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**DISCLOSURE REGARDING BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION**

**DISCLOSURE AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT [IMPORTANT -- PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING ACKNOWLEDGMENT]**

\_\_\_\_ and the **United Methodist North Alabama Conference** may obtain information about you from a consumer reporting agency for employment or volunteer purposes. Thus, you may be the subject of a "consumer report" and/or an "investigative consumer report" which may include information about your character, general reputation, personal characteristics, and/or mode of living, and which can involve personal interviews with sources such as your neighbors, friends, or associates. These reports may include employment history and reference checks, criminal and civil litigation history information, motor vehicle records ("driving records"), sex offender status, credit reports, education verification, professional licensure, drug testing, Social Security Verification, and information concerning workers' compensation claims (only once a conditional offer of employment has been made). Credit history will only be requested where such information is substantially related to the duties and responsibilities of the position for which you are applying. The information gathered by the Church and any "consumer reports" and/or "investigative consumer reports" may also be communicated to **UMC North Alabama Conference Connectional Ministries, UMC Representatives including Director of Connectional Ministries, Mission and Advocacy, Children and Youth Ministry Coordinators and also may be used for any Methodist Conference events where you may be volunteering.** You have the right, upon written request made within a reasonable time after receipt of this notice, to request whether a consumer report has been run about you, and the nature and scope of any investigative consumer report, and request a copy of your report. Please be advised that the nature and scope of the most common form of investigative consumer report obtained with regard to applicants for volunteerism/employment is an investigation into your education and/or employment history conducted by Employment Screening Services, 2500 Southlake Park, Birmingham, AL 35244, toll-free 866.859.0143, [www.es2.com](http://www.es2.com) or another outside organization. The scope of this notice and authorization is all-encompassing; however, allowing \_\_\_\_ and the **United Methodist North Alabama Conference** to obtain from any outside organization all manner of consumer reports and investigative consumer reports now and, if you are hired, throughout the course of your employment or volunteerism to the extent permitted by law. As a result, you should carefully consider whether to exercise your right to request disclosure of the nature and scope of any investigative consumer report.

**New York and Maine applicants or employees only:** You have the right to inspect and receive a copy of any investigative consumer report requested by \_\_\_\_ and the **United Methodist North Alabama Conference** by contacting the consumer reporting agency identified above directly. You may also contact the Church to request the name, address and telephone number of the nearest unit of the consumer reporting agency designated to handle inquiries, which the Company shall provide within 5 days.

**New York applicants or employees only:** Upon request, you will be informed whether or not a consumer report was requested by \_\_\_\_, and the **United Methodist North Alabama Conference** and if such report was requested, informed of the name and address of the consumer reporting agency that furnished the report.

**Oregon applicants or employees only:** Information describing your rights under federal and Oregon law regarding consumer identity theft protection, the storage and disposal of your credit information, and remedies available should you suspect or find that the Company has not maintained secured records is available to you upon request.

**Washington State applicants or employees only:** You also have the right to request from the consumer reporting agency a written summary of your rights and remedies under the Washington Fair Credit Reporting Act.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND AUTHORIZATION**

I acknowledge receipt of the NOTICE REGARDING BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION and A SUMMARY OF YOUR RIGHTS UNDER THE FAIR CREDIT REPORTING ACT and certify that I have read and understand both of those documents. I hereby authorize the obtaining of "consumer reports" and/or "investigative consumer reports" at any time after receipt of this authorization and, if I am hired, throughout my employment or volunteerism. If applicable I understand that \_\_\_\_ and the **United Methodist North Alabama Conference** may share this information with **UMC North Alabama Conference Connectional Ministries, UMC Representatives including Director of Connectional Ministries, Mission and Advocacy, Children and Youth Ministry Coordinators and also with any other Methodist Conference events where you may be volunteering.** To this end, I hereby authorize, without reservation, any law enforcement agency, administrator, state or federal agency, institution, school or university (public or private), information service bureau, employer, or insurance company to furnish any and all background information requested by ESS, 2500 Southlake Park, Birmingham, AL 35244, toll free 866.859.0143, [www.es2.com](http://www.es2.com), or another outside organization acting on behalf of \_\_\_\_ and the **United Methodist North Alabama Conference.** I agree that a facsimile ("fax"), electronic or photographic copy of this Authorization shall be as valid as the original.

