

We provide suggestions for correcting these deficiencies in our recommendations section.

D. Survivor Interviews

We cannot provide a precise number of the survivors of sexual abuse within SBC churches, and certainly many of them never reached out to the EC about their abuse. We note, however, that some within the EC were aware of the existence of Southern Baptist-related sexual abuse allegations for many years. At Mr. Boto's behest, in 2007 an EC staff member started compiling a table of sexual abuse reports using public sources, including the abuser's name, year reported, relevant news articles, state, and denomination. The latest iteration of the table contains the name of 703 abusers, with 409 believed to be SBC-affiliated.³⁷⁹

Our investigative team reviewed the list and conducted significant research to assess whether any of the alleged abusers were still associated with an SBC church. Based on these efforts, it appears that nine (9) people remain in active ministry or connected to ministry. Two (2) of those people appear to be associated with an SBC church. The remaining seven (7) appear to be associated with churches that are not SBC-affiliated.

We will provide the information regarding those persons we believe are still associated with an SBC church to the Credentials Committee for further review. We will also provide the information regarding non-SBC affiliated churches to the Credentials Committee to ensure accuracy as to the denomination affiliation. We will also continue to review the latter material to determine whether any referrals or other action needs to be taken.

During our investigation, we conducted interviews or meetings with 22 survivors. Six additional survivors provided written information to us. We also spoke with 14 survivor

³⁷⁹ SBC EC Investigation - REL0000010352.pdf - All Documents (sharepoint.com). As discussed in Section IV of this report, the existence of the list was disclosed to EC leadership in May 2019, when Dr. Oldham noted that, for the past decade, he had been sending Mr. Boto news reports of Baptist Ministers arrested for sexual abuse.