SELF-DISCLOSURE AND RELEASE FORM

AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES OF MAINE

PREAMBLE

The American Baptist Churches of Maine has an outstanding record for maintaining the highest moral and ethical standards in the practice of ministry. This record of service reflects our commitment to "preserve the dignity, maintain the discipline, and promote the integrity of the vocation to which we have been called" (Ministers Council Code of Ethics). When any clergy person engages in misconduct, the church is brought into disrepute and all persons involved suffer. In addition, there can be legal repercussions from such acts of misconduct. Therefore, the American Baptist Churches of Maine is committed to taking any reasonable precaution to avoid such disrepute, suffering, and litigation. This Self-Disclosure and Release Form is a part of the program's effort to minimize the occurrence of misconduct among clergy who serve among our churches. Your understanding and cooperation is deeply appreciated.

1.	I have never been the subject of official disciplinary proceedings in any American Baptist Region that resulted in any of the following:		
	a. Censure true not true b. Suspension of recognition of ordination true not true c. Withdrawal of recognition of ordination true not true		
2.	No official disciplinary proceedings by a region, association, or church of the American Baptist Churches are pending against me at the present time. true not true		
3.	I have never been the subject of official disciplinary proceedings by another denomination that resulted in disciplinary action.		
4.	No official disciplinary proceedings by another denomination are pending against me at the present time. true not true		
5.	I have never been the subject of official disciplinary proceedings by a professional association or guild that resulted in disciplinary action. true not true		
6.	No official disciplinary proceedings by a professional association or guild are pending against me at the present time. true not true		
7.	No civil lawsuit alleging actual or attempted sexual harassment, exploitation, or abuse; discrimination; physical abuse; child abuse; or financial misconduct has ever been successfully prosecuted against me, settled out of court, or dropped because the statute of limitations had expired.		
8.	true not true My driver's license has never been suspended or revoked due to reckless driving, driving while intoxicated, or driving under the influence of controlled substances.		
9.	I have never been found guilty of, pleaded guilty or no contest to felony criminal charges or had felony criminal charges dropped because the statute of limitations had expired.		
	true not true		

10.	discrimination, physical abuse; child abus	ated for actual or attempted sexual harassment, exploitation, or abuse se; or financial misconduct by me; nor have I terminated my employment to avoid being terminated because of such charges. true not true	
11.	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 ministry on behalf of a calling body of the America Baptist Churches.		
		true not true	
Give en complai	ough information for follow-up, including t	ceeding, or action that caused you to answer "not true." the date, nature and place of each incident leading to a each was adjudicated; and the disposition of the complaint(s). Use additional pages as needed.	
12.	Have you read and are you aware of the A (Policies and resolutions included in Appe	BCOM's policies and resolutions concerning ordination?	
13.		as an adult, I have been known by the following name(s) during the time(s)	
certified Maine to to inqui involvir has trea informa organiza	I by the American Baptist Churches of Main o make any and all contacts necessary to ve re concerning any prior arrest or criminal re- ing me as defendant. By means of this release ted me (specifically including any psychiatration as to prior mental or emotional illnesses	n is accurate to the best of my knowledge and may be me. I hereby authorize the American Baptist Churches of crify my prior employment history, medical information, and ecords or any professional, religious, or judicial proceedings see I also authorize any previous employer, any physician who rist, mental health professional or psychologist processing es or drug or alcohol abuse), any professional pastoral care enforcement agencies or judicial authorities to release any tist Churches of Maine.	
or assig as any p care org	nment by the American Baptist Churches or orior employer, psychologist, psychiatrist, n	e information obtained may be used to deny me acceptance f Maine. I also agree that I will hold them harmless, as well nental health professional, physician, professional pastoral ment authority, or judicial authority from any and all claims, use of any information.	
	Signature	Date	
NAME			
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