

I, \_\_\_\_\_, understand and acknowledge that John L. Emanuel is an ordained Minister of pastoral counseling through the National Conservative Christian Church located at 3650 17th Street, Sarasota, Florida 34235. Although my Christian counseling is conducted at a location other than the National Conservative Christian Church, I have been fully informed that John L. Emanuel is under their control and dominion, and that he is required to submit general reports and otherwise allow them to supervise the counseling services performed under the license of the National Conservative Christian Church.

I also understand that while John L. Emanuel is required to convey reports to the National Conservative Christian Church, my name and the specifics of our counseling sessions will remain confidential. With that knowledge, I authorize John L. Emanuel to transmit any and all necessary information to the National Conservative Christian Church to enable said Church to maintain appropriate supervision over John L. Emanuel and to allow John L. Emanuel to remain within the scope of his pastoral duties.

I understand that I will only receive Christian counseling through John L. Emanuel, and my exclusive reason for attending counseling is because I desire Christian counseling through an ordained minister. The counseling sessions are, and shall remain, for the purpose of seeking spiritual counseling and advice.

I understand that all sessions will be conducted in a confidential setting. If my spouse is present during any of the counseling sessions it is with my approval and in furtherance of the Christian counseling which I am seeking.

I understand that John L. Emanuel believes it is better to listen to the counselee and allow the Holy Spirit to guide the session instead of concentrating on taking notes. To accomplish this objective, John L. Emanuel may electronically record counseling sessions, and I fully authorize John L. Emanuel to record our sessions. I also understand that these recordings will be kept confidential and are for the exclusive purpose of allowing John L. Emanuel to make subsequent notes for his files and to allow him to act in a more effective manner in his capacity as a Christian counselor.

I have been fully informed that John L. Emanuel is not licensed to practice medicine; that he is not licensed as a psychologist; that he is not licensed or certified as a clinical social worker, marriage and family therapist, or mental health counselor; and that he is not licensed as "treatment personnel" at any mental health facility.

### **Requirement to Report**

Any person, including a Christian counselor, who knows or has reasonable cause to suspect child abuse, abandonment or neglect by a parent, legal custodian, caregiver, or other person responsible for the child's welfare, must report such knowledge or suspicion to the Department of Children and Families (DCF) Central Abuse Hotline. **F.S. 39.201(1))**

Any person who knows or has reasonable cause to suspect the abuse, neglect or exploitation of vulnerable adults must immediately report such knowledge to the DCF Central Abuse Hotline. **(F. S. 415.1034(2))**

The confidentiality between a counselor and a client may be waived when there is a clear and immediate probability of physical harm to the patient or client, to other individuals, or to society and the counselor communicates the information only to the potential victim, appropriate family members, or law enforcement or other appropriate authorities. **(Fla. Stat. 491.0147(3))**

Client/Counselor confidentiality is strictly enforced. Counselor will not testify or be a witness for or against any client present or past.

For further information, please refer to the Clergy Privilege as underlined in Florida Statute 90.505. See below.

**Title VII**  
**EVIDENCE**  
**Chapter 90**  
**EVIDENCE CODE**  
**[View Entire Chapter](#)**

**90.505 Privilege with respect to communications to clergy.—****(1) For the purposes of this section:**

(a) A "member of the clergy" is a priest, rabbi, practitioner of Christian Science, or minister of any religious organization or denomination usually referred to as a church, or an individual reasonably believed so to be by the person consulting him or her.

(b) A communication between a member of the clergy and a person is "confidential" if made privately for the purpose of seeking spiritual counsel and advice from the member of the clergy in the usual course of his or her practice or discipline and not intended for further disclosure except to other persons present in furtherance of the communication.

**(2) A person has a privilege to refuse to disclose, and to prevent another from disclosing, a confidential communication by the person to a member of the clergy in his or her capacity as spiritual adviser.**

**(3) The privilege may be claimed by:**

(a) The person.

(b) The guardian or conservator of a person.

(c) The personal representative of a deceased person.

(d) The member of the clergy, on behalf of the person. The member of the clergy's authority to do so is presumed in the absence of evidence to the contrary.

**History.**--s. 1, ch. 76-237; s. 1, ch. 77-77; s. 1, ch. 77-174; ss. 11, 22, ch. 78-361; ss. 1, 2, ch. 78-379; s. 477, ch. 95-147.

If I wish to continue counseling after my first session, I must be willing to participate in my own recovery with any or all of the following methods;

- group meetings
- accountability partners
- purchase of books
- reading assignments
- purchase of a 3-ring binder
- homework
- journaling
- possible appointment with a medical doctor or psychiatrist

The direction of each session will be to identify and clarify the areas of concern, facilitate self-assessment and promote life changes to meet my goals. Assignments will be encouraged to further assist in self-discovery and personal growth. I understand that John L. Emanuel operates according to Biblical philosophy and he addresses each client as a whole person comprised of physical, mental, emotional and spiritual components.

**Appointments**

- Appointments will be approximately 50 minutes in length. Longer appointments can be made if necessary and practical.
- Sessions scheduled for additional time will be adjusted accordingly.
- I understand that, out of courtesy to others, if I am late to my appointment it will shorten my own appointment time.
- Cancellation of an appointment the day of the appointment will result in a **fee**

*Lack of funds will not hinder serving those in need—if the scale on the following page can not be met please contact me.*

**Suggested Donation Scale**

Gross Annual Income:\*    Counseling:

less -\$27,000                      \$40

\$27,001-35,000                    \$50

\$35,001-45,000                    \$60

\$45,001-55,000 \$70

\$55,001-65,000 \$80

\$65,001-75,000 \$90

\$75,001-85,000 \$100

\$85,001-UP \$110

Suggested donations will range from \$40 – \$110 with consideration placed on my financial circumstances. The suggested donation for my current circumstance is

\$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Clients may donate at time of service using cash, check or charge.

\*Couples please use combined income.

I have had all of my questions concerning Christian counseling answered fully and to my satisfaction, and I understand that there are no guarantees as to the results of this counseling.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_