

Covenant Prison Ministries, Inc.  
dba Safer Communities Ministry

**Ministries Volunteer Release**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ hereby release and agree to hold harmless Covenant Prison Ministries (CPM), dba as Safer Communities Ministry (SCM), and the participating ministries in the Ex-offender Area Network, their agents, their employees and their volunteers, and additionally, the Sheriffs of Union, Mecklenburg or other surrounding NC Counties and their employees, these Counties themselves, and the criminal justice system of North Carolina from any liability related to my volunteering with all programs and events conducted by SCM.

By signing this agreement I agree that leaders of the participating ministries of SCM, its agents, its employees and its volunteers, have the right to conduct a criminal background check on me, which they will do for all volunteers. They may contact references that I have provided. I also understand that they have the ability to remove me as a volunteer if they deem it necessary for the common good of the clients, the other volunteers and the work of the collaborating ministries.

Additionally, by being a volunteer I understand that some of the information that will be provided to me from inmate and ex-offender clients is confidential and I agree to maintain that confidentiality under all circumstances except those circumstances where I am compelled to breach the confidentiality by a judicial officer or any other official to protect the general well being of the public at large. I understand that there is no volunteer confidentiality exception recognized by North Carolina law and even though I am participating in a ministry, the legal protections afforded to clergy do not apply to me.

I understand that certain topics of conversation between me and the SCM client will involve details of what has led the client to jail or prison and I agree to notify them that by telling me these details they have waived their right of confidentiality and that I may be compelled to testify against them based on the information they provide.

I agree that I am to assist the client in learning how to change their life to make a positive impact on this world and that I will strive to share the gospel as a means and a guide to make these changes.

In my capacity as a SCM volunteer I agree that I will not advance religious beliefs or doctrines contrary to SCM's Statement of Faith. I will respect all other participating ministries' statements of faith. I agree to not teach any doctrines that are known to cause divisiveness in Christian churches.

This the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

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Print Name

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Signature

**Wait upon the Lord and soar like eagles. Isaiah 40:31**