Safety concern

Libby Baumgartner
to office

W d, Sep 21, 2016, 1:1 AM

Hello,

My parents are Daniel and Loretta Baumgartner and they attend BCMC. Daniel is an unregistered sex offender and Loretta has been complicit in Daniel's abuse their entire 40+ years of marriage. What is being done to protect children and youth from Daniel and Loretta? I understand you have a safe sanctuary policy but I'm asking specifically about these two people.

Thanks for your time. I look forward to your response.

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follow up

Dawn Yoder Harms
to me

ed, Feb 28, 2018, 7: PM

Libby, attached is what I have on file re: your email to the BCMC office in Sept 2016 and Interim Pastor June Thomsen's response.

I seems that June did respond, but I see why you didn't get it! She seems to have mistakenly sent it to other staff instead of to you! At least that is what I am piecing together by looking at the correspondence.

I am so sorry for this unfortunate mishap. You deserved a response. Here it is, for what it is worth, albeit much too late.

Could you confirm that you have received this?

June Thomsen
to Monica, John, Susan

Sep 21 [2016]

Dear Libby,

Thanks for your note and concern for the children and youth of this congregation. I am interim pastor of relatively recent employ, so have consulted with those pastors who have been here longer than I before responding. The situation with your parents is known to the pastoral staff of the congregation. Several years ago then pastor Heidi Regier Kreider met with them and developed guidelines for participation in the activities of the congregation, with the result that your father is restricted from any contact with children or youth.

While the staff is aware of the situation and vigilant, it appears to all that your parents have also been careful to abide by the restrictions. The congregation does, as you have mentioned, have a Safe Sanctuaries policy, which is about to be updated. Additionally, the congregation has worked on a "Care for People" policy that intends to safeguard, to the extent possible, all those who attend the church. We hope - and pray - that all will be safe here, and continue to do all we can to see that safety is a priority.

Thanks again for your concern, and for reaching out to us. If we can be of further help, or if you have more questions, please don't hesitate to be in touch.

June Thomsen,