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In 1978, my then husband, Art Wenholz, and I came to the Seattle area from Minnesota. At that time I was 25 years old and married, and our family moved here primarily for the purposes of attending the Community Chapel and Bible Training Center in Burien.

The Burien Chapel, Pastor Don Barnett, and the eldership of the church has always taught that women are to be totally submissive and free-thinking by a women is very much discouraged.

To the best of my recollection, it was sometime in 1983, that dancing before the Lord became a part of the worship at the Burien Chapel. At first, people in the church danced alone and I began dancing in 1984.

It was in March or April of 1985 that people began dancing with each other, which included people dancing with persons other than their spouses.

Within a month or two, upon the recommendation of his wife, I began to dance with Jack Hicks. By June or July of 1985 I was dancing regularly with him.

Although I could not see it at the time, I now realize that Jack Hicks was a master at manipulating me. He would constantly flatter me and tell me how beautiful I was. He

would describe in detail to me the parts of my body,  
including my head, my breasts, my hips, and my lips. He

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would constantly describe to me how beautiful my lips were,  
the way they were shaped and the way they were curved.

When he first started to dance with me, he would kiss  
me on the cheeks. By September of 1985, we were not only  
dancing together all of the time, but he began to kiss me on  
the lips. Within a short period of time, he started to  
French kiss and touch my breasts through my clothes. Within  
a week, he was touching my bare breasts.

Shortly thereafter, in approximately November of 1985,  
Barbara Barnett, Pastor Barnett's wife, asked Jack Hicks and  
I to go to lunch. Barbara was very interested in Jack and  
my's "spiritual connection" and Jack revealed to Barbara  
that in our "spiritual connection" we had gone as far as  
french kissing and breast petting. Barbara was very excited  
and told us this was wonderful. She then stated that she  
and her spiritual connection, Jerry Zwack, were a little  
farther down the road than we were and by farther down the  
road it was obvious she was talking about the sexual  
relationship of her spiritual connection with Jerry Zwack.

During the lunch, Jack excused himself to go to the bathroom, and while he was gone Barbara asked me if I had ever experienced a “spiritual orgasm.” Barbara encouraged our “spiritual connection” to go farther, and she told me that this was the beginning of a great movement which would sweep the nation and women, such as myself and her, would be

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called upon to minister in this way, (sexually), to ministers and elders of other churches.

Although it took a few more months, Jack continued to manipulate me to a point where I actually have sexual intercourse with him. I continued to engage in sexual contact and sexual intercourse with him for several months after that. I went on several vacations with Jack Hicks and were often accompanied by Lanny Peterson and Diane Russell. Lanny Peterson is another elder in the church, and during those vacations Jack Hicks and I would stay in one room, and Lanny Peterson and Diane Russell would stay in another. Although I did not actually witness Diane Russell and Lanny Peterson having sexual intercourse, Lanny Peterson did state things like, “Diane and I were in the shower together.” On other occasions Lanny Peterson would brag to me about

bringing numerous female connections to a “climax.”

At the time that Jack and I started dancing regularly together in June or July of 1985, and from that time forward, he constantly spoke to me of the strong spiritual union between us and he described me as his “mega connection.” During the dancing, sexual contact, and sexual intercourse, he would often remind me of his position as senior elder of the church and second in command directly below Pastor Don Barnett. He would tell me things like how easy it was to love me, how easy it was to be carefree with

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me, how easy it was to be passionate with me, and how I was God’s answer to his impotence. Jack would tell me that he was french kissing me in the spirit, and he would also tell me that his touching of my body was a “vehicle” for us to truly experience the spirit of God. Jack would also tell me that through the dancing and our sexual contact that I was “ministering” to him as a senior elder. He would tell me that I was vital to his ministry at the Chapel and that he could not fulfill his ministry without me. When he told me that he could not fulfill his ministry without me, we were french kissing, and he was touching me in the Christian

School faculty office on church property. There were numerous occasions when french kissing and sexual contact occurred between Jack Hicks and I on church property.

From the beginning of what Jack described as our spiritual union or mega connection, he would constantly liken our relationship, including the sexual part of it, to the biblical King Soloman, and his fiancé, Abashag. He would call me his “Shulamite Bride” and describe our relationship like that of King Soloman and the Shulamite Bride or describe it as being the same as Jesus Christ as groom with his church as his bride. Everything we did, including sexual intercourse, was described by Jack Hicks as being done in the “spirit”.

Jack Hicks was very open about our relationship in the  
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sense that we were constantly together on church property and in the sanctuary. During church services I would sit beside Jack in the front pew with his wife. He would take me out to lunch and dinner in public places. Anyone who was a regular member of the church and saw us dancing together and constantly together in church situations and in public, could not have helped but be aware of our special

relationship.

Also during this relationship, Jack Hicks began to develop spiritual connections with other women in the church. One of those connection relationships he had was with Sandy Schwartzkopf. Jack, in his position as senior elder, promoted Sandy to one of the top positions in public relationships. Sandy had a key to Jack's office, and she would spend protracted periods of time alone in his office with him after hours. Sandy like to wear a lot of makeup, and in the morning she would go into Jack's office, close the door, and when she came out, Jack would have Sandy's makeup all over his shirt. This greatly upset me, but Jack always responded to me biblically by telling me that he was ministering to Sandy, and that I had to release him to minister to others. However, this did not change his heart, and I would always be "his special Shulamite," and that the other women that he was having spiritual connections with were only "concubines."

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I should also point out that in 1985 the chapel considered my relationship to Jack to have "mega connection" status. This allowed me, along with other selective members

of the church to practice dancing and spiritual connecting in Room E-250 on church property. In that room, I observed another senior elder, Scott Hartley, kissing his spiritual connection on the lips and touching her breasts. This woman was not Scott Hartley's wife.

In the winter of 1986, Don Barnett actually caught Jack and I in bed together. Within a week, Don also caught Jack Hicks partially undressed with Sandy Schwartzkopf who was also partially unclothed. Don Barnett did not take any disciplinary action of any kind against Jack.

After our relationship ended, I was concerned that Jack Hicks would manipulate other women in the church in the same manner as he had done to me. I wrote two pages of notes describing our relationship, and brought those notes to Pastor Don Barnett. It was obvious that Pastor Barnett did not want to talk to me regarding this information and my concerns, and indicated he was too busy to talk to me.

After I persisted, he did give me a few minutes to tell him about the relationship that Jack and I had, but at all times his demeanor was very businesslike, and after telling him what had happened, all he said was that he would take care of it. After Jack Hicks continued in his position as

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senior elder, and I am certain that Pastor Barnett took no actions whatsoever against Jack Hicks.

(Signature)  
DEBRA J. WENHOLZ

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO me before this \_\_\_\_ day of  
April, 1988.

(Signature)  
NOTARY PUBLIC in and for the  
State of Washington  
My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

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