



# Peace Presbyterian Church

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Greetings,

Thank you for your interest in serving as a volunteer or leadership position at Peace Church. We are proud to invest in all of our volunteers/leaders and want to be sure that all are prepared and educated for the ministry in which they serve others. Our goal is to ensure that all church-sponsored activities and programs are conducted in a safe environment, thus we have implemented a Safe Conduct policy and procedures for all clergy, employees, elected and appointed lay leaders, and authorized volunteers. There are three steps involved:

## **Step 1: Screening.**

We will conduct background screening as the first step in the process. While this may sound scary, it is important for you to know that there is a place for everyone to give back no matter what your past may look like. At all times, your privacy and security rights will be protected with utmost care. The attached application and release forms will need to be signed and returned in order to complete this step.

## **Step 2: Standards.**

Our Code of Conduct and Ministry Standards clearly define the expectations of Peace Church with respect to behavior or conduct in the service of ministries of the church.

## **Step 3: Training.**

This is to help you learn what you need to know in order to contribute to creating and maintaining safe environments.

I am excited about the new opportunities that this will open up for us as a faith community and I hope that you will join us as we continue to serve.

Peace and Blessings,

Pastor Joe Medearis



**PEACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**Authorized Adult Employee & Volunteer Application and Disclosure Form**

NAME:

LAST

FIRST

MIDDLE

ADDRESS:

STREET

CITY

STATE ZIP CODE

DAYTIME PHONE

EVENING PHONE

EMAIL

I have been a member of this church since

I have been a friend of this church since

**APPLICANT:**

**I have never been convicted of, nor pled guilty or no contest to a crime.** (*Exclude convictions that have been sealed, expunged or legally eradicated, misdemeanor convictions for which probation was completed and the case was dismissed, or offenses about which inquiry is not permissible in this state*)

True  Not true

*If not true, please briefly describe the nature of the crime(s), the date and place of conviction and the legal disposition of the case. The church will not deny a position to any applicant solely because the person has been convicted of a crime. The church, however, may consider the nature, date and circumstances of the offense, as well as whether the offense is relevant to the duties of the position applied for.*

**Is there any fact or circumstance involving you or your background that would call into question your being entrusted with the responsibilities of the position for which you are applying?**

Yes  No

*If yes, please provide a brief explanation.*

The covenants between persons seeking authorized volunteer positions in the church require honesty, integrity, and truthfulness for the health of the church. To that end, I attest that the information set forth in this application is true and complete. I understand that any misrepresentation or omission may be grounds for rejection of consideration for, or termination of, the position I am seeking to fill. I acknowledge that it is my duty in a timely fashion to amend the responses and information I have provided if I come to know that the response or information was incorrect when given or, though accurate when given, the response or information is no longer accurate.

Beginning such relationships with an open exchange of relevant information builds the foundation for a continuing and healthy covenant between volunteers and the church they seek to serve. To that end, I authorize Peace Presbyterian Church and/or its agents to make inquiries regarding my character and qualifications, including all statements I have set forth above. I also authorize all entities, persons, former employers, supervisors, courts, law enforcement, and other public agencies to respond to inquiries concerning me, to supply verification of the statements I have made, and to comment on and state opinions regarding my background, character, and qualifications. To encourage such persons and entities to speak openly and responsibly, I hereby release them from all liability arising from their responses, comments, and statements.

Peace Presbyterian Church authorized volunteer recruitment process involves the sharing of information regarding applicants with those persons in a position to recruit, secure, and supervise both the position I am seeking to fill and program I am seeking to participate in. To that end, I authorize Peace Presbyterian Church and its agents to circulate, distribute, and otherwise share information gathered in connection with this application to such persons for these purposes. I understand that Peace Presbyterian Church will share with me information it has gathered about me, if I request it to do so.

If I am offered and accept employment or volunteer service with the church, I agree to comply with its published policies and rules, including those related to harassment of employees, reporting known or suspected child neglect or abuse and similar requirements. If requested to do so, I will cooperate with any church investigation of a possible violation of church policies and rules by providing complete and truthful information in an oral and/or written statement.

I acknowledge my receipt and understanding of the Peace Presbyterian Church's SafeConduct™ Policy (available in the church office and online at [www.ppc-jax.org](http://www.ppc-jax.org)).

