

From MormonLeaks™ to FaithLeaks

Defcon 26 Skytalks

Ethan Gregory Dodge



Content Warning



Who am I?

- Born and raised Mormon
- Served Mormon mission
- Left Mormon Church in 2016
- DFIR professional
- Co-Founder of the Truth and Transparency Foundation
- Craft beer enthusiast



Truth and Transparency Foundation

- Founded November 2017
- Umbrella organization for MormonLeaks™ and FaithLeaks
- truthandtransparency.org

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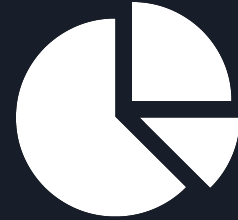
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FAITH LEAKS



SecureDrop

SecureDrop is an open-source whistleblower submission system that media organizations can use to securely accept documents from and communicate with anonymous sources. It was originally created by the late Aaron Swartz and is currently managed by Freedom of the Press Foundation.



The image features a night sky with the Milky Way galaxy visible, silhouettes of trees, and a mountain range in the background. The text "MormonLeaks™" is centered in a white serif font.

MormonLeaks™

Ryan McKnight

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Mormons Sharpen Stand Against Same-Sex Marriage

Children of same-sex couples will not be able to join the Mormon Church until they turn 18 — and only if they move out of their parents' homes, disavow all same-sex relationships and receive approval from the church's top leadership as part of a new policy adopted by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Goodstein, L. (2015, Nov 6). *New York Times*, Retrieved from <https://www.nytimes.com/2015/11/07/us/mormons-gay-marriage.html>



Mormon Resignations Put Support for Gays Over Fealty to Faith

Healy, J. (2015, Nov 15). *New York Times*, Retrieved from <https://www.nytimes.com/2015/11/16/us/mormon-resignations-put-support-for-gays-over-fealty-to-faith.html>

Photo credit: Kim Raff for The New York Times



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\$17,000 Temple Rug

Carpet		
	Area Rugs	\$2500 /ea
	Brides' Room Rug	\$17,000 / ea
	Carpet Tiles (Locker/Non-Patron Waiting/Walk-off mat)	\$35 /sq yard
	Broadloom Carpet	\$39 /sq yard
	*Installation	\$12-39 /sq yard



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Leaked Videos Pull Back Curtain on Mormon Leadership

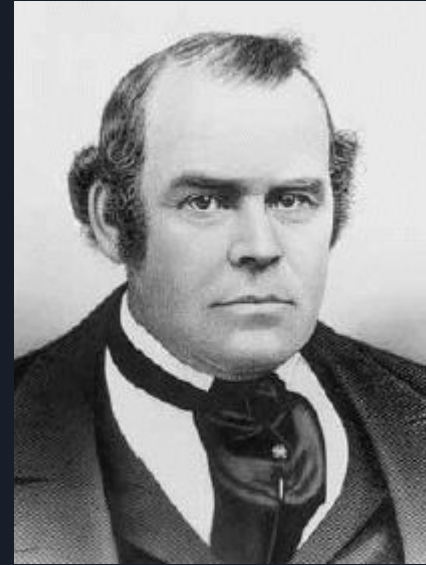
In a presentation that has provoked some criticism, former Senator Gordon H. Smith, a Republican of Oregon, shared with the apostles that he voted in favor of the Iraq War partly because he believed it could open the region for Mormon missionaries.

Goodstein, L. (2016, Oct 6). *New York Times*, Retrieved from <https://www.nytimes.com/2016/10/07/us/mormon-videos-leaked.html>



Privacy P. Pratt

- I reached out to Ryan in October 2016
- Assumed the name of "Privacy P. Pratt"
- Launched MormonLeaks December 19, 2016



History

- January 2017:
 - Release General Authority pay information
- February/March 2017:
 - Release "Bubble Chart" or "Enemies List"
 - Receive DMCA from LDS Church
- July 2017:
 - Release first batch of McConkie Papers
 - Receive DMCA from McConkie Family



