

SELF-DISCLOSURE AND RELEASE FORM

Church of the Redeemer, Baptist Inc. seeks to maintain the highest moral and ethical standards in the practice of ministry. This reflects our commitment to “preserve the dignity, maintain the discipline, and promote the integrity of the vocation to which our ministers have been called” (Ministers’ Covenant and Code of Ethics.) When any ministerial leader engages in misconduct, the name of Christ is dishonored, and the church is brought into disrepute and all involved suffer. We are committed to taking any reasonable precautions to avoid such pain and suffering. Therefore, since it is your intent to apply as a candidate for Pastor of this church, we are asking you to complete this self-disclosure and release form.

	True	Not True
1. I have never been the subject of an official disciplinary proceedings in this denomination or in any other denomination or independent group that resulted in any of the following:		
a. Censure		
b. Suspension of recognition of ordination		
c. Withdrawal of recognition of ordination		
2. No official disciplinary proceeding within ABC/USA or any other denomination <i>or</i> independent group are pending against me at this present time.		
3. No civil lawsuit alleging actual or attempted sexual harassment, exploitation, <i>or</i> abuse; discrimination; physical abuse: child abuse: spousal abuse; or financial misconduct has ever been successfully prosecuted against me, settled out of court or dropped because the statute of limitations has expired.		
4. My driver's license has never been suspended or revoked due to reckless driving, driving while intoxicated, or driving under the influence of a controlled substance.		
5. I have never been found guilty or pleaded guilty or no contest to felony charges or had felony criminal charges dropped because of the statute of limitations had expired.		
6. My employment has never been terminated for actual or attempted sexual harassment, exploitation, or abuse; discrimination; physical abuse: or financial misconduct by me; nor have I terminated my employment primary to avoid facing such charges or to avoid being terminated because of such charges.		
7. I know of no facts or circumstances regarding my background that would warrant further review of my fitness for ministry before my being entrusted with the responsibilities of pastoral ministry.		
8. I have completed specific training in clergy ethics (including a review of procedures for handling allegations of pastoral misconduct.)		
9. If I have not completed specific training in clergy ethics or it is determined that the training, I did receive was not sufficient, I am willing to commit myself to completing such training within six months after accepting a position within this congregation.		

On a separate sheet provide an explanation for each item that caused you to answer "Not True". Give enough information for follow-up, including the date, nature, and place of each incident leading to a complaint, proceeding, or action; where and when each was adjudicated; and the disposition of the complaint(s). Indicate steps taken toward rehabilitation, if any. Use additional pages as needed.

In addition to the names used on this form, as an adult, I have been known the following name(s) during the time(s) indicated.

Name:	Date:

The information I have provided on this application form is accurate to the best of my knowledge and may be verified by the Transition Team or by the appropriate ABC region staff. I hereby authorize the Transition Team or appropriate regional staff to make any and all contacts necessary to verify my prior employment history, medical information and to inquire concerning any prior arrest or criminal records or any professional religious, or judicial proceedings involving me as a defendant. By means of this release, I also authorize any previous employer, any physician who has treated me (specifically including any psychiatrist, mental health professional or psychologist processing information as to prior mental or emotional illnesses or drug or alcohol abuse) and professional pastoral care organizational and religious judicatory, and any law enforcement agencies or judicial authorities to release any and all requested information to the Chair or Clerk of the Transition Committee or appropriate region staff.

I have read this release and understand fully that the information obtained may be used to deny me employment at this church. I also agree that I will not hold the congregation and members of the Transition Committee harmless, as well as my prior employer, psychologist, psychiatrist, mental health professional, physician, professional pastoral care organization, religious judicatory, law enforcement authority or judicial authority from any and all claims, liabilities, and cause of action for the release of and use of any information obtained as a result of information verified on this document .

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Print Name: _____

Address: _____