**California applicants or employees only:** By signing below, you also acknowledge receipt of the DISCLOSURE REGARDING BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA LAW. Please check this box if you would like to receive a copy of an investigative consumer report or consumer credit report if one is obtained by the Company at no charge whenever you have a right to receive such a copy under California law.

**Minnesota and Oklahoma applicants or employees only:** Check this box if you would like to receive a free copy of a consumer report if one is obtained by the Company.

**New York applicants or employees only:** By signing below, you also acknowledge receipt of Article 23-A of the New York Correction Law.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Employee or Volunteer

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

**APPLICANT INFORMATION: TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT: PLEASE USE BLACK INK**

**The following is for identification purposes only to perform the background check and will not be used for any other purpose.**

Print: Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial
Date of Birth	Social Security Number	Driver's License Number
Current Address:	City	State
Previous Address (Past 7 Years):	City	State
Alias Names (Other names I have been known by):		
<input type="checkbox"/> Check to receive a copy of your report by	Email Address:	Telephone Number:
<b>Searches</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Social Security Trace	<input type="checkbox"/> Alabama Statewide Criminal	<input type="checkbox"/> Instant Criminal (with Sex Offender search)

*Para información en español, visite [www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore](http://www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore) o escribe a la Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, 1700 G Street N.W., Washington, DC 20552.*

## **A Summary of Your Rights Under the Fair Credit Reporting Act**

The federal Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA) promotes the accuracy, fairness, and privacy of information in the files of consumer reporting agencies. There are many types of consumer reporting agencies, including credit bureaus and specialty agencies (such as agencies that sell information about check writing histories, medical records, and rental history records). Here is a summary of your major rights under the FCRA. **For more information, including information about additional rights, go to [www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore](http://www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore) or write to: Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, 1700 G Street N.W., Washington, DC 20552.**

• **You must be told if information in your file has been used against you.** Anyone who uses a credit report or another type of consumer report to deny your application for credit, insurance, or employment – or to take another adverse action against you – must tell you, and must give you the name, address, and phone number of the agency that provided the information.

• **You have the right to know what is in your file.** You may request and obtain all the information about you in the files of a consumer reporting agency (your “file disclosure”). You will be required to provide proper identification, which may include your Social Security number. In many cases, the disclosure will be free. You are entitled to a free file disclosure if:

- a person has taken adverse action against you because of information in your credit report;
- you are the victim of identify theft and place a fraud alert in your file;
- your file contains inaccurate information as a result of fraud;
- you are on public assistance;
- you are unemployed but expect to apply for employment within 60 days.

In addition, all consumers are entitled to one free disclosure every 12 months upon request from each nationwide credit bureau and from nationwide specialty consumer reporting agencies. See [www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore](http://www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore) for additional information.

• **You have the right to ask for a credit score.** Credit scores are numerical summaries of your credit-worthiness based on information from credit bureaus. You may request a credit score from consumer reporting agencies that create scores or distribute scores used in residential real property loans, but you will have to pay for it. In some mortgage transactions, you will receive credit score information for free from the mortgage lender.

• **You have the right to dispute incomplete or inaccurate information.** If you identify information in your file that is incomplete or inaccurate, and report it to the consumer reporting agency, the agency must investigate unless your dispute is frivolous. See [www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore](http://www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore) for an explanation of dispute procedures.

• **Consumer reporting agencies must correct or delete inaccurate, incomplete, or unverifiable information.** Inaccurate, incomplete or unverifiable information must be removed

or corrected, usually within 30 days. However, a consumer reporting agency may continue to report information it has verified as accurate.

- **Consumer reporting agencies may not report outdated negative information.** In most cases, a consumer reporting agency may not report negative information that is more than seven years old, or bankruptcies that are more than 10 years old.

- **Access to your file is limited.** A consumer reporting agency may provide information about you only to people with a valid need – usually to consider an application with a creditor, insurer, employer, landlord, or other business. The FCRA specifies those with a valid need for access.

- **You must give your consent for reports to be provided to employers.** A consumer reporting agency may not give out information about you to your employer, or a potential employer, without your written consent given to the employer. Written consent generally is not required in the trucking industry. For more information, go to [www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore](http://www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore).