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PRINT NAME & SIGN

DATE

**DISCLOSURE REGARDING BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION**

**Peace Presbyterian Church** \_\_\_\_\_ (“the Company”) may obtain information about you from a consumer reporting agency for purposes of employment, volunteer positions, work performed under contract, retention, or reassignment (hereafter known as your “engagement”). 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 contain information regarding your criminal history, credit history, motor vehicle records (“driving records”), verification of your education or employment history or other background checks. You have the right, upon written request made within a reasonable time after receipt of this notice, to request disclosure of the nature and scope of any investigative consumer report. Please be advised that the nature and scope of the most common form of investigative consumer report obtained with regard to applicants for employment is an investigation into your education and/or employment history conducted by Praesidium, 2225 E. Randol Mill Rd., Suite 630, Arlington, TX, 76011, 800-743-6354, or another outside organization. You should carefully consider whether to exercise your right to request disclosure of the nature and scope of any investigative consumer report.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND AUTHORIZATION

I acknowledge receipt of the DISCLOSURE 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" by **the Company** at any time after receipt of this authorization and throughout my engagement, if applicable. 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, insurance company, or other party to furnish any and all background information requested by Praesidium, 2225 E. Randol Mill Rd., Suite 630, Arlington, TX, 76011, 800-743-6354, **the Company** itself, and/or a related third-party entity only if I am being considered for a direct or temporary engagement with or by them. I agree that a facsimile ("fax") or electronic or photographic copy of this Authorization shall be as valid as the original.

State of Washington applicants and employees only: You have the right to receive a complete and accurate disclosure of the nature and scope of any investigative consumer report as well as a written summary of your rights and remedies under Washington law.

Massachusetts and New Jersey applicants and employees only: You have the right to inspect and promptly receive a copy of any investigative consumer report requested by the Company by contacting the consumer reporting agency identified above directly.

New York applicants and employees only: You have the right to inspect and receive a copy of any investigative consumer report requested by the Company by contacting the consumer reporting agency identified above directly. By signing below, you also acknowledge receipt of Article 23-A of the New York Correction Law.

Minnesota applicants and employees only: You have the right, upon written request to Agency, to receive a complete and accurate disclosure of the nature and scope of any consumer report. Agency must make this disclosure within five days of receipt of your request or of Company's request for the report, whichever is later. Please check this box if you would like to receive a copy of a consumer report if one is obtained by the Company.

Oklahoma applicants and employees only: Please check this box if you would like to receive a copy of a consumer report if one is obtained by the Company.

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

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

Maiden Name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_ \* Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ \*

\*This information will be used for background screening purposes only.

Driver's License Number: \_\_\_\_\_

DL State: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**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 educational achievements, licensure, and certifications, obtaining 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 Praesidium, 2225 E. Randol Mill Rd., Suite 630, Arlington, TX, 76011, 800-743-6354. The source of any credit report will be Praesidium, 2225 E. Randol Mill Rd., Suite 630, Arlington, TX, 76011, 800-743-6354. Information regarding Praesidium's privacy practices (including information about whether any consumer personal information will be sent outside the U.S. or its territories) may be found at <http://website.praesidiuminc.com/praesidium-privacy-policy/>. **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 upon 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 which 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. ICRAs 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 ICRAs.

"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.

## NEW YORK ARTICLE 23-A

### LICENSURE AND EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONS PREVIOUSLY CONVICTED OF ONE OR MORE CRIMINAL OFFENSES

#### **Section 750. Definitions.**

##### **751. Applicability.**

**752. Unfair discrimination against persons previously convicted of one or more criminal offenses prohibited.**

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

**754. Written statement upon denial of license or employment.**

**755. Enforcement.**

**S 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, or 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 or employment sought.

(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 purposes 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 purposes of this article, include membership in any law enforcement agency.

**S 751. Applicability.** The provisions of this article shall apply to any application by any person who has previously been convicted of one or more criminal offenses, in this state or in any other jurisdiction, to any public agency or private employer for a license or employment, 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 relief from disabilities or certificate of good conduct.

**S 752. Unfair discrimination against persons previously convicted of one or more criminal offenses prohibited.** No application for any license or employment, to which the provisions of this article are applicable, shall be denied by reason of the applicant'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 applicant 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

(2) the issuance of the license or the granting of the employment would involve an unreasonable risk to property or to the safety or welfare of specific individuals or the general public.

**S 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 persons previously convicted of one or more criminal offenses.
- (b) The specific duties and responsibilities necessarily related to the license or employment sought.
- (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 his 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 or 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.

