## Additional Facts and Documentation Regarding Mishandling of Leslie White Allegations by Overseers

WINGS recently published another post regarding Leslie White and is now providing further documentation prepared by Cynthia Liles of 2×2 *Church Accountability*, to shine additional light on the mishandling of alleged serial predator Leslie White.

WINGS focus is on the abuse of children, but these adult-abuse matters are also being posted because they show the propensity of overseers to retain abusing workers, disbelieve allegations, and generally fail to act.

Beginning in 2009, Beth and Tim Boelter began advocating on behalf of victims of Leslie White and pleading with overseers to address his predatory behavior. During their advocacy, they learned that in Colorado, around the year 2000, a victim reported White to the workers for sexual assault. She pleaded with them to remove him from the ministry, so he did not eventually rape someone.

In 2010, Beth and Tim received <u>the attached letter from Duane Hopkins</u> urging them to remain silent.

In 2012, a sister worker accused White of raping her in 2003. She reported it to the Elbert County Sheriff's Office in Colorado. The handling of the allegation by the workers was covered in the WINGS post about <u>the fraudulent psychiatrist</u>.

In 2013, Beth was in conversation with another couple who were concerned about the lack of action taken by the ministry regarding Leslie White and were preparing a letter to overseers. Attached is **Beth's memo to that couple** regarding known facts about White.

On November 1, 2013, that couple wrote <u>the attached letter to Barry, Ray, and Lyle</u> regarding Leslie White which states in part, "We are pleading with you to apologize to all who have been harmed or knowingly put in harm's way by having been sent wolves in sheep's clothing into their homes. We are pleading with you to apologize to all the victims and their advocates who have been silenced, marginalized and even vilified for their concerns. We are pleading with you to do this publicly and openly, so that the trust in those in places of authority and responsibility can be confirmed and renewed."

Around 2015, Leslie White wrote an open letter to friends and workers stating it had been proven the allegations against him were false and he had been "cleared". In turn, <u>Sgt. Joel Heap of the</u> <u>Elbert County Sheriff's Office wrote an open letter (attached) refuting White's claims</u>.

It is now 2025, and even more is known about alleged abuses by White and the minimization and coverup by the workers. As asked of the workers in 2013, people are pleading with them to publicly apologize to the victims, their advocates, and now the entire community for what is believed to be gross negligence.

## **Gross negligence**, as defined by Cornell's Law School Legal Information Institute's Wex Definitions Team, is :

"A lack of care that demonstrates reckless disregard for the safety or lives of others, which is so great it appears to be a conscious violation of other people's rights to safety. Gross negligence is a heightened degree of negligence representing an extreme departure from the ordinary standard of care . Falling between intent to do wrongful harm and ordinary negligence, gross negligence is defined as willful , wanton , and reckless conduct affecting the life or property or another.

Gross negligence is considered more harmful than ordinary negligence because it implies a thoughtless disregard of the consequences and the failure to use even slight care to avoid harming the life or property of another. As such, someone who is found liable for gross negligence can be responsible for higher damages than ordinary negligence."

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