

BAYLIFE CHURCH
RELEASE OF LIABILITY FOR CHURCH COUNSELING SERVICES

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH

For and in consideration of **Bay Life Church** provision of ministerial and counseling services, the undersigned, being legally competent and fully authorized and empowered to do so, does hereby **release, acquit and forever discharge Bay Life Church and all participating, counselors connected with said ministry**, from any and all actions, courses of action, claims, demands, damages, cost, loss of service, expenses and compensation, on account of any and all known and unknown personal injuries, mental anguish or agitation, and damage claims to person or property resulting from or arising out of or relating to counseling services and ministerial services provided by **Bay Life Church** and/or it's agents, representatives and/or employees in any way affecting the undersigned parties.

By law, there are certain situations in which information about individuals undergoing counseling may be released with or without their permission. These situations are as follows:

1. Where children are physically abused, neglected, or sexually abused, the proper authorities must be notified.
2. In emergency situations where there may be danger to the client or others, as with homicide or suicide, confidentiality may be broken.
3. If a court of law issues a legitimate subpoena relating to the child abuse case, we are required by law to provide the information specifically described in the subpoena.
4. If an unreported life-threatening felony has been committed, we are required by law to report it to the police.

Before warning or notifying anyone, **Bay Life Church** will first take all possible steps to share that intention with the undersigned parties.

The undersigned parties have had the nature of the ministerial and counseling services to be provided fully explained to them prior to receiving such services, and they freely enter into such nature of the treatment, ministerial services or counseling they are about to receive.

The undersigned further **agree** to indemnify, have and hold harmless **Bay Life Church**, it's pastors, and it's agents and employees from any and all claims and damages of every kind to person or property arising out of or attributed to the spiritual, psychological, and/or mental problems which brought the undersigned to **Bay Life Church**, or the undersigned at any point after the date of this release.

IT IS FURTHER UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED that this waiver and release constitutes an admission and acknowledgment by the undersigned that they have received no warranty, guarantee, or promise of any particular result either expressed or implied, from **Bay Life Church**, or it's pastors, agents, representatives, or employees. The undersigned parties acknowledge and agree that the very nature of their problem(s) is necessarily such that no specific result(s) can be promised or warranted by any such ministry or counseling service.

This release contains the entire agreement between the parties hereto, and the terms of this waiver and release are contractual and not mere recital.

The undersigned further states they have carefully read the foregoing release, know the contents thereof, and sign the same of their own free act and deed.

I UNDERSTAND THAT PAYMENT IN FULL IS REQUIRED AT THE TIME OF SERVICE. I ALSO UNDERSTAND AND AGREE THAT ANY APPOINTMENTS I CANCEL WITH LESS THAN 24 HOURS NOTICE ARE SUBJECT TO FULL CHARGE AND THAT A BILL WILL BE MAILED TO ME.

SIGNED on this _____ day of _____, AD, 20____.

(Print Name)

(Signature of Church Representative/Pastoral Counselor)

(Signature of Person Desiring Counseling)