

How to Make a Complaint of Sexual Abuse or Other Misconduct

Taking the step to report a complaint of sexual abuse or other misconduct by an elder, deacon, employee, or volunteer of the church is an important one. For many people, the strength and courage to make such a report often comes after much inner anguish and turmoil. The church council is sensitive to the needs and rights of all parties involved.

Anyone can report suspected sexual abuse or other misconduct by an elder, deacon, employee, or volunteer of the church to any church council member (elders or deacons).

Please also note that anyone can report suspected child abuse or domestic abuse to Child Protective Services or by calling their local police department or 911 emergency services.

If you decide to contact the church council, be assured that you will be treated with respect and kindness. You will be asked to provide your name, date of birth, current address and phone number, name of the accused, dates and location of the abuse or misconduct, and a brief description of the facts.

If you make a report to the council, please be advised that it is church policy to refer any conduct which could constitute a crime to law enforcement.