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Subject: My latest news

Dear friends and workers:

I have some rather unpleasant news to share.

My co - worker in 2006 molested a boy. He was immediately dismissed from the work, as per the parents request. Morally and ethically we thought we did the right thing, it wasn't until much later that we found out that we, as ministers were mandated reporters.

In march of 2009, I was called into the state police post for an interview concerning the situation. I went in and spoke freely without any fear, again thinking I was doing the right thing. Nothing was said concerning my obligations as a reporter and I wasn't arrested on the spot.

In July of 2012, our overseer, Jerome Frandle was arrested and charged with failure to report. It was later dismissed due to lack of evidence. The case was opened again this year and in May, Jerome pleaded no contest and was sentenced with 100 hours of community service, a \$200 fine, and 4 days in jail. However, instead of jail he was able to apply for the weekend alternative program. That means he would go out and work with the inmates in the community, instead of sitting in jail.

On July 22, I was convicted on the same charges. I also pleaded no contest and was given the same sentence. I have completed 20 hours of my community service. Today was also my second day out with the inmates. To make matters worse, I hurt my right arm this morning, trying to lift too much. Tomorrow I will be seeing another Doctor and will find out how that will all play out. I'll keep you posted.

All for now.

Bill