



PASTORAL GUIDANCE REQUEST

Statement of Purpose: Pastoral Guidance Sessions at LWM are designed to assist primarily LWM church members in finding God's solutions to your particular needs and problems in the form of guidance given through the Word of God and support given in prayer. Your completed form will be seen as soon as possible by the Pastor(s) OR a designated Elder and an appointment made promptly after your form is reviewed.

Name _____ Age _____

Spouse _____ Spouse's Age _____

Address _____ Home Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Occupation _____ Employer _____ Work Phone _____

Current Church Attending _____ How Long? _____ Date Saved _____ Date Spirit-filled _____

Church background _____

Are you married? [] Yes [] No (Number of times you've been married: _____)

Number of children _____ Ages _____

[] Yes [] No Are you an active member of Living Word Ministries?

[] Yes [] No Have you attended the *GPS* class?

[] Yes [] No Have you taken any Wednesday night classes? Which one(s)? _____

[] Yes [] No Are you involved in or do you /volunteer for any area of the church (Youth, Children's, Men's, Singles, etc)? If so, where and what do you do? _____

[] Yes [] No Has anyone at LWM ever offered pastoral guidance to you in the past? Who? _____

[] Yes [] No Is anyone at LWM currently offering pastoral guidance to you? Who? _____

[] Yes [] No Have you ever sought outside counseling for this particular issue?

[] Yes [] No Are you currently in outside counseling? Where? _____

[] Yes [] No Are you currently on any medication for psychological issues?

In order for us to expedite your request, please check ONE of the areas below indicating the area of assistance needed at this time:

- Marriage/Family Children Finances Drugs/Alcohol Church Information Healing Work Other

Please relate briefly the matter for which you are requesting pastoral guidance (please use additional paper, if needed):

STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

Each person requesting pastoral guidance (i.e. biblical and scriptural input) should read carefully and initial each point in the following Statement of Understanding. If seeking pastoral guidance as a married couple, it is necessary that each spouse read carefully and initial each of the points below.

Initials Spouse's Initials

1. The Member/Attendee seeks and requests of his/her own free will to receive pastoral guidance from LWM. _____
2. The Member/Attendee understands that LWM only offers pastoral guidance. Those desiring legal, medical or professional counseling (i.e., psychiatric or psychological counseling) are recommended to seek such assistance through appropriate channels. The staff members of LWM are **not** licensed professional counselors and are not offering counseling. The assistance offered by LWM is spiritual in nature and is only guidance of a member of the ministerial staff or laity of the local church. _____
3. The Member/Attendee understands that pastoral guidance is being provided at LWM at no cost by a licensed or ordained minister or a layperson designated by the staff to offer spiritual direction. _____
4. The Member/Attendee understands that a limited number of sessions will be available to them (up to 4 sessions for Members/1-2 sessions for Attendees) and that sessions will be limited to one hour in length. _____
5. The Member/Attendee understands that all records pertaining to the offering of pastoral guidance are the exclusive property of LWM, not of the Member/Attendee. _____
6. All communications involved in the offering of pastoral guidance are treated as confidential. However, it is to be understood that certain exceptions could occur, such as:
 - a. The spiritual advisor seeking the corporate guidance of other church staff members.
 - b. When required under Connecticut law, including but not limited to, the disclosure of physical or sexual abuse under applicable reporting statutes.
 - c. Under lawful order or subpoena of any civil or criminal court with proper jurisdiction.
 - d. In case of threats of suicide and/or homicide when the minister determines there is a serious threat to the life of the one seeking pastoral guidance or a third party. _____
7. In order to receive pastoral guidance at LWM, all associated or involved parties freely and voluntarily agree to release forever LWM, its ministers, staff, elders, officers, board members, and other representatives from any and all liability, claims, losses, or damages. This statement of understanding acts as a release and is binding on my heirs, assigns, or successors in interest in any capacity. _____
8. The offering of pastoral guidance may be terminated at any time by the mutual consent of both parties or at the request of either party. _____

Signature

Date

Signature of spouse (if participating)

Date

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Membership Status: (circle one) V F M _____/_____/_____

NR GP GF GW

Assigned to: _____ Date: _____

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