The McConkie Papers



The McConkie Papers

THE RECEIPT OF THE REVELATION

OFFERING THE PRIESTHOOD TO MEN OF ALL RACES AND COLORS

June 30, 1978

In recent years the counselors in the First Presidency and all members of the Council of the Twelve have had an acute awareness of the desire of President Spencer W. Kimball to learn the mind and will of the Lord relative to conferring the Holy Priesthood upon worthy males of every race and color. In recent months one aspect or another of this matter has come up for informal discussion in various regular meetings of the First Presidency and the Twelve. There have been discussions for instance, about patriarchal blessings for Negroes and about the problems we might encounter in Brazil after the dedication of the Sao Paulo Temple. As a matter of historical fact, many of the early settlers in Brazil were Portuguese and African Negroes. There was extensive intermarriage. It is generally felt that an appreciable part of the Brazilian nation is now



2nd DMCA Takedown

PRESS RELEASE

SEPTEMBER 19, 2017 - LAS VEGAS, NV

MormonLeaks™ Receives and Responds to DMCA Take Down; Publishes 53 Additional McConkie Papers

On July 24, 2017 MormonLeaks™ [released](#) the first installment of the McConkie Papers: 37 unpublished documents from the hand of controversial Mormon leader Bruce R. McConkie. Subsequently on July 26, 2017, MormonLeaks™ received a DMCA take down request from the attorney of the McConkie heirs asking for the removal of all 37 documents. Today MormonLeaks™ responds to the request refusing to comply and publishes another 53 documents in the McConkie Papers series.

[Request here](#)

[Response here](#)

[Documents here](#)





FaithLeaks

Defcon

- Spoke at Defcon July 2017 as Privacy P. Pratt
- Bombarded with requests
- We'd always thought it could turn into this



FaithLeaks Launch

Newsweek

MEET FAITHLEAKS: RELIGION'S RESPONSE TO WIKILEAKS

BY **CRISTINA MAZA** ON 11/7/17 AT 12:27 PM

NONRELIGIOUS

Does Your Church Have Secrets? FaithLeaks Wants To Know All About Them

NOVEMBER 7, 2017 BY HEMANT MEHTA 105 COMMENTS



FaithLeaks First Release

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VIDEO SPLOID PALEOFUTURE IO9 SCIENCE REVIEW FIELD GUIDE DESIGN

New Whistleblower Site FaithLeaks Releases Confidential Documents About Child Sexual Abuse in Jehovah's Witnesses Community



FaithLeaks First Release

FUTURE TENSE



A New “Wikileaks for Religion” Publishes Its First Trove of Documents

By Ruth Graham • JAN 12, 2018, 2:23 PM





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Following



We were recently contacted by the Brimfield, MA PD. The elders of Palmer congregation called authorities to investigate the theft of the docs leaked from their congregation last month. Yet they didn't contact police to investigate the child sex abuse outlined in docs. [#priorities](#)

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McKenna Denson Audio Recording

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Former Missionary Training Center president admits to asking a young missionary to expose her breasts in the '80s, BYU police say

Bishop, now 85, said during their December conversation that he didn't remember taking her into the room, let alone sexually assaulting her. But he repeatedly apologized, describing himself as a predator and saying he had confessed to other sexual misconduct — disclosures that have ignited outrage online and questions about whether the Mormon church failed to protect women.

Stack, P. F. (2018, Mar 21). *Salt Lake Tribune*, Retrieved from

<https://www.sltrib.com/news/2018/03/22/former-missionary-training-center-president-admits-to-asking-a-young-missionary-to-expose-her-breasts-in-the-80s-byu-police-say/>



Church Statement About Alleged Sexual Assault by Former Mission President

This matter was brought to the attention of the Church in 2010, when this former Church member, who served briefly as a missionary in 1984, told leaders of the Pleasant Grove Utah West Stake that she had been sexually assaulted by the president of the Provo Missionary Training Center, Joseph Bishop, 25 years earlier. They listened carefully to the claims being made and then this was immediately reported to the Pleasant Grove Police Department, and the police interviewed her at that time. The Church does not know what she said in that interview, but the Church received no further communication from the police concerning the matter.

Retrieved from <https://www.mormonnewsroom.org/article/statement-former-mission-president-alleged-abuse-joseph-l-bishop-march-2018>



Former employee confirms 'odd' MTC basement room with bed and TV

The former employee, who asked not to be identified, says the room did have a bed, TV and VHS Player. Those details were key to the woman's story, first leaked by MormonLeaks on Monday, but were contested by Joseph L Bishop when he spoke to Brigham Young University Police detectives last December. The former employee doesn't know the alleged victim, but recognized her description of the unusual room in the basement of the MTC.

