

**SELF-DISCLOSURE AND RELEASE FORM**  
**AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES OF CONNECTICUT**

The American Baptist Churches of Connecticut seeks to maintain the highest moral and ethical standards in the practice of pastoral ministry and professional church leadership, in keeping with our commitment to “preserve the dignity, maintain the discipline, and promote the integrity of the vocation to which we have been called.” (From the ABC Ministers Council Code of Ethics.) When a church leader engages in misconduct or abuse, all persons and churches involved suffer. The American Baptist Churches of Connecticut seeks to prevent misconduct and abuse and to respond effectively when any allegations arise. This Self-Disclosure and Release Form is part of our effort to minimize the occurrence of misconduct among professional church leaders who serve in Connecticut. After careful deliberation, the ABCCONN staff may share the information disclosed on this form with search committees.

1. Has an ecclesiastical, civil or criminal complaint ever been filed against you alleging sexual misconduct, financial misconduct, physical abuse or child abuse by you?  
\_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no
2. Have you ever resigned or been terminated from a position for reasons relating to allegations of sexual misconduct, financial misconduct, physical abuse or child abuse by you?  
\_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no
3. Have you ever been charged with ethical or moral misconduct of any type?  
\_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no
4. Do you know of any facts or circumstances regarding your background that would warrant further review of your fitness for ministry before being entrusted with the responsibilities of ministry on behalf of a calling body of the American Baptist Churches of Connecticut and the American Baptist Churches USA?  
\_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no

Please explain in detail any affirmative responses in the space provided below, using the back of the sheet, if necessary.

5. Do you subscribe to the American Baptist Ministers Council Code of Ethics?  
\_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no
6. Have you received Misconduct Prevention Training? \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no  
If Yes, where and when was that training? \_\_\_\_\_

7. In accordance with ABCCONN policies, will you undergo training on misconduct and appropriate use of authority and power if you are serving in Connecticut?  
\_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no

The information I have provided on this form is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Print name \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

(Approved by the Commission on the Ministry, Ministers Council Executive Committee, Department of Local Church Ministry, and ABCCONN Executive Committee 2/97; Revised - Commission on the Ministry 11/21/02; Approved - Executive Committee 3/27/03)