**S 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.

**S 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.

*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 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 identity 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 1-888-5-OPTOUT (1-888-567-8688).
- The following FCRA right applies with respect to nationwide consumer reporting agencies:

## **CONSUMERS HAVE THE RIGHT TO OBTAIN A SECURITY FREEZE**

**You have a right to place a “security freeze” on your credit report, which will prohibit a consumer reporting agency from releasing information in your credit report without your express authorization.** The security freeze is designed to prevent credit, loans, and services from being approved in your name without your consent. However, you should be aware that using a security freeze to take control over who gets access to the personal and financial information in your credit report may delay, interfere with, or prohibit the timely approval of any subsequent request or application you make regarding a new loan, credit, mortgage, or any other account involving the extension of credit.

As an alternative to a security freeze, you have the right to place an initial or extended fraud alert on your credit file at no cost. An initial fraud alert is a 1-year alert that is

placed on a consumer's credit file. Upon seeing a fraud alert display on a consumer's credit file, a business is required to take steps to verify the consumer's identity before extending new credit. If you are a victim of identity theft, you are entitled to an extended fraud alert, which is a fraud alert lasting 7 years.

A security freeze does not apply to a person or entity, or its affiliates, or collection agencies acting on behalf of the person or entity, with which you have an existing account that requests information in your credit report for the purposes of reviewing or collecting the account. Reviewing the account includes activities related to account maintenance, monitoring, credit line increases, and account upgrades and enhancements.

- **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:**

| <b>TYPE OF BUSINESS:</b>  | <b>CONTACT:</b>  |
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| <p>1.a. Banks, savings associations, and credit unions with total assets of over \$10 billion and their affiliates</p> <p>b. Such affiliates that are not banks, savings associations, or credit unions also should list, in addition to the CFPB:</p>  | <p>a. Consumer Financial Protection Bureau<br/>1700 G Street, N.W.<br/>Washington, DC 20552</p> <p>b. Federal Trade Commission<br/>Consumer Response Center<br/>600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.<br/>Washington, DC 20580<br/>(877) 382-4357</p>  |
| <p>2. To the extent not included in item 1 above:</p> <p>a. National banks, federal savings associations, and federal branches and federal agencies of foreign banks</p> <p>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.</p> <p>c. Nonmember Insured Banks, Insured State Branches of Foreign Banks, and insured state savings associations</p> <p>d. Federal Credit Unions</p> | <p>a. Office of the Comptroller of the Currency<br/>Customer Assistance Group<br/>1301 McKinney Street, Suite 3450<br/>Houston, TX 77010-9050</p> <p>b. Federal Reserve Consumer Help Center<br/>P.O. Box 1200<br/>Minneapolis, MN 55480</p> <p>c. FDIC Consumer Response Center<br/>1100 Walnut Street, Box #11<br/>Kansas City, MO 64106</p> <p>d. National Credit Union Administration<br/>Office of Consumer Financial Protection (OCFP)<br/>Division of Consumer Compliance Policy and Outreach<br/>1775 Duke Street<br/>Alexandria, VA 22314</p> |
| <p>3. Air carriers</p>  | <p>Asst. General Counsel for Aviation Enforcement &amp; Proceedings<br/>Aviation Consumer Protection Division<br/>Department of Transportation<br/>1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.<br/>Washington, DC 20590</p>   |
| <p>4. Creditors Subject to the Surface Transportation Board</p>   | <p>Office of Proceedings, Surface Transportation Board<br/>Department of Transportation<br/>395 E Street, S.W.<br/>Washington, DC 20423</p>  |
| <p>5. Creditors Subject to the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921</p>   | <p>Nearest Packers and Stockyards Administration area supervisor</p>   |
| <p>6. Small Business Investment Companies</p>   | <p>Associate Deputy Administrator for Capital Access<br/>United States Small Business Administration<br/>409 Third Street, S.W., Suite 8200<br/>Washington, DC 20416</p>   |
| <p>7. Brokers and Dealers</p>   | <p>Securities and Exchange Commission<br/>100 F Street, N.E.<br/>Washington, DC 20549</p>  |
| <p>8. Federal Land Banks, Federal Land Bank Associations, Federal Intermediate Credit Banks, and Production Credit Associations</p>   | <p>Farm Credit Administration<br/>1501 Farm Credit Drive<br/>McLean, VA 22102-5090</p>   |
| <p>9. Retailers, Finance Companies, and All Other Creditors Not Listed Above</p>  | <p>Federal Trade Commission<br/>Consumer Response Center<br/>600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.<br/>Washington, DC 20580<br/>(877) 382-4357</p>   |