## **Eternity Connection**

## **Disclaimer for Spiritual Counselling**

Spiritual counselling is offered as an adjunct to other services offered by the Eternity Connection. Our spiritual counsellors have experience in the working with individuals who experience depression and anxiety, as well as more spiritually based problems. Each of our spiritual counsellors have been professional trained through an accredited university program in social work, counselling psychology, or nursing. Each holds a graduate degree in their respective discipline, is a member in good standing with their professional association and is bound by a professional code of ethics as well as our Community Covenant.

However, our counsellors are not able to address severe mental health conditions. Your spiritual healer cannot diagnose mental health conditions and cannot prescribe medications for mental disorders. Each spiritual counselling session will last approximately one hour.

In agreeing to receive spiritual counselling you are certifying that you are voluntarily seeking these services for yourself and that you understand that spiritual counselling is complementary and not a substitute for traditional psychiatric or medical treatment. You also certify that, regardless of your experience of spiritual counselling, you will not change your recommended course of psychiatric treatment without first consulting your medical practitioner. You also agree that should you experience extreme distress before or following your counselling session that you will contact your nearest Distress Centre. You also agree that in the event that you experience thoughts where you feel that you may harm yourself or another, that you will immediately contact your nearest Distress Centre or local emergency services (call 911 in Canada or US or 999 in the UK). You also certify that confidentiality is limited and information that you share with your counsellor may in some circumstance be disclosed to others. More specifically, should you refuse to seek assistance, your counsellor may be required to do so on your behalf. Finally, you also certify that you understand that in the event that you disclose that you have harmed a minor, that your counsellor will be required to contact the child welfare authority in your area to report this matter.