Changes in The Voice of Prophecy Leadership

Official Statement from the North American Division

On Thursday, April 5, The Voice of Prophecy Executive Committee made a recommendation to the Adventist Media Center Board that is requiring some changes to be made in the 83-year-old ministry. The recommendation made by the committee includes a leadership change with Fred Kinsey, speaker/director, as well as Elizabeth Talbot, associate speaker/director, who will be transitioning her “Jesus 101” ministry from The Voice of Prophecy.

“In accordance with our human resources policy, employee information is confidential and proprietary,” said Warren Judd, interim manager of the Adventist Media Center and secretary of the Adventist Media Center board.

The Voice of Prophecy Executive Committee meets twice yearly and is responsible for vision and direct oversight of the ministry. This committee is made up of denominational employees as well as Seventh-day Adventist Church lay members. The Adventist Media Center Board meets twice yearly and is responsible for the overall strategic direction of the media work of the Adventist Media Center and all the North American Division media ministries. This board is comprised primarily of the administration of the North American Division and the North American Division union presidents. Although The Voice of Prophecy Executive Committee made ministry recommendations at the April 5 meeting, the Adventist Media Center Board is not scheduled to meet until after June 5.

Two days prior to The Voice of Prophecy Executive Committee meeting, the Adventist Media Center Board voted to give permission to each media ministry of the North American Division to present a business and transition plan to the North American Division administration. The Board is allowing the proposed plans to include the option to relocate from the Adventist Media Center in Simi Valley, Calif. These plans will be presented to the North American Division administration by June 5 after which they will be brought to the Adventist Media Center Board for consideration. The Voice of Prophecy is one of six ministries that has administrative offices in the Adventist Media Center.

“At this time, we have had no formal indication which ministries will choose to relocate,” said Dan Jackson, board chair of the Adventist Media Center and president of the North American Division. “However, no ministry moves will be made even if a plan is submitted unless the Adventist Media Center Board approves the move.”
Center Board votes such a move and it is in the best interest of the Adventist Media Center and the ministry," he said.

Kinsey was named interim speaker/director of The Voice of Prophecy after Lonnie Melashenko, former speaker/director, accepted a ministry call to the Kettering Health Network in Ohio in July 2008. In 2009, Kinsey was named speaker/director, while still serving as the assistant to the president for communication for the North American Division. In August 2010, Kinsey was asked to serve with The Voice of Prophecy full time.

Under Kinsey’s leadership, The Voice of Prophecy expanded the voices heard on the 15-minute daily and 30-minute weekly radio programs by including Mike Tucker, Elizabeth Talbot and Willa Sandmeyer. He also led the ministry to become involved with social media including the introduction of The Voice of Prophecy iPhone app.

"We appreciate what both Fred and Elizabeth brought to The Voice of Prophecy to allow this ministry to continue to win souls for Christ," said Jackson. "We wish them well in their future endeavors and pray that they will continue to uplift souls in ministry."

Until the Adventist Media Center Board can meet to deliberate over the recommendations, The Voice of Prophecy Executive Committee has asked Lance Liebelt to continue as the interim manager. Prior to the meeting, Liebelt had been serving as manager/treasurer for Voice of Prophecy as well as treasurer for Adventist Media Productions, the production component of the Adventist Media Center. Connie Vandeman Jeffrey, who was also asked by Kinsey to serve as an associate speaker for the Voice of Prophecy, will remain with the ministry.

About the Voice of Prophecy
The Voice of Prophecy is a long-running religious radio broadcast founded in 1929 by H.M.S. Richards, Sr. Initially aired on a single radio station in Los Angeles it has since grown to numerous stations throughout the United States and Canada.
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