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Dear Sirs,

I am writing in response to your letter dated October 10, requesting information about Pastor Nha Tran and his involvement with Simpson University and A.W. Tozer Theological Seminary.

1: Did Dr. Nha act out of his own personal agenda in reaching out to and partnering Simpson University and the Tin Lanh Church in Vietnam. Did he initiate these contacts to achieve his own personal gain or benefit.

Not to my knowledge. From the beginning Dr. Nha has acted at the request of others in this matter. The contact between the Tin Lanh Church and Simpson was initiated by the Tin Lanh leadership who came to Simpson in July 2005 of their own volition. I know this because these leaders have told me so on several occasions since then. I have observed only the highest motives and concerns from Dr. Nha; his primary objective is to serve the Evangelical Church of Vietnam and Simpson University.

2: Has Dr. Nha acted on behalf of or represented The Alliance Evangelical Divinity School or the Vietnamese District?

Not in any of the occasions when we have worked together.

3: Have you or anyone contacted and/or informed the Vietnamese District Superintendent of the involvement in all of the various meetings throughout the past year? Do you know whether or not Dr. Nha requested permission or informed his District Superintendent prior to his participation in these meetings.

I understood Dr. Nha had permission to assist us. This was based on Rev. Tai's offer in February 2006 to make Dr. Nha available to help us develop a relationship with the Evangelical Church of Vietnam. Dr. Nha did not discuss this matter with me until he asked me to have Dr. McKinney to send a letter to Rev. Tai requesting he be given permission and release from his duties to attend a meeting in January in Colorado Springs. I assumed during that time that Dr. Nha was working with the full knowledge of Rev. Tai. Dr. Nha never told me that his activity for ECVN and Simpson was a secret, and he never asked me not to tell Rev. Tai about his work.

4: Do you have comments regarding his heart or character? Do I think Dr. Nha tried to take credit for the work of others or to seek his own glory in the process?

Dr. Nha Tran is one of the most honorable and ethical Christian leaders I have had the privilege to work with. His spiritual maturity and passion is a strong encouragement to me and those who know him. He is quick to give credit where credit is due; I have heard him speak positively on many occasions about the work of the Vietnamese District, the Alliance Evangelical Divinity School, and Rev. Tai An Nguyen. I have never heard Dr. Nha speak in a self-serving or self-aggrandizing manner about his role at AEDS, in Vietnam, or with WAVAC. He sees these as opportunities to serve the Vietnamese Church and the Kingdom of God, and not as personal recognitions or honors. To the contrary, he is perhaps too reluctant to acknowledge his own valuable contributions.

5: What are the effects of Dr. Nha's involvement in the partnership between Simpson University and the Tin Lanh Church?

Nha's role has been instrumental in helping us to develop and maintain the partnership. We could not do it without him. He is known and respected in Vietnam, and his credentials give academic credibility to the program in the eyes of our accrediting agency (WASC). His work of translation and his knowledge of academic administration is particularly useful in helping me shape the curriculum and finding suitable instructors. Dr. Larry McKinney, the President of Simpson University and Dr. Stanley Clark, the Provost, agree with this assessment.

In sum, I can think of no reason why Dr. Nha's contract as your pastor should not be renewed. Tozer Seminary will move ahead with our plans to develop the partnership with the Tin Lanh Church with Dr. Nha playing a key role in teaching and administering the program. We are truly grateful to the Vietnamese Evangelical Church of Long Beach for your support of this vital ministry.

Pursuing God,

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