

# SELF-DISCLOSURE AND RELEASE FORM

## INTERIM MINISTRIES-ABC

### PREAMBLE

The *Interim Ministries-ABC* Programs of the American Baptist Churches USA have an outstanding record for maintaining the highest moral and ethical standards in the practice of interim 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, *Interim Ministries-ABC* 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 program’s effort to minimize the occurrence of misconduct among clergy who are assigned as interim pastors. Your understanding and cooperation is deeply appreciated. Mark statements TRUE unless there is an ethical departure in your history.

1. I have never been the subject of official disciplinary proceedings in the American Baptist Churches USA that resulted in any of the following:
  - a. Censure  true  not true
  - b. Suspension of recognition of ordination  true  not true
  - c. Withdrawal of recognition of ordination  true  not true
  
2. No official disciplinary proceedings by a region, association, or church of the American Baptist Churches USA are pending against me at the present time.  
 true  not true
  
3. I have never been the subject of official disciplinary proceedings by another denomination that resulted in disciplinary action.  
 true  not true
  
4. No official disciplinary proceedings by another denomination are pending against me at the present time.  
 true  not true
  
5. I have never been the subject of official disciplinary proceedings by a professional association or guild that resulted in disciplinary action.  
 true  not true
  
6. No official disciplinary proceedings by a professional association or guild are pending against me at the present time.  
 true  not true
  
7. 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
  
8. My driver’s license has never been suspended or revoked due to reckless driving, driving while intoxicated, or driving under the influence of controlled substances.  
 true  not true

