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FAILED CLAIM ATTEMPTS CONTINUE AGAINST FAMILY BROADCASTING CORPORATION

Dr. Lester Sumrall Works No Longer Available

SOUTH BEND, IN – December 21, 2020 – It is with sadness we must announce that various intellectual properties owned by the LeSEA organizations (including Family Broadcasting Corporation), as well as certain “personality rights” of Dr. Lester Sumrall, are currently being challenged by an individual with absolutely no affiliation with LeSEA.

This has resulted in a meritless federal lawsuit, which alleges LeSEA owes “license fees” for any depiction of Dr. Sumrall, including his “name, voice, signature, photograph, image, likeness, distinctive appearance, gestures, and mannerisms.”

LeSEA has quietly endured these unfounded attacks while continuing to offer Dr. Sumrall’s materials on various platforms for free, which includes DrLesterSumrall.com.

In fact, the Indiana Court of Appeals deemed legal claims regarding Dr. Sumrall’s works by this individual as “an exercise in futility.”

However, due to the fact that these unrelenting attacks continue, even after several years of failed attempts, the decision has been made to no longer make these works available until the current litigation has been resolved.

LeSEA finds it reprehensible that anyone would demand any sort of financial remuneration for the mere mention of Dr. Sumrall’s name, let alone in connection with the ministries he founded. Dr. Sumrall’s works were created as a ministry to reach the lost, and LeSEA looks forward to the day when these materials can once again be distributed for free without facing baseless lawsuits.

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