

**BACKGROUND CHECK AUTHORIZATION**

As a condition for certification as a lay minister within the bounds of the Dakotas Annual Conference, I hereby authorize the Dakotas Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, or any investigative service to investigate my background to determine suitability for employment and/or volunteer service, and understand that the inclusion of any false or misleading information on my application may be grounds for immediate dismissal.

I have reviewed this form, fully understand the intent of this authorization and give my full consent for the disclosure of all my records (whether personal or otherwise) from current and/or previous employment, educational institutions, credit and financial institutions, Department of Motor Vehicles, criminal law and law enforcement agencies, social service agencies, and military records (which could include a copy of my DD-214 Separation Form).

I fully understand the information provided by the agent is accurate only as to what was provided to them and, therefore, do not hold the agent, nor the Dakotas Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church liable in any way.

A photocopy of this release will be valid as an original, even though said photocopy does not contain an original writing of my signature.

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Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Signature

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Date of Birth

\_\_\_\_\_  
Driver's License Number and State of Issue

\_\_\_\_\_  
Social Security Number

(The inclusion of your date of birth is voluntary but could help verify records obtained.)

Please indicate below if you have been employed or educated under another name and the dates this name was used, i.e. maiden name, nickname, alias, etc.

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