- **You may limit “prescreened” offers of credit and insurance you get based on information in your credit report.** Unsolicited “prescreened” offers for credit and insurance must include a toll-free phone number you can call if you choose to remove your name and address from the lists these offers are based on. You may opt-out with the nationwide credit bureaus at 1-888-567-8688.

- **You may seek damages from violators.** If a consumer reporting agency, or, in some cases, a user of consumer reports or a furnisher of information to a consumer reporting agency violates the FCRA, you may be able to sue in state or federal court.

- **Identity theft victims and active duty military personnel have additional rights.** For more information, visit [www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore](http://www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore).

**States may enforce the FCRA, and many states have their own consumer reporting laws. In some cases, you may have more rights under state law. For more information, contact your state or local consumer protection agency or your state Attorney General. For information about your federal rights, contact:**

**TYPE OF BUSINESS:**

1.a. Banks, savings associations, and credit unions with total assets of over \$10 billion and their affiliates.

b. Such affiliates that are not banks, savings associations, or credit unions also should list, in addition to the CFPB:

2. To the extent not included in item 1 above:

a. National banks, federal savings associations, and federal branches and federal agencies of foreign banks

b. State member banks, branches and agencies of foreign banks (other than federal branches, federal agencies, and Insured State Branches of Foreign Banks), commercial lending companies owned or controlled by foreign banks, and organizations operating under section 25 or 25A of the Federal Reserve Act

c. Nonmember Insured Banks, Insured State Branches of Foreign Banks, and insured state savings associations

d. Federal Credit Unions

3. Air carriers

4. Creditors Subject to Surface Transportation Board

5. Creditors Subject to Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921

6. Small Business Investment Companies

7. Brokers and Dealers

8. Federal Land Banks, Federal Land Bank Associations, Federal Intermediate Credit Banks, and Production Credit Associations

9. Retailers, Finance Companies, and All Other Creditors Not Listed Above

**CONTACT:**

a. Consumer Financial Protection Bureau  
1700 G Street NW  
Washington, DC 20552

b. Federal Trade Commission: Consumer Response Center – FCRA  
Washington, DC 20580  
(877) 382-4357

a. Office of the Comptroller of the Currency  
Customer Assistance Group  
1301 McKinney Street, Suite 3450  
Houston, TX 77010-9050

b. Federal Reserve Consumer Help Center  
P.O. Box 1200  
Minneapolis, MN 55480

c. FDIC Consumer Response Center  
1100 Walnut Street, Box #11  
Kansas City, MO 64106

d. National Credit Union Administration  
Office of Consumer Protection (OCP)  
Division of Consumer Compliance and Outreach (DCCO)  
1775 Duke Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Asst. General Counsel for Aviation Enforcement & Proceedings  
Aviation Consumer Protection Division  
Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590  
Office of Proceedings, Surface Transportation Board  
Department of Transportation  
395 E Street S.W.  
Washington, DC 20423

Nearest Packers and Stockyards Administration area supervisor

Associate Deputy Administrator for Capital Access  
United States Small Business Administration  
409 Third Street, SW, 8th Floor  
Washington, DC 20416

Securities and Exchange Commission  
100 F St NE  
Washington, DC 20549

Farm Credit Administration  
1501 Farm Credit Drive  
McLean, VA 22102-5090

FTC Regional Office for region in which the creditor operates or  
Federal Trade Commission: Consumer Response Center – FCRA  
Washington, DC 20580  
(877) 382-4357

**NOTICE REGARDING BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION  
PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA LAW**

Employer (the "Company") intends to obtain information about you from an investigative consumer reporting agency and/or a consumer credit reporting agency for employment purposes. Thus, you can expect to be the subject of "investigative consumer reports" and "consumer credit reports" obtained for employment purposes. Such reports may include information about your character, general reputation, personal characteristics and mode of living. With respect to any investigative consumer report from an investigative consumer reporting agency ("ICRA"), the Company may investigate the information contained in your employment application and other background information about you, including but not limited to obtaining a criminal record report, verifying references, work history, your social security number, your educational achievements, licensure, and certifications, your driving record, and other information about you, and interviewing people who are knowledgeable about you. The results of this report may be used as a factor in making employment decisions. The source of any investigative consumer report (as that term is defined under California law) will be Employment Screening Services, 2500 Southlake Park, Birmingham, AL 35244, toll-free 866.859.0143, [www.es2.com](http://www.es2.com). The source of any credit report will be Transunion, 2 Baldwin Place, P.O. Box 1000, Chester, PA 19022, toll-free 800.888.4213, [www.transunion.com](http://www.transunion.com).

