

Very important excerpt from Linda Lonseth's story

"We DID Speak Up at the Time – Into a Vacuum of Silence"

*Jack Price was the overseer in Saskatchewan when I came back from Alberta in 1993. Dale Shultz replaced him the following year, I think (not exactly sure). My worker cousin and I had MANY visits with Dale Shultz and Robert Corfield (in 1996, I think), and shared with them detailed information from Marie Fortune's book, *Is Nothing Sacred: When Sex Invades the Pastoral Relationship*, about clergy sexual abuse, ([Link to buy](#); [Link to view](#)), as well as video material she had produced. They were very well informed, in those meetings, about this topic of clergy sexual abuse.*

We were also very clear, in these meetings, that they had a legal responsibility to report child sexual abuse.

We also shared with the brothers our experiences with the older sister worker who had been so abusive, and our information about other active sexual abusers in the ministry that we knew about at that time. We strongly advocated for transparency to the friends (as Marie Fortune stressed is SO important), so that the vulnerable would know and be able to avoid those that could and would prey on them, and could protect their own children.

It was a year or two after these series of meetings that Dale sent Robert down to Montana."

This level of detail and historical context is paramount when we consider the steps required for true repentance. It is apparent by the way Alanna MacDonald has very recently been treated that some of those at the top of the ministerial hierarchy still have a lot of work to do in this regard. Our church cannot start the healing process until we see the fruit of true repentance.