

CHRISTIAN CARE & COUNSELING

Participant Consent Form & Release

I, the undersigned individual, in seeking biblical church counseling and care at the Community Christian Alliance Church (the "Church") hereby acknowledge my understanding of the following conditions and information and agree that:

1. Church counseling is provided by volunteer counselors ("Volunteers") as a service to the church community to address personal and/or family needs. There is no charge for this service.
2. Volunteers are not professionally licensed counselors and do not provide licensed counseling. I acknowledge and agree that if a Volunteer happens to be a licensed counselor, such Volunteer is not acting in the capacity of a licensed counselor under the regulations of the Board of Behavioral Sciences, the American Psychological Association or any other such governing organization.
3. The Volunteers are exempt from the laws regulating professional counselors.
4. I will usually meet with a Volunteer for 50-60 minutes per session. I acknowledge and agree that the number of times I may meet with a Volunteer is limited to 10 sessions, unless authorized by the Christian Care & Counseling pastor, so long as sufficient progress is being made, as determined under the sole and absolute discretion of the Christian Care & Counseling Pastor or the Church's Senior Pastor.
5. I agree to provide at least 24 hours notice when canceling an appointment. I acknowledge that two missed appointments without notification may result in the termination of counseling and that I can resume when I am able to attend on a regular basis.
6. The information I share in counseling will be kept confidential between me and the Volunteer, to the extent legally permitted, but I understand that there are circumstances under which confidentiality will not or cannot be maintained, including, but not limited to, the circumstances described in item 7 & 8 below.
7. The Volunteers are supervised, and are required to discuss information from counseling sessions with the Volunteer's supervisor or in supervision groups (collectively referred to as "In Supervision"). When information about me is shared in supervision, I understand that the Volunteer will use fictitious names to protect my identity (unless the Volunteer's supervisor requests to know my identity). In cases where the Volunteer suspects that there has been or will be abuse to a child, elder or vulnerable adult (physical, sexual, or otherwise), the Volunteer will notify the Volunteer's supervisor, the Pastor of Christian Care & Counseling, or the senior Pastor of the Church, using my real name. As mandated reporters, the pastors of the church will notify the appropriate authorities in accordance to California Law for mandated reporters (Penal Code: 11164-11174.3; Penal Code 368). The pastors may also choose to report any indication of intent to harm self or others.
8. When a couple receives Christian Care & Counseling, the couple is the "counselee," and the Volunteer is not bound to keep confidential from spouse information shared with the Volunteer by the other spouse.
9. I have read CCAC's "Philosophy of Christian Care and Counseling" and I acknowledge that the counsel given to me consists of principles that are biblically based.
10. If I am a member of the Community Christian Alliance Church and if I persistently refuse to renounce a particular sin I understand that it becomes necessary for my counselor to seek the assistance of others in the church in order to encourage repentance and reconciliation (see Proverbs 15:22; 24:11; Matthew 18:15-20).

I have read, understand, and agree to abide by the terms of this Consent Form. Furthermore, I hereby release Community Christian Alliance Church, and its current and former pastors, directors, officers, employees, elders, deacons, volunteers, and other agents from all liability and any claim, damages, or litigation arising from or related to any counseling received (or not received) by me through the Christian Care & Counseling Ministry.

Print Counselee's Name

Counselee's Signature

Date