

From: xxxxxxxx
Sent: Sunday, June 7, 2015 4:10 PM
To: thedashmanagement@lindaellis.net
Subject: letter

To whom it concerns:

I was out of town for the last week and just now picked up my mail to find your letter in regards to the use of the poem 'The "D"'. (I am afraid to even type the name now!) I see that it refers to an email sent as well which I did not receive.

I greatly apologize for including the poem in my notes. I gave credit to Ms Ellis, but I did not know that I could not use it without prior permission beyond that.

I am not educated at all on copyrights. I became a widow very unexpectedly, months after my husband and I started our small church and have kept the church going while grieving. I earn no income.

I have already removed the poem from our website. (which does not get many hits) and it has not been used at any other time. It was posted on the 2 year anniversary of my husband Jon's death.

I am sick to my stomach over this as I am one to always try to do things the right way. I am asking that you will show grace and forgiveness for my mistake. This poem was given to me when my husband died and that is why I shared it. I fell into this position as pastor with no training, and it is a learning on the job process. I love my church family and do not want to hurt or tarnish what God is doing. We are not professional people. We are all volunteers.

There was no intent to earn profit or take credit at all. Again, I apologize and it was immediately removed. I am asking that you will consider this as enough to satisfy your request. The poem will not be used again in any format. In fact, I may be afraid to ever refer to it again at all.

I can be contacted at xxx-xxx-xxxx should you wish to speak with me. But I am hoping that Ms Ellis will recognize this for what it was. An innocent mistake by someone who didn't even know that I was doing anything wrong.

Sincerely,
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