

Self Disclosure and Release Form
American Baptist Churches of the Dakotas

The Ministers Council Code of Ethics has as one point (among many): "to preserve the dignity, maintain the discipline, and promote the integrity of the vocation to which we have been called." When any clergy person engages in misconduct, the church is brought into disrepute, present and future ministry is impaired and all persons involved suffer. In addition, there can be legal repercussions from such acts of misconduct. Therefore, the American Baptist Churches of the Dakotas is committed to taking any reasonable precaution to avoid such disrepute, damage to ministry, suffering, and litigation. Your cooperation in returning this form will allow the region staff to circulate your personnel profile to prospective congregations.

1. I have been the subject of official disciplinary proceedings in the American Baptist Churches USA that resulted in any of the following:

Censure: true not true

Suspension of recognition of ordination: true not true

Withdrawal of recognition of ordination: true not true

2. 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 been the subject of official disciplinary proceedings by another denomination that resulted in disciplinary action.

true not true

4. Official disciplinary proceedings by another denomination are pending against me at the present time.

true not true

5. I have been the subject of official disciplinary proceedings by a professional association or guild that resulted in disciplinary action.

true not true

6. Official disciplinary proceedings by a professional association or guild are pending against me at the present time.

true not true

7. A civil lawsuit or lawsuits 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 been suspended or revoked due to reckless driving, driving while intoxicated, or driving under the influence of controlled substances.

true not true

9. I have been found guilty or pleaded guilty or no contest to felony criminal charges or had felony criminal charges dropped because the statute of limitations had expired.

_____true _____not true

10. My employment has been terminated for actual or attempted sexual harassment, exploitation, or abuse; discrimination, physical abuse; child abuse; or financial misconduct by me; not have I terminated my employment primarily to avoid facing such charges or to avoid being terminated because of such charges.

_____true _____not true

11. I know of facts or circumstances regarding my background that would warrant further review of my fitness for ministry before my being entrusted with the responsibilities of ministry on behalf of a calling body of the American Baptist Churches of the Dakotas.

_____true _____not true

12. Provide a short explanation for each complaint, proceeding, or action that caused you to answer "true." Give enough information for follow-up, including date, nature and place of each incident leading to a complaint, proceeding or action; where and when each was adjudicated; and the disposition of the complaint(s). Indicate steps taken toward rehabilitation, if any. Use additional pages as needed.

The information I have provided on this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge and may be verified by the American Baptist Churches of the Dakotas. I also agree that I will hold harmless the American Baptist Churches of the Dakotas and any prior employer from any and all claims, liabilities and cause of action from the use of this information.

Signature of applicant

Date

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (Home) _____
(Office) _____

Please return to: American Baptist Churches of the Dakotas
1524 S. Summit Avenue
Sioux Falls, SD 57105-1697

Please list two additional references not shown on your ABPS Profile:

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