



Lay Counseling Ministry

Counseling Agreement

The following is a standard agreement for everyone seeking counsel from Christ Community Church through the lay counseling ministry. If you have any questions about this agreement, then please ask the counseling ministry staff. The men and women who provide biblical counsel seek to serve people according to the truth and grace of God's Word. They have been trained under the biblical counseling ministry of Christ Community Church and are overseen by CCC leaders/pastoral staff. In most cases, they do not hold a degree of higher education in counseling or a license in the State of North Carolina, but most do hold a Certificate for completing a lay counseling training course.

All counselors assigned to help you will attempt to protect confidentiality in matters discussed during counseling meetings. There are limits, however, to this confidentiality that need to be mentioned. In these cases, your counselor may need to seek additional help for you or your family: 1) Intent to harm self or someone else, 2) Physical or sexual abuse of a child or elderly adult, 3) When your pastor or counselor believes other individuals need to be involved, such as his/her overseeing pastor, fellow counselors, or counseling professionals (for supervision and referral purposes).

It is my understanding that I am entering in to a process of counseling where personal and difficult issues may be discussed. While those with whom I counsel are expected to be respectful of my personal beliefs and opinions, I realize they will counsel me according to the Bible. There will not be a fee charged for counseling meetings. If I believe it necessary for my minor children to participate in counseling meetings, then I give written permission for the counselors involved to meet and counsel with my children. If during the process of counseling I become uncomfortable with the process or unwilling to continue, then I agree to discuss this first with my immediate counselor and second (if necessary) with the leaders/pastors who oversee this counseling ministry. I have thoroughly read and agree to all that has been stated regarding the counseling ministry at Christ Community Church. I hereby release and hold harmless Christ Community Church and lay counselors from any and all liability, claims, and/or expenses related to or arising from any care or counseling received (or not received).

Signature

Date

Christ Community Church- Lay Counseling Ministry
General Information Request Form

Name: _____ DOB: _____

Sex: M/F Marital Status: Married/Divorced/Single/Child/Other

Home Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Occupation: _____

How did you hear about our service? _____

Have you ever had or, are you currently experiencing suicidal ideations? _____

Who may we contact in case of emergency? _____

Spouse: _____ Age: _____

If you have children, how many and what are their ages? _____

Initial Counseling Questionnaire

1. What are the main problems, as you see them, which bring you here?

2. What have you attempted to do about them so far?

3. Please list any medications you are on currently.

4. Are you seeking counseling from a biblical, Christian Perspective? If not, please explain.



Release of Responsibility

I understand, Christ Community Church is contracting with Family Focus Counseling, PLLC to provide this counseling ministry.

I will not hold Christ Community Church liable for the counseling I receive. I have received a copy of the professional disclosure statement I signed.

Client Signature

Date

Therapist Signature

Date

Key Aspects of Consideration

- **Lay Counseling generally is short term therapy, on average 5-7 sessions.**
- **It is free to see a lay counselor.**
- **Our hours of operation are Tuesdays-Thursdays 10-7.**
- **All of our lay counselors are volunteers and have obligations outside of the center, so if you are unable to make your appointment please be considerate and give at least a 24-hour notice.**
- **We want to serve you well, if there is any way we can improve our services, please let us know. You are loved!**