

CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATION POLICY

When you receive consultation services from Rev. Dr. Karen McClintock, your disclosures will be handled with the utmost care and with consideration for your right to control their dissemination.

When you call the consultant, what you share will be considered a sacred trust. It may, however, not be confidential. The information you share has limits within state and federal laws for the protection of yourself and others. It will be treated as limited access information, that is, others will not be able to access the information, or even the knowledge that the consultation has taken place unless the information shared falls within legal and ethical mandates which require reporting, or upon your written request.

If you disclose to the consultant that a child (someone under the age of 18) has been harmed or is at risk of being harmed, or that an elderly person or disabled person has been harmed or is at risk of being harmed, the information you share will be forwarded to protective services.

If you tell the consultant (or she, in her professional judgment believes) that you are in danger of harming yourself, being harmed, or harming someone else, the information you share with may be forwarded to protective services or state law enforcement agencies. If your disclosure falls under state or federal law as a mandated report, it will be disclosed according to those laws.

In Christian fellowship we are called to create an atmosphere of personal respect and safety. When you share your story with the consultant it is recognized that you are entrusting her with your personal and spiritual information, and she will do all she can to honor that trust. Pastoral confidences will be respected within the limits of this policy, held in sacred trust, and as such will not be passed to anyone else in a congregation or conference without your permission. A record of the consultation will be kept in writing in a double-locked file system and will be handled in a manner consistent with HIPPA guidelines for counseling professionals. You are entitled to request a copy of this documentation at any time and it will be maintained securely and properly disposed of seven years following the consultation.

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