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 Organization Name

## Membership Discipline Policy

	Yes	Needs Attention
1. Does your church have a written policy in its bylaws or other guidelines that specifically addresses member discipline?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Did your church consult with a local attorney in developing your written policy and does your church periodically consult with an attorney on developing law in this area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. If you have a written membership discipline policy, does it specify whether or not the church will continue discipline after an attempted withdrawal of membership? (Most states do not permit discipline after a person withdraws from membership.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. If you have a written discipline policy, does it restrict communication of private information only to those who have a right and need to know?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Do you obtain written consent to membership disciplinary policies through membership classes and interviews? Ideally, this would include a written statement that each person would sign, affirming that he or she understands and agrees with the policies.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Does your church teach regularly on church discipline so members remain aware of the biblical basis, purpose, and steps of discipline?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Is your church consistent when dealing with matters of church discipline?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Does your church carefully follow its disciplinary guidelines each time it is necessary to do so?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Do your church leaders communicate only with people who have a right to know on matters of church discipline?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Do your church leaders carefully refer to allegations as being "unproven" when discussing disciplinary matters?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Are all decisions related to church discipline based on clearly explained biblical grounds?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. Does your church consult with a local attorney prior to providing documentation of your disciplinary policies to an inquiring attorney?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

Completed by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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