

SELF-DISCLOSURE AND RELEASE FORM

THE AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES OF MASSACHUSETTS

Preamble

The American Baptist Churches of Massachusetts (TABCOM) seeks to maintain the highest moral and ethical standards in the practice of ordained 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, TABCOM 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 region’s effort to minimize the occurrence of misconduct.

1. I have never been the subject of official disciplinary proceedings by any denomination that resulted in disciplinary action.
_____ true _____ not true

2. No official disciplinary proceedings by another denomination are pending against me at the present time.
_____ true _____ not true

3. I have never been the subject of official disciplinary proceedings by a professional association or guild that resulted in disciplinary action.
_____ true _____ not true

4. No official disciplinary proceedings by a professional association or guild are pending against me at the present time.
_____ true _____ not true

5. 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.
_____ true _____ not true

6. Within the last five years, my driver’s license has never been suspended or revoked due to driving while intoxicated, or driving under the influence of controlled substances.
_____ true _____ not true

7. I have never been found guilty or 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

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