

George,

Thank you for these documents. I noticed some very significant additions--specifically regarding the Philadelphia Presbytery Investigative Committee Report. I understand more fully the struggles of the session with some members rejecting the recommendations of this report. I am very sorry for the significant hardships you all have faced at Tenth. I sympathize with you, George, for the incredibly hard task as the clerk. Thank you for sharing these documents even if they don't look good.

eff Jue mentioned in an email to you that "this information may potentially expose Tenth in terms of "wrong-handling" of abuse." It does demonstrate a mishandling of abuse. The concern was raised and due to some members of the session, it was not handled properly. While this is bad, it is worse to try and hide the reality. The session failed to protect the wounded, but must determine to do so no longer. It may require following the recommendation of the Investigative Committee and several elders resign if they cannot own the mistakes made.

The answer is to own the failure. I am attaching a document I wrote that was included in the DASA report. It outlines what repentance looks like from 2 Corinthians 7. I commend it to the session of Tenth as a template to guide you all in repenting and communicating this repentance with the members of Tenth and the watching world. I also commend to the session of the Tenth the example set by Tates Creek Presbyterian Church upon discovering abuse by her leaders.

<https://tcpca.org/addressing-our-past>

<https://tcpca.org/addressing-our-present-future>

<https://tcpca.org/rice-report>

George, I am willing to help Tenth move forward if you want. The session can ask, and I will offer my knowledge and experience to help move forward. I recently sent you some information regarding a training for Abuse Prevention. It would be a great opportunity for Session members of Tenth to get some training on identifying abuse and caring for the victims. If you need me to resend this information, I will. Anyone from Tenth can register at the following link. <https://providence.shelbynextchms.com/external/form/688585f7-8f26-435c-b3fd-2e25ef556b04>

Finally, I continue to pray for Tenth, for you, and for the session.

In Jesus,

Vince