BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH
PRE-SERVICE APPLICANT RELEASE STATEMENT

This release statement is to be completed by all adult applicants for any position (volunteer or compensated) involving the supervision or custody of minors/vulnerable adults serving in ministries at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. This release is required to assess the volunteer's fitness for service. The background check process is used to help Bethlehem Lutheran Church provide a safe and secure environment for children, youth, and vulnerable adults who participate in our programs and use our facilities.

I, _____, hereby authorize Bethlehem Lutheran Church and/or The McDowell Agency, Inc. to make an independent investigation of state and county criminal records for any evidence of convictions, social security records for a listing of employment and residence locations, the sexual offender database, and of my Consumer (Credit) Report and/or my Driver's Record **only if box is checked by the church** and **initialed** (by the volunteer) below.

☐ Consumer (Credit) Report _____ *applicant initial if box is checked*

☐ Driving Record _____ *applicant initial if box is checked*

I authorize all persons, schools, companies, corporations, state agencies, federal agencies, and law enforcement agencies to release such information without restriction or qualification to Bethlehem Lutheran Church and/or The McDowell Agency, Inc. I hereby release Bethlehem Lutheran Church and The McDowell Agency, Inc. from any liability arising from the preparation of this report or investigation relating thereto to the extent permitted by law. I agree that failure to reveal any requested information, or the giving of any false or misleading information on this form or any application form, may be grounds for refusal to enlist my services and negate any present or future volunteer or employment possibilities with this organization. Furthermore, I understand that any offer that has been made to me for the use of my volunteer services with Bethlehem Lutheran Church is contingent upon full disclosure of requested information and subject to personal reference checks. I understand that the results of said background check may disqualify me from volunteering at Bethlehem Lutheran Church and that any offer I have received is contingent upon this report and may be rescinded at any time as a result of findings deemed essential by Bethlehem Lutheran Church. I understand that this release is valid for the duration of my service and that Bethlehem Lutheran Church or The McDowell Agency, Inc. (at the request of Bethlehem Lutheran Church) may choose to investigate my background at any time during the term of my service.

I have read and understand the terms of this authorization and agree to the terms stated herein. A photocopy or facsimile of this authorization will be treated the same as an original.

1. Print Name_____

2. Date of Birth _____/_____/_____

Signed_____ Date _____/_____/_____

Many of us are victims of some form of abuse. Sometimes the abuse has left deep wounds which have not as yet been adequately healed. If you have any concerns regarding any abuse in your life and/or its possible negative effect on your relationship with children, youth or vulnerable adults, you are encouraged to initiate a confidential conversation with a pastor for guidance and hope for health and healing.

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