

PASTORAL CARE AGREEMENT

This pastoral care agreement (the "agreement") is between Dustin DeJong (the "pastor") and you ("client(s)") regarding your premarital or marriage counseling. If agreed upon, a third party, Lori DeJong, the wife of Pastor Dustin DeJong, may be brought into the counseling arrangement to provide couples counseling. By paying the fee, you agree to the following terms.

PAYMENT AND SCHEDULING

To book your pastoral care appointments, you must pay the agreed-upon fee to the pastor. Once you pay the fee, you can schedule your appointment(s), unless the parties have agreed otherwise.

The client shall make every reasonable effort to make scheduled appointments. Should the client(s) not be able to attend a scheduled appointment, they must give notice two days before the appointment, or the pastor is not required to refund the appointment fee. If proper advance notice is given, the already paid fee can be transferred to another agreed-upon date.

LIMITATIONS OF PASTORAL CARE

The client(s) understand that the pastor is not a licensed therapist, counselor, or medical professional. His pastoral care is offered as spiritual guidance and is not meant to replace medical care or therapy. The pastor is not liable for any adverse effects of his spiritual guidance. Spiritual guidance invites the client(s) to reflect on God's invitation to their lives based on Biblical wisdom. The invitation itself is between the client(s) and Jesus.

CONFIDENTIALITY

The pastor will adhere to commonly accepted codes of privacy and confidentiality. Should the occasion arise, the pastor retains the right to share details of your situation with a colleague or advisor to consult on how best to proceed with your care. In such cases, your identity will remain anonymous. In some situations, the law requires that certain information be revealed without your consent. Suppose there is any indication that you are a danger to yourself or others or are involved in the abuse of a minor. In such cases, your information will be disclosed to the appropriate mental health service or law enforcement agencies.

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