

Appendix 5

Reference Release Form

I hereby authorize _____ Baptist Church of _____ to verify all information contained in my application or other written communications, including all former churches in which I have served as a pastor, been a member, or been ordained.

I recognize that this verification process will include contacts with former church officers, members, pastoral colleagues, association and state convention personnel, as well as other business and professional references.

I further authorize that any personnel at former places of employment, churches, or references may disclose any and all information regarding my work history, personal characteristics, salary, work habits, or other areas of importance to this organization.

Furthermore, I waive the right to take legal action against the aforementioned churches, their members and officers, or references for releasing such requested information.

I understand this authorization form and agree to the release and verification of the aforementioned information.

Minister's Signature

Date

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