The Company agrees to provide you with a copy of an investigative consumer report when required to do so under California law.

Under California Civil Code section 1786.22, you are entitled to find out from an ICRA what is in the ICRA's file on you with proper identification, as follows:

- In person, by visual inspection of your file during normal business hours and on reasonable notice. You also may request a copy of the information in person. The ICRA may not charge you more than the actual copying costs for providing you with a copy of your file.
- A summary of all information contained in the ICRA's file on you that is required to be provided by the California Civil Code will be provided to you via telephone, if you have made a written request, with proper identification, for telephone disclosure, and the toll charge, if any, for the telephone call is prepaid by or charged directly to you.
- By requesting a copy be sent to a specified addressee by certified mail. ICRA's complying with requests for certified mailings shall not be liable for disclosures to third parties caused by mishandling of mail after such mailings leave the ICRA's.

"Proper Identification" includes documents such as a valid driver's license, social security account number, military identification card, and credit cards. Only if you cannot identify yourself with such information may the ICRA require additional information concerning your employment and personal or family history in order to verify your identity.

The ICRA will provide trained personnel to explain any information furnished to you and will provide a written explanation of any coded information contained in files maintained on you. This written explanation will be provided whenever a file is provided to you for visual inspection.

You may be accompanied by one other person of your choosing, who must furnish reasonable identification. An ICRA may require you to furnish a written statement granting permission to the ICRA to discuss your file in such person's presence.

**Notice Regarding Credit Checks:**

Pursuant to Section 1024.5 of the California Labor Code, the Company informs you that it may obtain a credit report about you from the above named entity, because you are seeking to work in the following position:

- An employee covered by the executive exemption set forth in subparagraph (1) of paragraph (A) of Section 1 of Wage Order 4 of the Industrial Welfare Commission;
- A position in the state Department of Justice;
- A sworn peace officer or other law enforcement;
- A position for which the information contained in the report is required by law to be disclosed or obtained;
- A position that involves regular access to specified personal information for any purpose other than the routine solicitation and processing of credit card applications in a retail establishment, such as bank or credit card account information, social security number, or date of birth;
- A position which the person can enter into financial transactions on behalf of the company;
- A position that involves access to confidential or proprietary information;
- A position that involves regular access to \$10,000 or more of cash; or
- The Company **will not** obtain a consumer credit report on you.

**New York Correction Law  
Article 23 – A**

**Licensure and Employment of Persons Previously Convicted of One or More Criminal Offenses**

**Section**

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**750. Definitions.** For the purposes of this article, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

- (1) "Public agency" means the state or any local subdivision thereof, of any state or local department, agency, board or commission.
- (2) "Private employer" means any person, company, corporation, labor organization or association which employs ten or more persons.
- (3) "Direct relationship" means that the nature of criminal conduct for which the person was convicted has a direct bearing on his fitness or ability to perform one or more of the duties or responsibilities necessarily related to the license, opportunity, or job in question.
- (4) "License" means any certificate, license, permit or grant of permission required by the laws of this state, its political subdivisions or instrumentalities as a condition for the lawful practice of any occupation, employment, trade, vocation, business, or profession. Provided, however, that "license" shall not, for the purpose of this article, include any license or permit to own, possess, carry, or fire any explosive, pistol, handgun, rifle, shotgun, or other firearm.
- (5) "Employment" means any occupation, vocation or employment, or any form of vocational or educational training. Provided, however, that "employment" shall not, for the purpose of this article, include membership in any law enforcement agency.