Kauffman, D. (2018, Mar 22). *KUTV 2 News*, Retrieved from <http://kutv.com/news/local/former-employee-confirms-odd-mtc-room-with-bed-and-tv>



Exclusive: Documents reveal how the LDS Church responded to MTC sex scandal

On March 20, as a sexual assault scandal was exploding around former Missionary Training Center President Joseph Bishop, his son, and attorney Greg Bishop sent an email to 2News unsolicited.

In the email, he unspools a five-page dossier about the past of the woman who had accused his father of rape.

Jones, C. (2018, Mar 30). *KUTV 2 News*, Retrieved from <http://kutv.com/news/local/exclusive-documents-reveal-how-the-lds-church-responded-to-mtc-sex-scandal>



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In the last two days, 2News has obtained a letter that was written by David Jordan, a lawyer at the firm, Stoel Rives, acting on behalf of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

The document is a response to a letter from the woman's attorney, Craig Vernon, requesting a settlement from the LDS Church.

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The document includes everything we saw in Bishop's email, plus a review of her ecclesiastical church record.

At the bottom, Jordan indicates that he sent the letter to Greg Bishop.

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MormonLeaks shared KUTV 2News's post.

March 30 at 9:27pm · 🌐

Multiple sources have confirmed that reporters were sent a statement from the [The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints](#) on the morning of 3/20 naming the survivor in the Bishop audio. That same afternoon those reporters who asked the Church for further comment received the dossier unsolicited from Bishop's son as reported by [KUTV 2News](#) tonight. When asked about this, the Church ignored our request for comment.



A woman was shocked to see her name in a Mormon church-compiled dossier — which she says was designed to discredit her birth mother

Last week, a 35-year-old woman, who was adopted as an infant by a Mormon couple, discovered her name in an unexpected place: It was in the first item on a list of damaging information an LDS Church-hired attorney had compiled about her birth mother.

That mother was the one who has alleged she was raped in 1984 by Joseph L. Bishop, then the president of the Missionary Training Center in Provo, while she was an LDS missionary.

Stack, P. F. (2018, Apr 4). *Salt Lake Tribune*, Retrieved from

<https://www.sltrib.com/religion/2018/04/04/a-woman-was-shocked-to-see-her-name-in-a-mormon-church-compiled-dossier-which-she-says-was-designed-to-discredit-her-birth-mother/>



Utah woman sues Mormon church alleging rape by leader in 1980s



McKenna Denson speaks with reporters during a news conference Thursday, April 5, 2018, in Salt Lake City. Denson, who accused a former Mormon missionary training center director of raping her in the 1980s and the church of failing to take her allegations seriously, has sued the man and the church in a move that could bring more scrutiny to the religion's handling of sexual abuse reports. (Rick Bowmer / AP)

By **Brady McCombs**
Associated Press



JW's and GDPR

PRESS RELEASE

APRIL 10, 2018 - LAS VEGAS, NV

FaithLeaks Releases 10 Documents Revealing Watch Tower's Response to GDPR and the Handling of Personal Data

Today FaithLeaks publishes the 10 documents revealing Watch Tower's response to the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), a law to take effect in the European Union on May 25, 2018. These documents were given to all congregation leaders, or Bodies of Elders, in the European Union.

[Documents and descriptions here](#)



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77 domains
registered on
July 21, 2016



Variations of 13 Names

- Ashmore Wealth Management LLC
- Argyll Research LLC
- Clifton Park Capital Management LLC
- Cortland Advisers LLC
- Elkfork Partners LLC
- Flinton Capital Management LLC
- Glenn Harbor Capital Management LLC
- Green Valley Investors LLC
- Meadow Creek Investment Management LLC
- Neubrugb Advisers LLC
- Riverhead Capital Management LLC
- Tiverton Asset Management LLC
- Tyers Asset Management LLC



Total value

• Ashmore Wealth Management LLC	\$1,918,532,000.00
• Argyll Research LLC	\$446,327,000.00
• Clifton Park Capital Management LLC	\$880,518,000.00
• Cortland Advisers LLC	\$2,177,742,000.00
• Elkfork Partners LLC	\$3,687,774,000.00
• Flinton Capital Management LLC	\$2,943,847,000.00
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• Riverhead Capital Management LLC	\$2,361,388,000.00
• Tiverton Asset Management LLC	\$1,598,253,000.00
• Tyers Asset Management LLC	\$2,855,436,000.00



