

ENDORSEMENT COVENANT

I VOLUNTARILY AND WHOLE-HEARTEDLY ENTER INTO THIS COVENANT WITH THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS AND THE ADVENTIST CHAPLAINCY MINISTRIES DEPARTMENT OF THE CHURCH.

1. As a disciple of Jesus Christ and a Seventh-day Adventist minister, I have been called to exercise my spiritual gifts in ministry. I recognize being a Specialized Ministries Chaplain increases my responsibilities as a pastor, and does not release me from pastoral obligations or functions for Seventh-day Adventists.

2. As a member of the healing team, I am committed to upholding ethical and moral principles in caring for those hurting emotionally or needing guidance. I recognize that a specialized ministry extends to the whole person and can often reach outside my office.

3. I recognize that Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries (ACM) is the official endorsing agency of the General Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. I understand ecclesiastical endorsement is a sacred trust and not a right, and that the ACM Committee grants it to those individuals who give evidence that they meet certain declared standards and will rightly represent the denomination as a worthy ambassador and credible representative. I understand ecclesiastical endorsement can be revoked for just cause at any time by vote of the ACM Committee and that without ecclesiastical endorsement, I can no longer actively serve as an Adventist chaplain.

4. As a chaplain, I accept the fact that I could possibly be working on a team of chaplains, some of whom could be of other denominations and faith groups, sometimes differing with my own beliefs and practices. Though I need not compromise my own conscience and beliefs, an attitude or practice of hostility and non-cooperation towards pastoral caregivers and adherents of other faiths will not be tolerated and could become grounds for revocation of my ecclesiastical endorsement. In addition to denominational activities, programs and worship services of my own faith, as needed I am willing to conduct worship services of a general Protestant nature and engage in school activities and programs that will enhance the spiritual well-being of individuals entrusted to my professional care regardless of their faith affiliation.

5. As an endorsed chaplain, I understand ecclesiastical endorsement is dependent on my accountability and faithfulness to the Seventh-day Adventist Church. As an Adventist minister, I will provide ongoing pastoral care and worship leadership for Seventh-day Adventists in my professional circle of influence. I will maintain contact and involvement with a local Adventist Church, offer my services to the local conference in which I perform my duties, and support ACM via regular reports, attendance at training conferences sponsored by ACM and meet stated expectations. I will be diligent in pursuing spiritual, professional and career development.

Signature

Date