

SAMPLE

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF FAITH-BASED COUNSELLING

Welcome to the Chaplain's office.

Please review and sign the following acknowledgement of faith-based counseling.

- 1) I am an ordained minister endorsed by CBAmerica (CBA) to serve as a Chaplain in the Armed Forces. I believe that the Bible is the inspired Word of God and I base my counseling and ministry on Biblical principles. The full statement of our beliefs is available at <https://venturechurches.org/identity/what-we-believe/>. I am willing to discuss these beliefs at your request and may reference them throughout our counseling.

- 2) * IAW AR 165-1, para. 16-2, you are assured of confidentiality of a communication made (1) as a formal act of religion or as a matter of conscience (2) to me (or to the Chaplain's assistant) in my capacity as a spiritual advisor and (3) intended to be confidential. A communication of this nature is also privileged under Military Rule of Evidence (MRE) 503. I will not and cannot disclose our conversations to anyone without your express permission. In order to better serve you I may discuss the general themes and issues of this counseling with my supervisory chaplain or Family Life Chaplain. I will not maintain records in any system of records that may be subject to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552.

- 3) As we walk together we will talk about many issues. My goal is to empower you to experience the healing, forgiveness and grace of God through Jesus Christ. I will encourage you to live out your faith even if it is not my own. While we may disagree I am committed to your well-being and will honor and respect your beliefs.

- 4) My door is always open. You are free to come and go as you need. If we meet once, or many times, you are always welcome. If I am not able to serve you I will do everything I can to link you to other Chaplains or service providers to ensure you have every opportunity to exercise your faith and meet your needs.

I understand I will receive faith-based counseling from a CBA Chaplain as described above. This communication is confidential per AR 165-1, para. 16-2, and privileged under MRE 503.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

* On Active Duty Title 5 and Title 10 Status. National Guard on Title 32 or State Active Duty (SAD) should confer with respective state Staff Judge Advocate on applicable regulations.