

## Resources for Known Offenders

Resources recommended by GRACE (Godly Response to Abuse in a Christian Environment)

- [Sample GRACE Policy in Appendix of DRM Safe Church & Protection of Children Policy](#)
- [Victor I. Veith, \*Suffer the Children: Developing Effective Church Policies on Child Maltreatment\*](#)
- [Understanding and Working with Adult Sex Offenders in the Church by Cory Jewell Jensen](#)

Excerpt from Veith's article (linked above, Victor I. Veith, *Suffer the Children: Developing Effective Church Policies on Child Maltreatment*):

### **Questions to Consider for Evaluating Repentance and Admittance to Church**

- Have you informed your spouse that you have sexually abused your child? If your wife wants you to move out of the house, are you willing to do it? If the child victim wants you to leave the house are you willing to do it?
- Have you informed your child's medical provider that you have violated her body?
- Have you referred your child to a counselor to assist in coping with the abuse you have inflicted on him or her?
- Do you hold yourself fully responsible for your conduct – or do you believe your victim in some way contributed to the abuse?
- Have you turned yourself in to the police? Are you willing to confess your crimes to the police or will you make them “prove it”? If the government files charges for crimes you have committed, will you be pleading guilty or will you force your child victim to testify publicly and be grilled by any attorney you hire?
- Are you willing to enroll in a sex offender treatment program? An offender who is confessing sexual misconduct but is unwilling to address the physical or emotional needs of his victim, to disclose the abuse to his spouse or to seek sex offender treatment may be seeking forgiveness but is giving no indication of an intention to repair the damage inflicted or to reform his behavior.