



ANCHORED MINISTRIES

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"Therefore if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold new things have come." -2 Corinthians 5:17

Consent to Counsel Agreement

The lay counseling program at Spring Lake Church (SLC) is a biblically based short term non-fee ministry of SLC. Space and personnel restrictions might require you to be put on a waiting list based on the date of application. The program is also made available to the community at large as counselors are available. Should you need more immediate assistance, referrals are available.

Please read this information then sign and date on the counselee line. Should you have any questions please ask Pastor Doug or your lay counselor in your appointment that follows.

Our Goal – Our goal in providing Christian counseling is to help you meet the challenges of life in a way that will please and honor the Lord Jesus Christ and allow you to enjoy fully His love for you and His plans for your life.

Biblical Basis – We believe that the Bible provides guidance and instruction for faith and life. Therefore, our counseling is based on Scriptural principles. Lay counselors are not licensed as psychotherapists, psychologists, social workers or any other mental health professionals.

Professional Advice – In the process of Biblical counseling there are often times when there is a need for significant advice with regards to legal, medical, financial or other technical areas. In those cases you will be encouraged to seek independent professional counsel. Our pastoral and lay counselors will be happy to cooperate with such advisors and help you to consider their counsel in the light of relevant Scriptural principles. SLC's lay counseling ministry is not designed or intended to be the provision of professional mental health or legal counsel.

Confidentiality – All information is kept confidential. Confidentiality is an important aspect of the counseling process and we will carefully guard the information you entrust to us. All lay counselors report to a supervisor on a regular basis for discussion of cases and to seek wisdom and affirm direction. There are a few situations, however, when it may be necessary for us to share certain information with others:

- If physical, emotional, or sexual abuse of a minor, elder or handicapped individual is disclosed,
- When there is a clear indication that someone may be harmed unless (self or others) others intervene; or
- When a person persistently refuses to renounce a particular sin and it becomes detrimental to the church body the assistance of other pastoral staff may be sought. (see Matt. 18:15-20; Prov. 15:22, 24:11).
- When a release of information has been signed and, with your permission, the information can be shared.

Please be assured that our counselors will not to disclose personal information to others, and they will make every effort to help you find ways to resolve a problem as privately as possible.

Observers – Anchored Ministries is training and teaching ministry whereby we train others to counsel biblically (2 Timothy 2:2; Rom. 15:14). The training of our advanced students involves the actual observation of sessions by the students. By signing this consent form you agree to allow one or two students to quietly observe the session. The students are accountable to your counselor for confidentiality.

By signing below I indicated that I have read the Consent to Counsel form. I acknowledge my understanding of the above statements and agree to biblical counseling as explained in these documents.

CAUTION: READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING

Date

Signature

Print Name

Date

Witness Signature

Print Name of Witness