

Statement of Purpose

We have found the New Testament instructions to the Lord's people to be a perfect code of conduct, if faithfully applied. In the ministry, we are committed to growing in understanding and faithfully applying every instruction. We know the saints in their homes and meetings share that commitment.

We will listen to any allegations brought to us with care. Any current CSA allegations will be reported to local authorities. We also support anyone who reports directly to law enforcement themselves. We want each to have the liberty to share their experiences where they are believed and supported. To aid in that, we will continue education in CSA/SA and encourage each in our fellowship to do the same.

We are determined to work with each situation as it arises. With the help of local elders, affected people, and the Spirit, we will make appropriate arrangements for safe meetings. This process can include risk assessments by professionals and restricted meetings. Much has already been done to aid in the safety of the fellowship. We will continue to go forward with this goal in mind.

The Minnesota and Iowa Staff

Reporting

If you believe that someone is in immediate danger, call 9-1-1.

If you have a reasonable suspicion that child abuse is happening, please report it to the authorities in your area.

In Minnesota, report to your county child protection agency. The following website has each county's phone number listed. [Contact us / Minnesota Department of Human Services](#)

In Iowa, call the Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-362-2178.

If you have questions or concerns about how to report, or if you should report; you can contact the RAINN Hotline: 1-800-656-4673. They can assist with whom to call and what to expect.

[About RAINN | RAINN](#)

Resources for Survivors

If you are a survivor in a crisis, please call the National Suicide and Crisis Lifeline at 9-8-8 or emergency services at 9-1-1.

We want any survivor of CSA/SA in our region to have the resources they need for healing. Some friends have set up a non-profit with that purpose in mind. Their website is www.UnitedOpenArms.Org. The helpline number that survivors can call is: 1-888-564-3073.

You can also contact RAINN, [About RAINN | RAINN](#), at 1-800-362-2178 who can help you with survivor resources in your area.

Resources for Families

The [MinistrySafe Awareness Training Program](#) is available to anyone in our fellowship. If you have not already completed the training, you can request a link by emailing iamnsafe@gmail.com. A link will be provided at no cost to you.

Parents with questions about CSA can find more information at the following links:

[Child Sexual Abuse Fact Sheet: For Parents, Teachers, and Other Caregivers | The National Child Traumatic Stress Network](#)

<https://rainn.org/safety-parents>