

**RELEASE OF LIABILITY FOR COUNSELING & MINISTRY SERVICES**

*Elevate Church- 70 Redington Street, Littleton, NH 03561*

The Counseling & Ministry services provided by ELEVATE CHURCH are intended for advice and guidance only. No legal or professional diagnosis is implied or administered. Adherence to counsel given is entirely the decision of the counselee.

The undersigned, being legally competent and fully authorized and empowered to do so, releases White Mountain Christian Church and all counselors and representatives of the church, from any and all actions, and courses of action, both physical and personal, related to counseling services and ministerial services provided by White Mountain Christian Church and/or its agents, representatives and/or employees in any way affecting the undersigned parties.

All information shared in meetings or sessions are held in strict confidence between the parties involved. Information can only be released or discussed with another party by expressed written consent of the party receiving the ministry or counsel. By law, there are certain situations in which information about individuals undergoing ministry may be released with or without prior permission. These situations are as follows:

1. Where children are physically abused, neglected, or sexually abused, the proper authorities must be notified
2. In emergency situations where there may be danger to the client or others, as with homicide or suicide, confidentiality may be broken.
3. If a court of law issues a legitimate subpoena relating to a child abuse case, we are required by law to provide the information specifically described in the subpoena.
4. If an unreported life-threatening felony has been committed, we are required by law to report it to the police.

Before warning or notifying anyone, Elevate Church will first take all possible steps to share that intention with the undersigned parties.

The undersigned parties have had the nature of the ministerial and counseling services to be provided fully explained to them prior to receiving such services, and they freely enter into such counseling and ministerial services with full knowledge of the nature of the ministerial services, or counseling they are about to receive. Services are offered free of charge but, offerings to the Church are accepted and encouraged to help maintain the continuation of this ministry.

It is further understood and agreed upon that this release constitutes an admission and acknowledgment by this undersigned that they have received no warranty, guarantee, or promise of any particular result either expressed or implied, from Elevate Church, or it's pastors, agents, representatives, employees or Board of Directors. The undersigned parties acknowledge and agree that the very nature of their problem(s) is necessarily such that no specific result(s) can be promised or warranted by any such ministry or counseling service.

This release contains the entire agreement between the parties hereto, and the terms of this waiver and release are contractual and not mere recital. The undersigned further states they have carefully read this release, know the contents thereof, and sign the same of their own free will

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Date

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Counselee (or Guardian)

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Minister/Counselor