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Addendum to Bishop Park's Letter

If your church has not chartered a scouting group, BUT your church has or had a scouting group use your church facilities you should still file a Proof of Claim (POC). This is out of an abundance of caution for any claims that might be filed.

Some have asked, "What is a Proof of Claim?" In this instance it is a claim that if the local church might bear any responsibility for the abuse of a victim while attending scouting activities, then the BSA owe indemnification or contribution to the local church.

[This is a document that in this instance must be filed by November 16. \(A reminder if you want the Conference to file the POC the deadline to do so is November 10, 2020\).](#)

The POC will provide the best possible financial protection for a local church should it be named in a lawsuit with the BSA. The filing of the POC makes sure that the Bankruptcy Court is alerted to the church's potential claim. If a POC isn't filed by the deadline, there exists a possibility that the liability will ultimately rest with the local church.

In Ministry with You,

Jeremiah Park