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REFERENCE RELEASE

I hereby authorize _____ Baptist Church of _____
to verify all information contained in my application or other written communications,
including information from all former churches in which I have served as a pastor, been
a member, or been ordained.

I recognize that this verification process will include confidential contacts with former
church officers, members, pastoral colleagues, associational and state-convention
personnel, colleges, universities, and seminaries, as well as other business and
professional references.

I further authorize that any personnel at former places of employment, churches,
or references may disclose any and all information about my work history, personal
characteristics, salary, work habits, or other areas of importance to this organization.

Furthermore, I waive the right to take legal action against the aforementioned churches,
their members and officers, or references for releasing such requested information.

I understand this authorization form and agree to the release and verification of the
aforementioned information.

Signature

Date