**BETHESDA BY THE SEA INTENSIVE COUNSELING AGREEMENT**

This agreement for Intensive Christian Pastoral Counseling/Ministry Services between Bill and

Lynn Lewis, Christian Pastoral Counselors of Bethesda by the Sea (BBTS), and

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shall govern all professional relations between the parties. Bill Lewis is an ordained minister

with 34 years of experience, and both he and Lynn have a M.A. in Biblical Counseling. BBTS

offers counseling that is pastoral and prayer-based. The Lewises do not practice as licensed,

state-regulated counselors, and, therefore, do not diagnose mental illnesses or disorders, nor

prescribe treatment for them. All counseling is based upon Biblical principles.

**FORMAT**

Counseling and prayer ministry will be provided by Bill Lewis and will be conducted for the

designated number of sessions based on the program that is chosen. If at the end of this

counseling intensive there is a need for further counseling, Bill Lewis will be available for

follow-up counseling by phone, FaceTime, Skype, or Google Duo.

**CONFIDENTIALITY**

Counseling at BBTS is confidential. All therapeutic communications and records will be held in

strict confidence. Information may be released, in accordance with state law, only when 1) the

client signs a written release of information indicating informed consent to such release; 2) the

client has expressed serious intent to harm himself/herself or someone else; 3) there is evidence

or reasonable suspicion of abuse or neglect against a minor child, elder person (sixty-five years

or older), or dependent adult; 4) there is evidence that an unreported life-threatening felony has

been committed; OR 5) a subpoena or other court order is received directing the disclosure of

information. Although we cannot guarantee it, we will endeavor to apprise clients of all

mandated disclosures prior to breaking confidentiality. Clients with any concerns or questions

about this policy agree to raise them with the counselor at the earliest possible time.

**CONTRIBUTION**

Bethesda by the Sea is solely supported by client contributions for Christian counseling and from tax-deductible gifts to the ministry. The specific suggested contribution for counseling will

depend upon which counseling package is selected. These amounts are listed on the BBTS

website at <https://www.bethesdabythesea.com/SPECIFIC> PAGE. Please be aware that one hour

of counseling is considered to be 45-50 minutes long. As a result, there will be breaks throughout

the multiple-hour counseling sessions. Clients should understand that Christian pastoral

counseling is not be covered under health insurance policies. Clients are fully responsible for

payment of the agreed upon contributions, and such contributions should be made by check or

cash.

**Initials: \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**RELEASE OF LIABILITY FOR COUNSELING AND PRAYER MINISTRY SERVICES**

The undersigned, being legally competent and fully authorized and empowered to do so, does

hereby RELEASE, ACQUIT, AND FOREVER DISCHARGE BETHESDA BY THE

SEA(BBTS)/SONS OF ISSACHAR MINISTRIES, INC. (SOI 21) AND ALL PARTICIPATING

COUNSELORS OR PRAYER MINISTERS CONNECTED WITH SAID MINISTRY, from any

and all actions, causes of action, claims, demands, damages, costs, loss of service, expenses and

compensation, on account of any and all known and unknown personal injuries, mental anguish

or agitation, and damage claims to person or property resulting from or arising out of or related

to ministerial services and prayer provided by the counselors/prayer ministers, BBTS/SOI 21

and/or agents, representatives and/or employees in any way affecting the undersigned parties.

The undersigned parties fully understand that the ministerial services to be provided are Biblical

in nature, and they freely enter into such ministerial services with full knowledge of the nature of

the services they are about to receive. The undersigned parties further state that they are

accepting the preceding of their own free will and accord, and have not been unduly influenced

or persuaded by anyone to participate in this counseling and prayer ministry. The undersigned

parties state that they are seeking guidance and ministry from BBTS/SOI 21 and the counselors

and prayer ministers of their own free will, and fully understand that all counseling and prayer

ministry is advisory in nature and that decisions and actions taken by said undersigned parties

based on anything said by BBTS/SOI 21 or the counselors/prayer ministers are ultimately their

own decisions and actions, and that said undersigned parties take full responsibility for their

decisions and actions.

The undersigned further AGREE to indemnify, and hold harmless the counselors/prayer

ministers and BBTS/SONS OF ISSACHAR/SOI 21 and its Board of Directors, agents, and

employees from any and all claims and damages of every kind to person or property arising out

of or attributed to the spiritual, psychological, and/or mental problems which brought the

undersigned to BBTS, or experienced by the undersigned at any point after the date of this

release.

**IT IS FURTHER UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED** that this waiver and release constitutes an

admission and acknowledgement by the undersigned that they have received no warranty,

guarantee, or promise of any particular result either expressed or implied, from BBTS/SOI 21, its

agents, representatives, employees, or Board of Directors. The undersigned parties acknowledge

and agree that the very nature of their problem(s) is necessarily such that no specific result(s) can

by promised or warrantied by any such ministry.

**Initials: \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_**

This release contains the entire agreement between the parties hereto, and the terms of this

waiver and release are contractual and not a mere recital. The undersigned further states they

have carefully read the foregoing release, know the contents thereof, and sign the same of their

own free act and deed.

We, the undersigned Christian counselors/prayer ministers and counselee(s), have read and fully

understand this agreement and agree to abide by its contents.

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

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