Disruptive and Predatory Behavior Issue Discussion Topic Handout

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*Some examples of disruptive and predatory behaviors:*

* Bullying/picking on/harassing
* Threatening physical violence
* Racist words or actions
* Homophobic words or actions
* Theft
* Asking members for money
* Private messaging members (virtual)
* Distribution of non-approved literature
* Stalking
* Violating restraining orders
* Use phone to record during meeting
* Loud family members/pets (virtual)
* Disruptive children (in-person)
* Interrupting when member sharing
* Making unwanted sexual advances

*Some examples of solutions:*

* Add a paragraph to the group format.
* Approach new members and make sure they feel welcome.
* Join up with another member or members and pull aside the member exhibiting the behavior and try to talk to them.
* If someone is violating a protective order, have a couple of people offer to go to another meeting with them.
* Turn off camera/put a member in the waiting room (virtual).
* Discuss behavior in a group business meeting.
* Chairperson/leader/group secretary can request a short break or ask group to join in a prayer or moment of silence.
* Hold a recovery meeting focused on a discussion about atmosphere of recovery.
* Discuss with other groups at a local service body meeting.
* Approach member in a loving and carrying way.
* Temporarily suspend meeting.
* Call law enforcement.