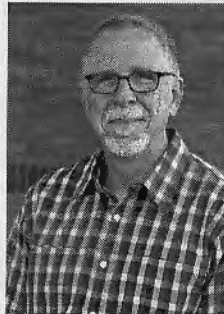


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Sent: Wednesday, September 18, 2019 6:33 PM
To: jpcarson@tds.net
Subject: Important Information from Larry



Important Information from Larry

You may have received a letter from Joe Carson who is a member of our church. If you wonder why you randomly received the letter, Mr. Carson, as a member, at one time had access to our database, as do all church members. We offer that access in good faith and presume that everyone will use the information with integrity and for the benefit of ongoing church ministries and activities.

As for the content of the letter, Mr. Carson has an ongoing, 20-plus year dispute with The Department of Energy where he works. Mr. Carson has been attempting to enlist our church in his dispute for well over 10 years. These attempts have included charges against me, the Bishop of the Holston Conference, and accusations of complicity against agencies of the United Methodist Church. All of these charges and accusations were summarily dismissed upon investigation by the appropriate authorities per the UMC Book of Discipline. Mr. Carson's interpretation of the UMC Book of Discipline is not supported by our Bishop, the Holston Conference Chancellor, the UMC Council of Bishops, or general church legal counsel.

At some point, Mr. Carson's attempts to involve the church took a personal turn toward me. However, I have always treated Mr. Carson with respect and have encouraged our security team to do the same as they monitor activities in the church. We have never done anything to deny him access to worship or other activities. Moreover, the only people who know

who he is other than our leadership and security teams are those he has addressed himself via email or in person.

Let me assure you that Mr. Carson's letter nor any other activity by him or anyone with an agenda not in line our established, God-ordained goals and priorities will not prevail. Again, this is nothing new and nothing to be concerned about. We serve an awesome God who has called us to continue to proclaim his Son and care for the people for whom he died and now lives and reigns. We will not be moved from our calling.

Blessings,

Larry

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