\$32,769,914,000



“Business Manager”

Person Signing this Report on Behalf of Reporting Manager:

Name: Nathan [REDACTED]
Title: Business Manager
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Signature, Place, and Date of Signing:

Nathan [REDACTED]	Wilmington, DE	05-07-2018
[Signature]	[City, State]	[Date]

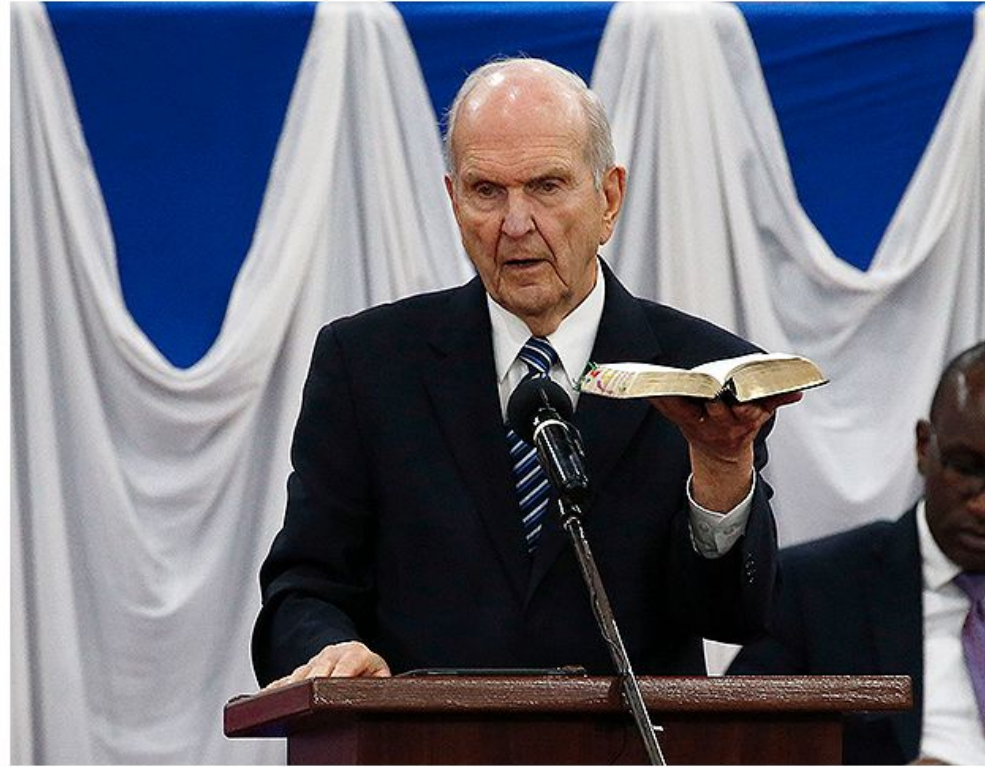
On May 29, 2018 at approximately 2:00pm PST Ryan McKnight of MormonLeaks attempted to contact each person listed as the Business Manager on the Forms 13F. Of the 13 names that were called, only three answered the phone: Aaron Davis of Riverhead Capital Management, Troy Nielsen of Neuburgh Advisers, and Kristy Woodward of Glen Harbor Capital Management (GHCM). According to the 2015 employee directory, all three work in the Church's Financial Records Department and are the only employees with their respective names.

Both Mr. Davis and Mr. Nielsen denied their supposed connection to their respective organizations; however, Ms. Woodward confirmed her manager position listed on GHCM's 13F. When asked if the company was owned by the Mormon Church she responded by saying "I can't answer that."

The Church's Public Affairs Department has yet to return MormonLeaks' request for comment; however, they did direct [KUTV 2News](#) to the [May 22 press release](#) mentioned above and declined to comment further.



"We preach tithing to the poor people of the world because the poor people of the world have had cycles of poverty, generation after generation," he said. "That same poverty continues from one generation to another, until people pay their tithing."



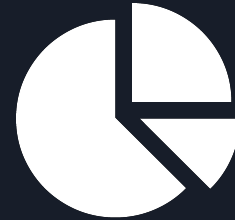
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