

Rick Simpson removed from meetings

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To Whom it may concern:

In the Interest of the safety of our children we have a zero tolerance policy. In the best interest of all, we need to make our friends aware whenever we know that there is a perpetrator who has been in our midst and is currently active in our fellowship. This helps us to be responsible to each other and especially to our children. When this is known they will not be allowed to attend any meetings in person. If they travel and spend time in different areas this suspension applies to any meeting anywhere not only their home area.

We are sad to learn and need to share that Rick Simpson has sexually abused two minors in the past. Because this has come to light we have asked him not to attend in person meetings anywhere. This restriction is effective immediately.

Currently we know of only two victims. We want to encourage any victims of sexual assault to come forward no matter who the abuser was. Please report it to the proper legal authorities. It would be good also to let your local workers know, so they can make necessary adjustments for the local meetings.

The Missouri Abuse Hotline is 1-800-392-3738. Another helpful source is to use the hot line (503-386-4634). This hot line will notify workers about the perpetrator and provide guidance tor therapy if needed. Another source the RAINN hotline (1-800-656-4673) and the suicide hotline (988) for anyone in crisis.

Sincerely yours,

Craig Winquist