

Megachurch Temporarily Closes After Insurance and Misconduct Allegation Woes

A megachurch has had to place all operations on hold because past sexual abuse allegations have made them ineligible for insurance renewal.

The Meeting House in Toronto is one of the largest megachurches in Canada. However, they have been unable to find an insurance company willing to take them on because of the past indiscretions that have happened at the church.

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As the Christian Post reported, a previous pastor for The Meeting house, Bruxy Cavey, resigned after allegations of sexual misconduct over two years ago. However, the church's liability insurance decided to drop them when time for renewal came up.

In an email to The Meeting House's congregants, the church said:

"Our current insurer has advised us that they will not be renewing our Abuse Liability (AL) and Employment Practices Liability (EPL) coverage as of June 30, 2024. All other insurance that we require is available for renewal.

After an exhaustive search, most other insurers have declined to offer us this coverage. We have requested a short term extension from our current insurer, and are actively pursuing a few remaining potential leads for AL and EPL insurance coverage, but cannot guarantee we will secure replacement

coverage before June 30," the email read.

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The church noted in their email that these past incidents have negatively affected how insurance companies are viewing them.

"The historical incidents and allegations of sexual misconduct and abuse at The Meeting House continue to impact our church today in many ways, including how we are viewed by insurers."

The church assured its congregants that they have worked hard to "address systemic risk, help prevent abuse, and create a safe environment for staff, volunteers, and congregants." However, this has not changed how insurers perceive the church.

Currently, the church says on their site that while their operations have been paused since June 30, they are "providing curated teaching and worship through our YouTube channel" and a "mid-week devotional posted on our podcast channels (Apple, Spotify, etc.) each week."

Right now, The Meeting House is requesting for others to lift them up in prayer as they navigate this unprecedented hour.

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