - Statement on Investigation re: Daniel Savala

Here is the statement on behalf of the General Council:

We are heartbroken to hear allegations related to Daniel Savala. While he did not hold credentials with the Assemblies of God, The General Council of the Assemblies of God takes matters of this nature seriously and will do everything that we can to help.

We understand the churches and districts involved with Chi Alpha or Assemblies of God ministers at related campuses are diligently looking into allegations related to Daniel Savala and any Chi Alpha leaders who permitted Mr. Savala to attend Chi Alpha events. The General Council is also using its best efforts to discern what occurred and to respond appropriately. The North Texas District has appointed an interim liaison for the North Texas District Chi Alpha.

The allegations against Mr. Savala are very serious. The General Council will take appropriate steps with regard to any credentialed ministers who it learns have violated the biblical requirements expected of ministers.

Should you have any first-hand information related to the allegations surrounding Mr. Savala, please email reports@chialpha.com.

As investigations begin, I have provided this **additional statement on behalf of the leadership of the North Texas District of the Assemblies of God** with the latest information from them.

We understand allegations have been made that Eli Stewart knowingly allowed Daniel Savala, a registered sex offender, to attend events at Texas A&M Chi Alpha and Mountain Valley Fellowship Church.

The safety of the people we serve is our number one priority, and we take seriously any allegations of threats to that safety. Therefore, the North Texas District Council of the Assemblies of God has appointed a special committee from the North Texas District Executive Presbytery to investigate these serious allegations and has placed Eli Stewart on leave, suspending his responsibilities to Mountain Valley Fellowship Church and Texas A&M Chi Alpha. We have worked with Mountain Valley Fellowship Church and Texas A&M Chi Alpha to secure interim leadership for their respective entities. We are also reviewing whether any other credentialed ministers in our District may have violated the expected requirements of ministers regarding this situation.

The North Texas District has policies and procedures for all District employees and volunteers who work with children and youth to complete mandatory training to help maintain a safe environment and culture. We strongly encourage all churches who are a part of our voluntary fellowship to do the same. We commit to learning from this situation and reviewing our processes and communication to help keep congregations and communities safe. We would welcome the opportunity to meet with anyone hurt by these events, and we also have counseling resources available.

The allegations against Mr. Savala are deeply troubling. Should you have any first-hand information about Mr. Savala's alleged conduct related to Chi Alpha, please email reports@northtexas.ag and, if appropriate, notify law enforcement.