



IMMANEUL FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH

Application for Assistance for Members & Regular Attendees

Date: _____

Name: _____ Phone #: _____ Cell #: _____

Address: _____

City _____ Zip _____ Business Phone #: _____

Occupation: _____ Last date of assistance request : _____

Gender: _____ Birthdate: _____ Age: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Referred By: _____ Best time to reach me is: _____

What Is The Basic Problem As You Understand It:

Briefly complete the following (please use another sheet of paper if necessary):

1. Please describe the current problem.
2. What have you done about it?
3. What are your expectations in coming here?
4. What led you to seek help now?
5. Have you sought help elsewhere (if so please describe)?
6. Is there any other information we should know?
7. Are you open to receiving counsel for this or another need you may have?

Consent for Benevolence Form

Our Goal — Our goal in providing assistance and Christian counseling (when requested) is to help you meet the challenges of life in a way that will honor the Lord Jesus Christ and allow you to fully enjoy his love for you and his plans for your life.

Biblical Basis — We believe that the Bible provides thorough guidance and instruction for faith and life. Therefore, our counseling is based on scriptural principles rather than those of secular psychology or psychiatry. Neither the pastoral nor the lay counselors of this church are trained or licensed as psychotherapists or mental health professionals, nor should they be expected to follow the methods of such specialists.

Not Professional Advice — Our counselors (usually) work in professional fields outside the church. When serving as counselors within this church, however, they do not provide the same kind of professional advice and services that they do when they are hired in their professional capacities. Therefore, if you have significant legal, financial, medical or other technical questions, you should seek advice from an independent professional. 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.

Confidentiality — Confidentiality is an important aspect of the counseling process, and we will carefully guard the information you entrust to us. There are five situations, however, when it may be necessary for us to share certain information with others: when a counselor is uncertain of how to address a particular problem and needs to seek advice from a pastor or other spiritual leader in this or another church; when a counselee attends another church and it is necessary to talk with his or her pastor or elders; when there is a clear indication that someone may be harmed unless others intervene; when a person persistently refuses to renounce a particular sin and it becomes necessary to seek the assistance of others in the church to encourage repentance and reconciliation (see Proverbs 15:22; 24:11; Matthew 18:15-20), or when financial assistance is requested it will be necessary to discuss this with appropriate parties within the church and for references to be checked. Please be assured that our counselors strongly prefer 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.

Resolution of Conflicts — On rare occasions a conflict may develop between a counselor and a counselee. In order to make sure that any such conflicts will be resolved in a biblically faithful manner, we require all of our counselees to agree that any dispute that arises with a counselor or with this church as a result of counseling will be settled by mediation and, if necessary, legally binding arbitration in accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Institute for Christian Conciliation; judgment upon an arbitration award may be entered in any court having jurisdiction. (We will be happy to provide you with booklets that explain the Christian conciliation process and describe its benefits and procedures.)

Release of Liability / Hold Harmless — The church, its pastor, officers, agents, counselors, employees and members are hereby released, forever discharged, and held harmless from any and all liability, claims or demands for personal injury, sickness or death, as well as property damage and expenses, of any nature whatsoever which may be incurred while the applicant's request is being reviewed, approved, underway, and/or denied. Furthermore, requester hereby agrees to hold harmless and indemnify said church, its pastor, officers, agents, counselors, employees and members for any financial liability sustained by said acts of the aforementioned church parties.

Having clearly stated the principles and policies of our benevolence and counseling ministry (contained within and in the (Benevolence Fund Policy and Guidelines), we welcome the opportunity to minister to you in the name of Christ and to be used by him as he helps you to grow in spiritual maturity and prepares you for usefulness in his body. If you have any questions about these guidelines, please talk with a pastor or leader. If these guidelines are acceptable to you, please sign below.

I _____ request will consider deny counseling at this time.

(Please check one of the above)

Signed _____ Print Name: _____ Date _____

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(internal use only)