

FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH BIBLICAL COUNSELING MINISTRIES CONSENT FORM AND AGREEMENT

I/we desire to receive counseling and ministry from Faith Community Church Biblical Counseling Ministries, New Richmond, Wisconsin (FCCö). I/we make the following acknowledgments and agreements and give the following consents:

1. The counseling will be by a counselor who is trained in biblical counseling who may or may not have other certifications or degrees.
2. A basic principle of biblical counseling is that the Bible is sufficient to understand how to live a God-pleasing life.
3. The counseling I/we receive will be based upon scriptural principles rather than principles of psychology or psychiatry.
4. The counseling I/we receive will be based on the conclusions that the Bible is inerrant and authoritative, and contains God's answers to the issues of life, conduct and relationships.
5. The counseling I/we will receive will reflect the counselor's understanding of the Bible and how principles of scripture apply to the problems, questions or issues involved.
6. Because FCC is also a training ministry, trainees (i.e. those being trained in biblical counseling) may be present in the counseling sessions and they will abide by the confidentiality statement articulated in No. 9 below.
7. FCC wants to be a blessing to the community by providing facilities and counselors who volunteer their time and services. The counseling is free but if an appointment is missed the counselee may be called by FCC to determine why the appointment was not kept. If the counselee misses two scheduled sessions, then FCC may cancel or terminate this agreement.
8. As a condition to access to the Biblical Counseling Ministries, the counselee must be attend Faith Community Church, New Richmond, Wisconsin at least two times per month.
9. If a dispute arises concerning the counseling of FCC, or between a counselee and the counselor involved, or with Faith Community Church (the disputeö), there shall be no lawsuit initiated and the claim cannot be filed in any state or federal civil court. Instead, the dispute must be resolved as follows:

The parties hereby agree to submit any disputes or claims to Christian resolution. The parties understand that the Bible commands them to make every effort to live at peace and to resolve disputes with each other in private or within the Christian church (see Matthew 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 6:1-8). If all parties agree, the dispute can be submitted

to binding arbitration decision of agreed-upon local pastors and/or church leaders who would decide and judge between the parties, applying the principles of First Corinthians Chapter 6 and Matthew Chapter 18, as well as other applicable scriptures. The parties understand that the Christian dispute resolution methods shall be the sole remedy for any such dispute or claim. The parties further agree that if they fail to agree to submit the dispute or claim to local pastors and/or church leaders, then they hereby agree that any such claim or dispute arising from or related to the counseling at and by FCC, or with a counselor or with Faith Community Church shall be settled by legally binding Christian arbitration, in accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Christian Conciliation of the Institute for Christian Counseling, a division of Peacemaker® Ministries (1537 Avenue D, Suite 352, Billings, MT), including its Rules as found at www.HisPeace.org.

10. Counseling at FCC, including statements made during counseling, shall remain confidential, with the following qualifications and exceptions:
 - a. Counselors shall be free to discuss counseling sessions and cases with other FCC counselors, the pastors and elders of Faith Community Church, New Richmond, Wisconsin in order to gain the benefit of additional insight and input;
 - b. Counselors and pastors shall be entitled to seek confidential legal opinion or advice from an attorney when it is deemed appropriate or helpful;
 - c. If any FCC policy concerning the reporting of abuse or neglect mandates a report to Child Protective Services or other authorities in compliance with the laws of the State of Wisconsin, then such report shall be made;
 - d. If a suicide risk is indicated, the counselors or pastors may seek necessary help and make whatever reports or disclosures as they deem to be proper and necessary;
 - e. If a counselee indicates an intention to commit a crime, such intention may be reported and disclosed to the proper authorities;
 - f. If the counselee is a minor, the information discussed during the counseling sessions may be shared with the counselee's parents unless there is a belief that the counselee would be in danger.

I/WE HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE PROVISIONS, AND I/WE UNDERSTAND THEM AND I/WE HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE AND AGREE TO ALL OF THE ABOVE TERMS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE CANCELLATION POLICY, WAIVER OF SEEKING REDRESS (LAWSUIT) IN THE CIVIL COURT SYSTEM, AND AGREEING THAT ANY AND ALL DISPUTES BE RESOLVED THROUGH CHRISTIAN RESOLUTION AS DETAILED ABOVE.

COUNSELEE:

Counselee Signature

Date: _____

Name Printed: _____

Counselee Signature

Date: _____

Name Printed: _____

Counselee Signature

Date: _____

Name Printed: _____

FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH BIBLICAL COUNSELING MINISTRIES:

By: _____
Signature

Date: _____

Name Printed: _____

Position/Title: _____