

# Global Trauma Recovery Institute

## Consultation Group Informed Consent

The Global Trauma Recovery Institute provides group consultation and training for professionals seeking to advance their skills as they work with domestic and international trauma in their particular setting. Consultation groups are formed by invitation and application only. The following information describes the purpose, scope, and limitations of consultation groups.

**Purpose:** Group consultations are designed to offer licensed mental health participants a setting to apply current trauma recovery research and practice to their own clinical practice. Groups are active learning opportunities and so group members are expected to complete reading assignments as they are given.

**Scope:** Group activities will include review and discussion of current research and treatment protocols as well as application to individual and community cases brought by each of the participants. Topics addressed will include the causes and impact of trauma on individuals and communities, unique forms of trauma, and treatment and training skills for work in cross-cultural settings. Participants should expect to discuss matters of science, philosophy, culture, faith, personhood, and recovery.

**Limits:** While group members will discuss current cases, these consultations are not considered a form of supervision as no authority is held by group leaders. Furthermore, group sessions are not to be construed as psychotherapy.

It is the responsibility of each member to protect the privacy of their own clientele as well as the discussions of the group. Each member avoids disclosing identifying information in case studies and avoids disclosing the confidential discussions of the group with outsiders. Group leaders will maintain confidentiality unless ethically or legally required to disclose information to an outside party. Imminent danger to self or other, gross negligence or unprofessional practice, and/or court order are examples of possible need to break confidentiality.

Group learning requires group participation. Members are expected to attend all scheduled sessions agreed upon at the beginning of the term. Missing sessions for reasons other than emergencies may result in termination of the consultation relationship.

By signing below, I consent to participate in a consultation group. I recognize that I am responsible to protect the privacy of any client cases I discuss or listen to. I commit to being an active participant by attending scheduled sessions for the contracted period and by coming prepared to each session.

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Name

Date