



Bible Related Ministries

Ministering counseling services to troubled churches – Supplying pastor-less churches
with names of candidates – Providing Evangelistic and Biblical Preaching

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Agreement for Services

“Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.” –Ephes. 4:3

Dear Brethren:

Regarding your recent communication indicating that your church is experiencing certain “defining moments of testing,” and that you would like us to come and offer counsel in an attempt to rescue the situation, we request that your official board convene, discuss and vote on the following requirements which we need as an organization. Your signature below affirms your agreement with the following:

1. We will meet with your Board in an open discussion using the Scriptures for a solution to the problem at hand.
2. We will meet with your congregation, if we deem it necessary. Once again the Scriptures would be employed in an open discussion as we look for Scriptural guidelines in the matter.
3. *Roberts Rules of Order* will not be strictly enforced in order to allow anyone an opportunity to speak and express themselves without legal limitations, thus allowing the Holy Spirit to lead.
4. We can determine the length of time for anyone to speak concerning the matter at any given meeting.
5. No recording video devices, cell phones or recording devices will be employed in any of the sessions.
6. Everyone is to conduct themselves with restraint as God’s children. Everyone should treat others with kindness and respect as members of the community of Christ.
7. Everyone should respect the confidentiality of the process to avoid spreading the divisive effect of the disagreement and to foster open and frank discussion. Congregation members and the Board are free to speak to one another on any matter, but all parties should refrain from discussing the situation on social media and from disparaging one another to persons outside the church. We are called to peace and to protect the reputation of the church among the unchurched.
8. Only members in good standing of the church will participate.
9. The official Board and the Congregation realize that we are coming to you to analyze the problem and make recommendations. *Ours is not a binding arbitration.* The official Board and the Church Congregation will make the final decision. We will do our best to assist you to resolve your differences and reach a biblically based solution. However, the ultimate solution rests with your church. We cannot guarantee any result.
10. Everyone involved in the dispute agrees to seek in good faith, after prayer, to resolve the arbitrated differences in a good spirit of compromise. Everyone acknowledges that perfect solutions are rarely achievable and the ultimate solution will involve elements that may not be their first choice. Everyone agrees to support the agreed resolution, including those aspects of the compromise that they are not pleased with.

11. The church will agree to arrange for housing in a motel for BRM's representative (when necessary), thus protecting him from being charged with partiality for having been housed in the home of someone from the group experiencing division.

12. The church will agree to reimburse travel expenses for BRM's representative.

13. Any and all monies shall be made out by the church to Bible Related Ministries, and not to the individual representative.

14. Bible Related Ministries is a faith ministry. No hourly or weekly charges are required for our services, with the exception of the expense reimbursements listed above.

If you agree with these principles, please sign below acknowledging your agreement with these provisions:

In Him,

Rev. David J. Bauer, Director

Dear Rev. Bauer,

We believe the above proposal to be fair and hereby request your assistance in helping to resolve our problem as soon as possible.

Pastor _____ Board Members _____

_____ Date _____

Note From BRM:

All of our experienced Associates are compensated by our home office. All are with us on a "Tentmaker" basis (Acts 18:3; 2 Thess. 3:8-10), which means that all of our representatives are employed elsewhere in some other capacity than with us. We need your Christian assistance to do right by them financially.

Bible Related Ministries is a missionary outreach in that it is striving to keep Gospel preaching church doors open in America so that missionary support for those at home and abroad should not be terminated and so the unsaved in the communities surrounding these churches can be reached more effectively.

The term "Related" in our organization's name simply means that BRM is involved mainly in *Church Disputes*. But BRM also helps to *place pastors* seeking a change in field, as well as *pastor-less Churches* needing pastors, conducts *Bible Studies*, *pulpit supply*, *Evangelistic Meetings*, produces *Scriptural Study Sheets* and *Bible Study Recordings*.

We ask any church seeking our assistance to *PLEASE CONSIDER* PUTTING Bible Related Ministries on its *Missionary Budget* for monthly giving, and by doing so, travel with us in all of these *Ventures* as an active participant. However, this will in no way affect the availability of our support for you during the resolution process.

Rev. David J. Bauer, Director
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