

APPENDIX H

SELF-DISCLOSURE AND RELEASE FORM

AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES OF MAINE

PREAMBLE

The American Baptist Churches of Maine has an outstanding record for maintaining the highest moral and ethical standards in the practice of ministry. This record of service reflects our commitment to “preserve the dignity, maintain the discipline, and promote the integrity of the vocation to which we have been called” (Ministers Council Code of Ethics). When any clergy person engages in misconduct, the church is brought into disrepute and all persons involved suffer. In addition, there can be legal repercussions from such acts of misconduct. Therefore, the American Baptist Churches of Maine is committed to taking any reasonable precaution to avoid such disrepute, suffering, and litigation. This Self-Disclosure and Release Form is a part of the program’s effort to minimize the occurrence of misconduct among clergy who serve among our churches. Your understanding and cooperation is deeply appreciated.

1. I have never been the subject of official disciplinary proceedings in any American Baptist Region that resulted in any of the following:
 - a. Censure true not true
 - b. Suspension of recognition of ordination true not true
 - c. Withdrawal of recognition of ordination true not true

2. No official disciplinary proceedings by a region, association, or church of the American Baptist Churches are pending against me at the present time. true not true

3. I have never been the subject of official disciplinary proceedings by another denomination that resulted in disciplinary action. true not true

4. No official disciplinary proceedings by another denomination are pending against me at the present time. true not true

5. I have never been the subject of official disciplinary proceedings by a professional association or guild that resulted in disciplinary action. true not true

6. No official disciplinary proceedings by a professional association or guild are pending against me at the present time. true not true

7. No civil lawsuit alleging actual or attempted sexual harassment, exploitation, or abuse; discrimination; physical abuse; child abuse; or financial misconduct has ever been successfully prosecuted against me, settled out of court, or dropped because the statute of limitations had expired. true not true

8. My driver’s license has never been suspended or revoked due to reckless driving, driving while intoxicated, or driving under the influence of controlled substances. true not true

9. I have never been found guilty of, pleaded guilty or no contest to felony criminal charges or had felony criminal charges dropped because the statute of limitations had expired. true not true

