

INSTRUCTIONS

*In **no way** should these be copied word for word!*

SAMPLE 1

Pastor Support Religious Exemption Letter

Use Church Letterhead

To Whom It May Concern:

[CHURCH NAME] does not have an official position on vaccines in general nor specifically on the current vaccines available for Covid-19.

Instead, we encourage each member to make his or her own decisions through research, qualified advice, study of the Scriptures, and leading of the Holy Spirit.

We fully support the closely held religious convictions of our constituents, according to Romans 14.

Thus, we support those who, after study of the Scriptures, prayer, and counsel, conclude that it would violate their personal religious convictions to receive the Covid-19 vaccine.

We believe such persons should be afforded a religious exemption.

We do not believe anyone should be required to violate their conscience, and we do not believe there should be a government mandate that would do so.

Sincerely,

[PASTOR NAME & TITLE]

SAMPLE 2

Pastor Support Religious Exemption Letter

Use Church Letterhead

Letter of Religious Exemption

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of _____, a member of our congregation at (Church name and Address) regarding their religious conviction against forced vaccines.

We do not wish to be labeled as anti-vaccine or anti-science, however, the well-documented process of vaccines developed from animal and aborted human fetal tissue has compelled us to stand by our congregants who refuse to comply with mandatory vaccinations.

We strongly support their deeply held Biblical convictions as a believer in, and follower of Jesus Christ and any of our congregants to resist the pressure for vaccinations, while at the same time seeking an alternative for their safety and the safety of others.

We are convinced that the nature of many other contaminants within vaccines should be a reason to grant exemptions to believers whose bodies are, as the Scripture states, the “temple of the Lord.”

- 1 Corinthians 3:16 – 17 - “Don’t you know that you yourselves are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in your midst? If anyone destroys God’s temple, God will destroy that person; for God’s temple is sacred, and you together are that temple.”
- 2 Corinthians 7:1 - “Therefore, since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God.”

We must follow the Word of God and we also exhort others to a conscientious objection to these vaccines. Yet, our deep love and care for others makes us more

determined to exercise whatever alternatives possible to ensure other's safety in each individual case.

We thank you for granting this religious exemption and, as such, respecting religious freedom.

Sincerely,
(Pastor Name & Title)

SAMPLE 3

Pastor Support Religious Exemption Letter



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REPLY TO
FLORIDA

SAMPLE PASTOR VERIFICATION LETTER:

I understand that NAME has submitted a religious exemption request from the COVID vaccine directive. As his pastor, I can speak to the sincerity of his faith and his request. NAME told me that after the directive to accept the COVID vaccine came out, he started searching the Scriptures as to how he should respond, and if he should accept the shot.

NAME is a Christian, and believes the Bible to be the inspired, inerrant, living Word of God. When Jesus Christ went back to heaven after He was resurrected, He promised to send his Holy Spirit, who would guide us into all truth. Our church teaches that each believer in Christ receives the Holy Spirit, who directly leads the individual in his walk with God, as the believers seeks wisdom through prayer and Scripture reading. See the doctrine of the priesthood of the believer. Our church teaches that believers should follow their conscience, as informed by the written word of God, and the leading of his Holy Spirit. Our church teaches the Biblical sanctity of human life, and the Biblical interdiction against abortion as the shedding of innocent blood. Many Christians understand

this interdiction to include ingesting or benefiting from products derived from or using aborted fetal cell lines.

NAME has told me that based on his review of Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidance and position statements, and understanding of the issues, and much prayer that he might discern truth from error, and whether he should get the shot, the Holy Spirit is not allowing him to accept the COVID shot. He believes that if he were to do so, he would be sinning against our living God. Our church supports him as he follows the leading of the Holy Spirit and supports his request for a religious exemption.

Pastor NAME