Abuse Prevention and Response Committee Update Regarding Dan Baumgartner

On January 5, 2024, the Abuse Prevention and Response Committee (APRC) received an email from Dan Baumgartner stating his intention to attend a service at Bethel College Mennonite Church despite previously communicated restrictions. After receiving input from survivors, reviewing our past communications with Dan, and considering the intentions of our survivor-centered policy, the APRC chose to file a no-trespass order that was delivered to Dan on January 10, 2024, by the North Newton Police Department.

The letter sent to Dan included the following information:

> *Daniel Baumgartner,*
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> *When you decided to not sign a limited use agreement with Bethel College Mennonite Church in 2018, it was made clear to you that you were not to attend any events at or connected to Bethel College Mennonite Church.*
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> *Since your refusal to sign a limited use agreement, you have violated our policy by attending multiple events at BCMC. In addition, you recently emailed your intentions to continue to violate our policy and attend events at Bethel College Mennonite Church based upon your own interests.*
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> *Because of your past actions and stated intentions that show little regard for boundaries, we are now placing a firm boundary. As of January 10, 2024, we are placing a no-trespass order with the North Newton Police Department against you. You are not allowed to be on church property under any condition.*

If you decide to attend any events at Bethel College Mennonite Church, you will be criminally trespassing, and the North Newton Police will be immediately notified of your presence on our property.

We hope you will be able to participate in [future services] by watching [them] online.

If in the future you want to discuss the possibility of signing a limited use agreement and thus be allowed to attend events at Bethel College Mennonite Church, please contact the Abuse Prevention and Response Committee at aprc@bethelcollegemennnonitechurch.org.

In general, anyone who wishes to report any instances of abuse or seek support are encouraged to reach out. Click here for contact information of organizations providing support and reporting. Individuals may also contact the APRC at aprc@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org . The BCMC Abuse Prevention and Response Policy can be found here.

Abuse Prevention and Response Committee of Bethel College Mennonite Church,

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(sent to BCMC congregants on Feb. 6, 2024)