**751. Applicability.** The provisions of this article shall apply to any application by any person for a license or employment at any public or private employer, who has previously been convicted of one or more criminal offenses in this state or in any other jurisdiction, and to any license or employment held by any person whose conviction of one or more criminal offenses in this state or in any other jurisdiction preceded such employment or granting of a license, except where a mandatory forfeiture, disability or bar to employment is imposed by law, and has not been removed by an executive pardon, certificate of this article shall be construed to affect any right an employer may have with respect to an intentional misrepresentation in connection with an application for employment made by a prospective employee or previously made by a current employee.

**752. Unfair discrimination against persons previously convicted of one or more criminal offenses prohibited.** No application for any license or employment, and no employment or license held by an individual, to which the provisions of this article are applicable, shall be denied or acted upon adversely by reason of the individual's having been previously convicted of one or more criminal offenses, or by reason of a finding of lack of "good moral character" when such finding is based upon the fact that the individual has previously been convicted of one or more criminal offenses, unless:

- (1) There is a direct relationship between one or more of the previous criminal offenses and the specific license or employment sought or held by the individual; or
- (2) The issuance or continuation of the license or the granting or continuation of the employment would involve an unreasonable risk to property or to the safety or welfare of specific individuals or the general public

**753. Factors to be considered concerning a previous criminal conviction; presumption.**

1. In making a determination pursuant to section seven hundred fifty-two of this chapter, the public agency or private employer shall consider the following factors:
  - (a) The public policy of this state, as expressed in this act, to encourage the licensure and employment of person previously convicted of one or more criminal offenses.
  - (b) The specific duties and responsibilities necessarily related to the license or employment sought or held by the person.
  - (c) The bearing, if any, the criminal offense or offenses for which the person was previously convicted will have on his fitness or ability to perform one or more such duties or responsibilities.
  - (d) The time which has elapsed since the occurrence of the criminal offense or offenses.
  - (e) The age of the person at the time of occurrence of the criminal offense or offenses.
  - (f) The seriousness of the offense or offenses.
  - (g) Any information produced by the person, or produced on his behalf, in regard to this rehabilitation and good conduct.
  - (h) The legitimate interest of the public agency or private employer in protecting property, and the safety and welfare of specific individuals of the general public.
2. In making a determination pursuant to section seven hundred fifty-two of this chapter, the public agency or private employer shall also give consideration to a certificate of relief from disabilities or a certificate of good conduct issued to the applicant, which certificate shall create a presumption of rehabilitation in regard to the offense or offenses specified therein.

**754. Written statement upon denial of license or employment.** At the request of any person previously convicted of one or more criminal offenses who has been denied a license or employment, a public agency or private employer shall provide, within thirty days of a request, a written statement setting forth the reasons for such denial.

**755. Enforcement.**

1. In relation to actions by public agencies, the provisions of this article shall be enforceable by a proceeding brought pursuant to article seventy-eight of the civil practice law and rules.
2. In relation to actions by private employers, the provisions of this article shall be enforceable by the division of human rights pursuant to the powers and procedures set forth in article fifteen of the executive law, and, concurrently, by the New York city commission on human rights.

**NOTICE REGARDING CREDIT CHECKS PER VERMONT LAW**

Pursuant to Vermont Act No. 154 (S. 95), the Company informs you that it may obtain a credit report about you, for the following reason(s):

- The information is required by state or federal law or regulation;
- You seek to be/are employed in a position that involves access to “confidential financial information” ( defined as “sensitive financial information of commercial value that a customer or client of the employer gives explicit authorization for the employer to obtain, process, and store and that the employer entrusts only to managers or employees as a necessary function of their job duties”);
- The Company is a financial institution as defined in 8 V.S.A. §11101(32) or a credit union as defined in 8 V.S.A. §30101(5);
- You seek to be/are employed in a position as a law enforcement officer, emergency medical personnel or firefighter as these terms are respectively defines in 20 V.S.A. §2358, 24 V.S.A. §2651(6) and 20 V.S.A. §3151(3)
- You seek to be/are employed in a position that requires a financial fiduciary responsibility to the Company or a Company’s clients, including the authority to issue payments, collect debts, transfer money or enter into contracts;
- You seek to be/are employed in a position that involves access to the Company’s payroll information;
- The Company can demonstrate that credit information is a valid and reliable predictor of employee performance in the your specific position of employment;
- The Company **will not** obtain a consumer credit report on you.