

# Activity Report of the “Reports Reception and Monitoring Team” for the Year 2024

In this report, the "Reception and Monitoring" team presents its activities for the period from January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024.

We have now completed two full years of operating independently.

This experience allows us to affirm that the existence of this team is useful for everyone, and with hindsight, we can draw a number of lessons from it.

In 2024, we received 60 reports.

This number does not fully reflect the reality of what may have happened for questions of safeguarding, as it only accounts for those who reached out using the various available means.

Breakdown of these reports:

**11 individuals reported incidents that did not occur in Taizé**, including 3 cases of intra-family violence against under 18s.

For these 3 cases, we filed a report with judicial authorities.

**6 reports concerned girls under 18 and adult men.**

These cases involved inappropriate remarks, harassment, or even sexual assaults.

We reported these incidents to the authorities when group leaders had not already done so.

Some cases are still ongoing.

As contradictions in testimonies are quite frequent, depending on the severity, we decided to archive the cases while preserving the accounts.

**9 cases involved adults.**

These included abuse of authority, inappropriate gestures, poor listening practices, or individuals with mental impairments.

When necessary, we report the incidents and recommend temporary bans from coming to Taizé, ensuring that the accused person understands the inappropriateness of their behaviour.

**2 cases involved young people among themselves.**

These included sexist remarks, harassment, and racist comments, leading to the opening of two files.

Regarding racist comments and the accompanying violence, we continue our investigations.

**4 cases involved volunteers or implicated a volunteer.**

These cases included violent behaviour, drunkenness, inappropriate suggestions, or improper emails.

Whenever possible, we meet with the volunteers in person.

### **3 reports concerned the Sisters of Saint Andrew.**

Two reports involved the organization of the silence week, particularly regarding the presence of a transgender person. The third case concerned the departure of a volunteer. We provided recommendations to the community on these matters.

### **7 reports concerned priests and pastors.**

These included spiritual abuse of authority, inappropriate remarks, intrusive questioning, harassment, or even aggression. In all cases, we contacted the relevant diocesan or ecclesiastical authorities.

### **13 reports concerned brothers, including 3 cases of a sexual nature related to past incidents involving brothers who are no longer part of the community or who are deceased.**

In these 3 cases, the first involved a deceased brother who had already been mentioned in previous reports.

The second concerned a press report about the conviction of a former brother, which had already been updated on the Taizé website. Additionally, the brothers reached out to volunteers who had worked with him.

The third case involved a former brother accused by a former volunteer regarding incidents in Brazil in 2004; this case is still under review.

A woman wrote to us expressing discomfort with a brother's behaviour towards her, although it did not lead to a sexual relationship. This brother no longer has a pastoral mission with young people.

All other reports concerning brothers had no sexual connotations. Most involved misunderstandings, remarks perceived as abusive or even traumatic, inappropriate responses during church conversations, or relationship issues.

**Five reports** were classified under a 'miscellaneous' category; 3 correspond to requests for information or advice, one where the victim could not be identified, and the last one concerned security, for which the necessary measures were taken.

### **Conclusion:**

We observe that we are being contacted more frequently through the address: [taize.safeguarding@protonmail.com](mailto:taize.safeguarding@protonmail.com).

We have made 8 reports to the relevant judicial or diocesan authorities.

We have provided 5 recommendations to the community.

We continue our mission with the utmost commitment to taking reports seriously and handling them with complete neutrality.

Women are predominantly affected, and we must all remain vigilant on matters of safeguarding.