

Hillcrest Investigation Update and Survey Link



Summary of the Investigation as of June 2025

In the past six months, Zero Abuse Project investigators have conducted 31 witness interviews; seven additional interviews are scheduled for the next several weeks and we continue to dialogue with other potential witnesses. By the end of July, we anticipate our investigators will have received more than 75 hours of testimony.

We have also requested documents from Hillcrest school, the missions who signed the cost-sharing agreement, the Hillcrest Survivors Steering Committee, and the witnesses we have interviewed or corresponded with. As of this date, we have received at least 640 distinct documents with many documents consisting of multiple pages. One document, for example, is 594 pages in length. We anticipate receiving additional documents in the weeks ahead.

The Survey

To assist in collecting additional information, Zero Abuse Project has developed a confidential survey which can be completed by anyone with knowledge they are willing to share with our investigators. We are interested in learning about the experiences of past or present teachers or students of Hillcrest, as well as parents or caregivers who had or have a student at the school. Administrators, employees, governing authorities, missionaries, volunteers, or others with knowledge are also encouraged to consider taking the survey.

If you wish to take the survey, or would like to learn more, click on this link: [Hillcrest Survey](#).

Distribution of the Survey

In addition to this public posting of the survey, Hillcrest School and the eight missions who signed the cost-sharing agreement have agreed to assist in distributing the survey to individuals they know who worked at or attended Hillcrest to the last known address or other contact information. Zero Abuse Project will also reach out to those for whom we have contact information. Mission agencies who are not signatories to the cost-sharing agreement may also assist in distributing the survey and we encourage them to do so. Lastly, the Hillcrest Survivors Steering Committee has agreed to aid in distributing the survey to their contacts.

Zero Abuse Project will keep the survey open for the duration of the investigation.

Victim Advocacy and Support

We realize that questions about abuse can be difficult and triggering. Accordingly, please take care to make sure you are comfortable taking the survey. To support survivors and potential witnesses, the mission agencies have funded an organization called Accord to provide victim advocacy services. Those wishing to contact Accord can do so at advocacy@accord.llc.

Contacting Zero Abuse Project

If you wish to contact Zero Abuse Project before taking the survey or would like to consider being interviewed for this investigation, you may contact us at hillcrest@zeroabuseproject.org