

AGREEMENT FOR CARE

Please read the following information and acknowledge your acceptance of care from Celebration Church

Celebration Church Care Ministry Team consists of experienced, mature Pastors and highly-trained, well-supervised Care Partners. They are not licensed professional counselors, psychologists, physicians, social workers, accountants, financial planners, or attorneys; they do not provide therapy, psychiatric, medical or mental health treatment nor do they give legal or financial advice.

They will listen to the story about your situation and ask questions to understand what is going on in your life. Together, with faith, prayer, and wisdom from God's Word, they will help you identify potential solutions and access practical resources to address your life circumstances that empower you with strength and skills to take the next appropriate steps to move forward through the changes and uncertainty you are facing. Meeting with a Pastor or Care Partner presents the risk of emotional side-effects. Often, symptoms worsen before they improve. The goal is to confront issues and emotions together and work through them over time.

CONFIDENTIALITY & SUPERVISION

They will protect your privacy. All information you tell us is confidential and becomes part of the Care Ministry records of Celebration Church. In accordance with legal requirements, adult records are disposed seven (7) years after the file is closed; minor children's records are disposed seven (7) years after their 18th birthday. No information, written or verbal, will be released to anyone outside of the Care Ministry Team without your written permission. You can feel free to talk about your situation without fear anyone will know about it.

However, the following limitations and exceptions to confidentiality do exist:

1. A Pastor or Care Partner determines you are a danger to yourself or someone else. They have a "duty to warn and protect." If you disclose intentions or imply a plan to harm yourself or another person, they are required to make reasonable attempts to warn the intended victim, to notify other family members, and report this information to legal authorities and social service agencies.
2. You disclose or imply a child, elderly adult, or disabled person has been physically, emotionally, or mentally abused, neglected, or exploited, is a victim of a sexual offense or contact, or may be at-risk for harm or injury of any kind, they are required to report this information to legal authorities and social service agencies.
3. Celebration Church is ordered by a court to disclose information or is otherwise required by law to disclose information.
4. The Care Ministry Team meets monthly in small groups to give and receive peer supervision as a means of ongoing support and advanced training to ensure high-quality, competent caregiving is delivered to you. As they talk about their own thoughts and feelings as a caregiver, they may share some factual information about your situation, but will never disclose anything that may reveal your personal identity.

PROFESSIONAL CONSULTATION OR REFERRAL

On occasion, they will recognize your need for care is beyond our ability to provide adequate care and they may decide the best way to care for you is to consult with or refer you for direct care by a licensed professional. In that case, they will discuss the options with you and help you obtain the best appropriate professional care for your needs. Your relationship with

a Care Partner may continue only after you have met with the professional and they have given permission for the Care Partner relationship to continue.

CARE FOR MINOR CHILDREN

This gives permission for the Care Ministry Team to provide support and guidance for my child _____ age _____. I waive my right as a parent or legal guardian to obtain information from and copies of any records from Celebration Church pertaining to my child. I understand Celebration Church may refuse to provide me, or any third-party acting on my request or authorization, with information and records pertaining to my child's care, if such disclosure in the opinion of Celebration Church would negatively impact my child. I release Celebration Church from any and all liability for their refusal to disclose my child's information or records.

UNDERSTANDING & ACCEPTANCE

I understand the conditions for Celebration Church Care Ministry, agree to the meaning and limits of confidentiality, and give permission for my caregiver to participate in supervision as a part of my care. Further, I acknowledge the reporting requirements as explained. I choose to receive care from a Pastor and/or Care Partner and will actively engage in the care process with my assigned caregiver. I voluntarily agree to the terms and conditions when I complete the Request & Agreement for Care and check the box that indicates that I have read and agree with these terms.