



## **Confidentiality Statement Care & Support: Mentoring Program**

For a mentoring relationship to develop, both the mentor and mentee must feel that discussions of private issues or problems are being handled with the utmost discretion. The purpose of this agreement is to protect both the mentor and mentee while providing a basis of common understanding for the mentoring process. A mentee must understand that certain situations may require a mentor to share details of the conversations with the Care & Support Ministry leaders to gain better insight on how to provide the best support. Finally, although a mentor is not mandated by law to report child abuse (physical or sexual) or neglect, the Care & Support Ministry asks that mentors do report such abuse to the local Child Protective Services.

It is important for any mentee to understand that this is not professional counseling. Instead, this is biblically-based listening and advising. Additionally, if you have significant legal, financial, medical or other technical questions, you should seek advice from a licensed professional. This program asks mentors to be careful to meet with mentees in public areas and to avoid meeting mentees alone in remote areas. Additionally, mentors can meet up to 9 times with a mentee, but will seek further permission if additional meetings are requested.

I \_\_\_\_\_ (mentee) agree to this understanding of mentoring and confidentiality. I am also encouraged to discuss any concerns I have about my mentoring experience with the Care and Support Ministry leaders. The Care and Support Leaders will handle all matters promptly and with discretion under the guidance of the Associate Pastor of Adult Ministries.

I understand that a signed copy of this agreement will take place prior to any mentoring and must be turned into the appropriate leaders of the Care and Support ministry to be kept on file.

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**Mentee Signature**

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**Mentor Signature**

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