

The leadership at TVC continues to fail to grasp that Jane Doe One is a real person who, as an 11-year-old little girl, was sexually victimized while under their care at their camp. They have repeatedly rejected the merit of her claims by refusing to acknowledge and understand what she experienced. Instead of focusing on the care of a child who was abused in their community, the leadership appears to prefer to focus on protecting the institution through a hollow narrative that their church is "safe" and "caring." Safe and caring towards whom??

Even their most recent public communications regarding the settlement clearly demonstrates a profound ignorance regarding how to communicate about trauma in a manner that is truthful, transparent, and cares for the traumatized. Instead, we believe that the leadership at The Village sent out a misleading public email that is not fully truthful, transparent, or caring for the traumatized. The attempt to communicate care in one sentence followed by language that invalidates and dismisses the merits of the victim's claims is not the way to express care, compassion, and truth. And then we wonder why so many victims of trauma are leaving the church. A church that increasingly fails to represent the care, compassion, and truth of Jesus.

The financial settlement with TVC Village has closed a deeply painful chapter in our daughter's life. Not only was she victimized by a trusted church leader, but she also realized through this experience that TVC was a community where she was not protected, valued, and loved. A community that for years had told us that we were part of a "church family." This experience has made us grateful that we are no longer part of such a dysfunctional and hurtful "family."

We are so proud of our daughter and encouraged that she is rising above the horrors she has experienced and is finally beginning to live a healthy, happy, and productive life.