

# Victim letter to Doyle Smith re Scott Richardson

June 15  
Doyle,

You'll notice the tone of this email is much different than my last one. That is because we are out of patience. And when I say "we" I mean Ryan & I, the people of the Church, and every single victim who has been ignored.

I wrote you an email in April detailing my abuse at the hands of Scott Richardson and your words were "I'm not exactly sure what our next step will be, but I do need to inquire further. We do have some ground to cover. There has been a lot to think about - it's been more than overwhelming frankly."

I was so absolutely frustrated at this response that I could not even type out a reply. The hurt and anger and betrayal I have felt the last couple months is unparalleled. So now that I have had a few weeks to sort out my feelings, let me tell you what your next step SHOULD have been (and what still needs to be done) since you seem to be having trouble deciding. These steps need to be taken immediately:

1. You should have called Scott Richardson and told him that he is no longer welcome in fellowship meetings. Ever. For the rest of his life. This is non-negotiable. Then you should have communicated this to the rest of the state so they are aware.
2. You should have called every single other predator within this fellowship that you are aware of and told them they are no longer welcome in fellowship meetings. Ever. For the rest of their lives. Then you should have communicated this to the rest of the state so they are aware.
3. You should have removed Harold Bennett from the work. He is a predator and is no longer welcome in fellowship meetings. Ever. For the rest of his life. Then you should have communicated this to the rest of the world so that they are aware (Harold's reach is far & wide).
4. You should have notified every single other predator worker within this fellowship that you are aware of and told them they are no longer welcome in fellowship meetings. Ever. For the rest of their lives. Then you should have communicated this to the rest of the world so that they are aware.

Going forward:

5. You should step down from overseer. You have proven yourself unable and unwilling to meet the demands of the position.

6. You should repent before the church. Be it in email, video, or (preferably) in person, you should admit to putting the feelings of predators before the needs of victims. This step can only happen after the first five. True repentance is proved by deeds. .and NOT combined with excuses.

On a personal note, our faith in the ministry has been broken. And as such, our home is no longer open for (most) workers. (We will always welcome those who walk in honesty and truth). By your unwillingness to address the despicable evil that has infiltrated our church, the ministry has been tainted. You saw and did not see, you heard and did not listen.

We are well aware there are "good ones" among us. In time, they will come forth as gold. But right now, we are in a battle. We are in a battle for souls! If you aren't willing to pick up a sword and fight against that which besmirches the name of God then step down and let others cleanse the temple. Yes, I realize I just used a bunch of different references but the Sword of the Spirit is the Word of God (Eph. 6:17). The Word of God doesn't necessitate "inquiring further". The Word of God has already told us what we are to do with wolves: we remove them from our fellowship (1Cor. 5:2).

We await your reply,  
Ryan & Jessica Garrett

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From: D Smith <email redacted>  
Subject: Re: What you should have done....  
Date: June 13, 2023 at 9:07:03 PM PDT  
To: Hi

Just one quick note tonight... (I'm scheduled to speak tomorrow) Harold Bennett is no longer in the work and Scott R. isn't presently coming to meetings...

Doyle