

Ad hoc Crisis Response Committee

Interim Progress Report

SEYM Summer Executive Committee Meeting
19 Sixth Month 2021

The *ad hoc* Crisis Response Committee (committee) was created by SEYM Executive Committee and approved by Minute at SEYM 2021 annual sessions in response to the arrest of Javier Del Sol upon receipt of news of his arrest in 2021 for sexual abuse of a minor that occurred in 2005 or 2006. Javier Del Sol had been a volunteer with SEYM youth programs at about the time of this incident. Members of the committee have been Kody Hersh, Bill Carlie, Nancy Triscritti, Susan Taylor, and Cecilia Yocum.

The committee met during Yearly Meeting sessions and drafted a response plan and public statement which were approved by Minute prior to the rise of SEYM 2021 annual sessions. This interim report summarizes the steps taken under the plan and the results to date.

The committee has been active, meeting at first weekly as the plan was implemented and more recently every 2 weeks for status updates. Steps taken include:

- Publication of the public statement on the SEYM website and direct distribution of the statement to Meeting clerks and correspondents for Worship Groups.
- Direct personal contact with youth participants and youth coordinators from the period of concern.
- Setting up the listeners named in the response plan with private google based phone numbers and email addresses that are dedicated to this effort.
- Creation of shared documents where responses from these efforts could be recorded and shared by the committee.
- Review of records to determine if the contact information is as complete as possible.

Submittal of committee notes for publication on the SEYM website. Some notable results have been recorded:

- No incident of abuse related to Javier Del Sol, or at an SEYM event has been reported to a committee member or named listener at this time.
- The committee received messages of appreciation for the individual outreach and transparency of this process.
- Listeners were available to Friends who were distressed by the news of this event and while the need for this support was limited, Friends appreciated the availability of this support.

Future steps intended by the committee:

- The committee and response plan will remain in place to continue as a resource should members or participants need to report incidents or seek support through to Fall Interim Business Meeting. Under current circumstances, a final report will be submitted to FIBM with anticipation that the committee could be laid down at that time with recommendations to be taken under the care of EC. This may change depending on the information received prior to FIBM.
- The committee will discern how lessons learned in this process may improve on-going revisions to the CAPP Manual.
- The committee will work to discern recommendations for a Crisis Response process that may be adopted to allow a prompt response to any future incident.
- The committee may discern other recommendations related to child safety and organizational culture.

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