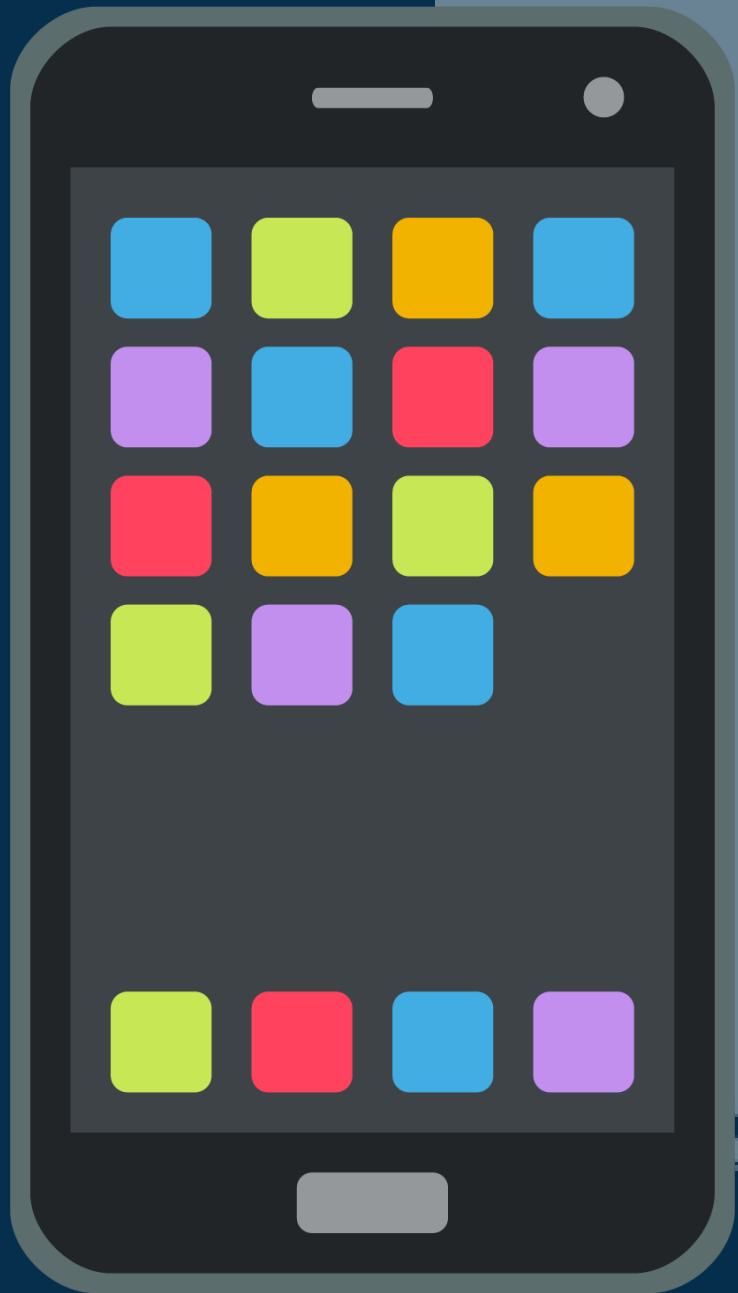


Scam Awareness



Email/Cell Phone Scam

A ministry leader is contacted by someone impersonating the pastor or other leader.

These people are targeted because their contact information is on the website or the bulletin. The webpage is “crawled.”

Crawlers look at webpages and follow links on those pages, much like you would if you were browsing content on the web. They go from link to link and bring data about those webpages back to a server.

The person who is targeted is asked a few questions and then the person is asked to purchase a gift card or donate to help someone.

Social Media Scam

A person is asked to follow someone's fake account.

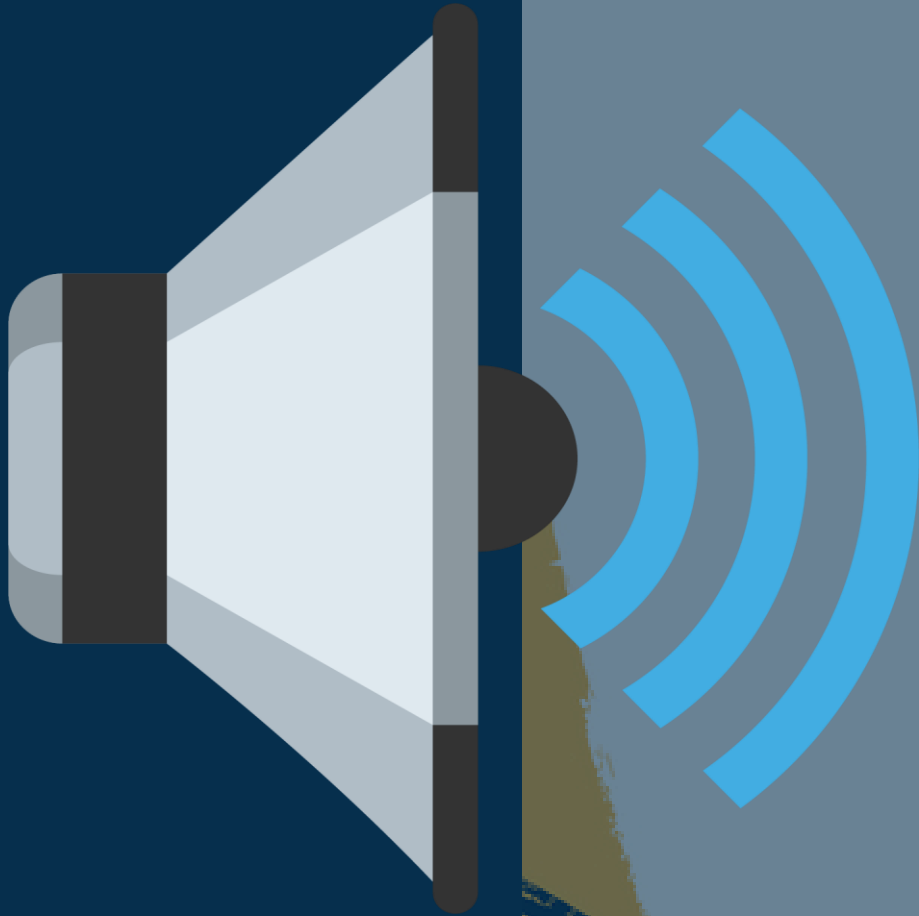
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These are the fake accounts we found and reported on Instagram in one day.

bishop_gregory_parkess
bishop_gregory_parkes1
bishopparkes_
bishopparkes_0
gregory.l.parkes
gre.goryparkes
bishopgeogory
bishop_gregory_l.parks

facebook®





www.dosp.org/beware-of-text-message-and-social-media-scams/

Please be sure you are following the official social media channels for Bishop Parkes and not an imposter account:

Instagram: www.instagram.com/BishopParkes

Facebook: www.facebook.com/BishopParkes

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/BishopParkes>



When you are contacted.....

Stop: Does this request seem real or fake?

Think: Could this be a scam?

Verify: Call a trusted source at the church, school, or diocese.