

ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE: DISCLAIMER

If you intend to electronically sign the following form, please read this carefully before signing.

By signing your name electronically on page 3 of this Clearance Form, you are agreeing that your electronic signature is the legal equivalent of your manual signature on this Clearance Form. You will receive a copy of this application after it has been sent to our volunteer department.

Thank you for your interest in volunteering with LifePath Christian Ministries.

CLEARANCE PROCESS INSTRUCTIONS

You are being considered for a volunteer opportunity that has direct contact with children as it pertains to the Child Protection Services Law (defined as “the care, supervision, guidance or control of children or routine interaction with children). These clearances must be completed before you may volunteer in this capacity. **New clearances must be obtained every five years.**

Due to the revisions of Act 153 of 2014 we are required to obtain three types of clearances:

1. ACT 34 – PA STATE POLICE CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK

Go to <https://epatch.state.pa.us/Home.jsp>. There is no fee for volunteers. Verification may be obtained immediately or could take 2-3 weeks to review. Once received, applicants **MUST** provide the LifePath Christian Ministries with the original clearance form. The original clearance will be copied and returned to the applicant.

2. ACT 151 – PA CHILD ABUSE HISTORY CLEARANCE

Go to <https://www.compass.state.pa.us/CWIS>. You will need to create an account first. After creating your account you will receive an email with your password in order to log in. Please be sure to select the appropriate type of clearance for volunteers. There is no fee for volunteers. Verification can take up to 14 days and you can choose to receive notification via email, mailed to your home address or both. Once received, applicants **MUST** provide the LifePath Christian Ministries with the original clearance form. The original clearance will be copied by John Ellis and returned to the applicant.

*****VOLUNTEERS WHO HAVE LIVED IN PENNSYLVANIA CONTINUOUSLY FOR THE LAST 10 YEARS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO UNDERGO #3, AS LONG AS YOU AFFIRM IN WRITING THAT YOU HAVE NOT BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY OR SEX CRIME WITHIN THE PREVIOUS FIVE YEARS (SEE ATTACHED WAIVER ON THE NEXT PAGE).*****

3. ACT 114 – FBI FEDERAL CRIMINAL HISTORY CLEARANCE (Fingerprinting):

- a. Applicants **MUST** register online. Go to www.pa.cogentid.com and click on **PA Department of Public Welfare** on the first screen.
- b. There is a fee of \$27.50 for the fingerprint clearance.
- c. Applicant should either print out the **registration confirmation number** or, if they do not have access to a printer, they should record the number in a safe place.
- d. **Once registered**, you may have your fingerprints taken at the location of your choice – **No appointments are necessary**. Please check the website for each location’s hours.
- e. Applicants must provide proof of identity upon arrival at the Fingerprint Center (a state issued driver’s license, state I.D. card, passport, etc.).
- f. The Department of Public Welfare will receive the Federal Criminal History Record from the FBI, and will return the record to you. The record will be printed on standard 8.5” x 11” paper.
- g. Once received, applicant **MUST** provide LifePath Christian Ministries with the original clearance

FBI BACKGROUND CHECK: WAIVER OF REQUIREMENT

Pursuant to Act 153 of 2014 and as amended, **any volunteers who have lived in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania continuously for the last 10 (ten) years are not required to undergo the Federal Criminal History Record Check including the full set of fingerprints.**

Accordingly, if you affirm via this waiver in writing that you have not been convicted of a felony or sex crime within the past 5 (five) years and also meet the residency requirement of 10 (ten) continuous years living within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and 18 years of age, please complete the following:

I _____ do hereby attest that I have lived at the following address and or addresses within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania continuously for the past 10 (ten) years and have not been convicted of a felony or sex crime within the past 5 (five) years:

1. ADDRESS 1 =

2. ADDRESS 2 =

3. ADDRESS 3 =

I swear or affirm that I have not been disqualified from employment or service based on any conviction of any of the following offenses. I swear and/or affirm that I have never been convicted of the following offenses under the Pennsylvania Crimes Code or an equivalent crime under the laws or former laws of the United States or one of its territories or possessions, another state, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico or a foreign nation, or under a former law of this Commonwealth:

Chapter 25 (relating to criminal homicide).
 Section 2702 (relating to aggravated assault).
 Section 2709.1 (relating to stalking).
 Section 2901 (relating to kidnapping).
 Section 2902 (relating to unlawful restraint).
 Section 3121 (relating to rape).
 Section 3122.1 (relating to statutory sexual assault).
 Section 3123 (relating to involuntary deviate sexual intercourse).
 Section 3124.1 (relating to sexual assault).
 Section 3125 (relating to aggravated indecent assault).
 Section 3126 (relating to indecent assault).
 Section 3127 (relating to indecent exposure).

Section 4302 (relating to incest).
 Section 4303 (relating to concealing death of child).
 Section 4304 (relating to endangering welfare of children).
 Section 4305 (relating to dealing in infant children).
 A felony offense under section 5902(b) (relating to prostitution and related offenses).
 Section 5903(c) or (d) (relating to obscene and other sexual materials and performances).
 Section 6301 (relating to corruption of minors).
 Section 6312 (relating to sexual abuse of children).
 The attempt, solicitation or conspiracy to commit any of the offenses set forth above.

I understand that false statements herein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. C.S. § 4904, relating to unsworn falsification to authorities. Further by signing this waiver I am providing true and accurate information and hold harmless LifePath Christian Ministries and any of its employees, affiliates or members.

 Signature

 Print Full Name

 Date

 LifePath Christian Ministry Team Member Name

 LifePath Christian Ministry Team Member Signature