

INFORMED CONSENT FORM FOR RESEARCH ON HUMAN SUBJECTS

1. The Rev. Eric Ledermann, a student in the Doctor of Ministry program at McCormick Theological Seminary (Chicago, Illinois, USA), is conducting research on table fellowship practices and theological implications and practices, specifically University Presbyterian Church (UPC) in Tempe, Arizona. The congregation of UPC will be invited to voluntarily submit stories and reflections throughout the project in response to various questions and inquiries. In addition, persons interviewed as part of this project will be asked for approximately 30 minutes of their time to share stories and reflections throughout the project.
2. You are not expected to experience any foreseeable risks or discomforts. You may choose not to answer any question.
3. Your participation is expected to be significant to the overall goals of the research project, which is designed to be of assistance to UPC, the PC(USA), and other Christian churches.
4. All information shared through written narratives or interviews will be collated with other narratives and interviews from other participants. No attributions will be included in the final research thesis paper. However, the use of some specific details of situations or experiences may be used and inadvertently reveal your identity. You are encouraged to not offer information that you would not want others to know, unless you specifically state that you do not want your information quoted directly.
5. Participation in this project is strictly voluntary. The researcher is pursuing this research in a purely personal capacity, though the paper may be publicly available through McCormick Theological Seminary and may be published in publicly available publications. No personal information (e.g., name, address, phone numbers) will be shared with UPC or any other organizations.
6. Interviews will be recorded and written narratives or responses will be retained for coding and analysis, and will be retained by the researcher in full confidence.

NOTE: By signing below, you acknowledge that you have read and understand the conditions stated above, that you have chosen to participate in this research free of any form of coercion, and that you release your right to review information you provide for this study.

Rev. Eric Ledermann
Researcher


Signature

3/18/2015
Date

Subject's Printed Name

Signature

Date

If you feel that the research does not follow the stated protocol or you have questions about the protocol and your rights as a research subject, you may contact Rev. Dr. John Schmidt, faculty sponsor at McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, Illinois, at (616) 403-7149.

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