

# Gilbert Smith California elder removed from meetings

Jun 11

**From:** Harold Hilton

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Recently some possible CSA information from Gilbert Smith's distant past has come to light that has called into question whether or not it is appropriate for the Sunday morning meeting to continue in Gilbert & Sharon's home.

As stated in the Child Safe Policy that was recently sent out, our policy is "We have a zero-tolerance policy for substantiated CSA risk (as evaluated by a qualified professional) among workers or elders and will abide by the law to protect children and their families."

For the time being, Gilbert & Sharon's Sunday morning meeting has been dispersed and Gilbert has been asked to not attend meetings until this matter is clarified. Gilbert will be meeting with a professional therapist who is certified to do evaluations of this type and give us advice about risk, safety and guidelines both regarding his position of trust as an elder, and the safety of Gilbert being in meetings with children. After the evaluation and advice is received we will decide what long-term changes are needed, if any. Gilbert & Sharon have a great care for their meeting, and have been very cooperative through this difficult process.

This new arrangement will begin on the coming Sunday, June 11.

Thank you for pulling with us in these difficult times.

Your brothers,  
Scott and Harold

**WINGS Note:** Gilbert Smith is a former worker and current elder in California. During his time in the work, Gilbert labored in California, Arizona, Idaho, Alaska, and Chile. Known allegations stem from his time in Alaska and Chile.

In the late 90s, Mark Huddle (who was removed from the work in April 2023 due to several allegations of child sexual abuse) was approached with some of these allegations. His response was that the family was overreacting, and nothing further was done.