From: Corrie Harlan | EAA to Superintendent Dr. Claunch < charlan@northtexas.ag>

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To: Anthony Scoma ascoma@swff.com
Subject: URGENT Message from EAC



NTD Presbytery,

On behalf of Dr. Claunch, Pastor Kermit and Pastor Gregg, please see the information below. *This information is confidential and should not be shared with anyone.

Thank you to those who were able to join the Zoom meeting on Thursday. In response to the concerns that were voiced Thursday, we reviewed our notes and the email received from Anthony on 2/21/23 was presented by Pastor Kermit at the next EAC meeting on 2/27/23. We will be pleased to give a full and transparent review of all our steps at the appropriate time. It is our goal now to focus on stewarding this crisis well. Please pray for God's wisdom, grace and discernment.

Statement to NTD Presbytery:

We understand 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 and our ministry environments 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 placed Eli Stewart on leave, suspending his responsibilities to Mountain Valley Fellowship Church and Texas A&M Chi Alpha. We have appointed a special committee from the North Texas District Executive Presbytery to investigate these serious allegations. 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.

We condemn abuse in any form and are profoundly committed to the safety and welfare of everyone who is a part of the ministries of the Assemblies of God. 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 also commit to learning from this situation and reviewing our processes and communication to keep our congregations and communities safe.

The allegations against Mr. Savala are very serious. Should you have any first-hand information related to the allegations surrounding Mr. Savala, please email reports@northtexas.ag and, if appropriate, notify law enforcement.

It is VERY IMPORTANT that if you receive ANY INQURIES about this situation, to please use ONLY this response: "I'm not the best person for you to speak with regarding this situation, so let me put you in contact with the person who is."

We are asking that any inquiries (Internal, external, ministers, churches, Chi Alpha and especially MEDIA) be filtered through Corrie Harlan. She will have the appropriate information and will know who is handling that particular area.

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT YOU MAY RECEIVE PHONE CALLS OR EMAILS THAT POSE AS SOMEONE INTERTESTED IN OUR MINISTRY, BUT THEN MIGHT USE THAT AS AN OPEN DOOR FOR INFORMATION.

Thank you for continuing to pray for the victims and our leadership as they seek the Lord's wisdom.



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