Individual Religious Exemption Request:

I’m writing to request a medical and religious exemption from NAME Hospital’s COVID shot directive. I have prayed about how to respond to the COVID shot directive, in light of my [medical issues], and in light of my pro-life and other religious beliefs. I believe my body belongs to God and is the temple of his Holy Spirit. 1 Cor 6:19-20. I believe that innocent life is sacred to God, from conception, to birth, to natural death. (Jeremiah 1:5). I believe God’s promise that “if anyone lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally.” I understand that many of the manufacturers of the COVID shots have used aborted fetal cell lines as part of their development or testing of vaccines.

Jesus said the Holy Spirit will guide each person who repents of their sin and believes on Him into all truth. As a believer in Jesus, the Holy Spirit lives in me. I have been a Christian for many years. I seek God’s will for my life through prayer, reading the Bible, and relying on the power of the Holy Spirit to help me to do God’s will.

It is against my faith and my conscience to commit sin. Sin is anything that violates the will of God, as set forth in the Bible, and as impressed upon the heart of the believer by the Holy Spirit. In order to keep myself from sin, and receive God’s direction in life, I pray and ask God for wisdom and direction daily. As part of my prayers, I have asked God for direction regarding the current COVID shot requirement. As I have prayed about what I should do, the Holy Spirit has moved on my heart and conscience that I must not accept the COVID shot. If I were to go against the moving of the Holy Spirit, I would be sinning and jeopardizing my relationship with God and violating my conscience.

I’m therefore asking for an exemption from the COVID shot directive so that my conscience can remain clear before God. Thank you for your consideration.

**Pastor Verification:**

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

Jennifer 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.

Jennifer has told me that based on her knowledge of the issues, and much prayer that she might discern truth from error, the Holy Spirit is not allowing her to accept the COVID shot. She believes that if she were to do so, she would be sinning against our living God. Our church supports her as she follows the leading of the Holy Spirit and supports her request for a religious exemption.

Pastor NAME