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***Revised IRB LETTER OF APPROVAL FOR COLLECTION OF DATA***

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**TITLE OF THE RESEARCH PROJECT:** INVESTIGATING SANDIA BAPTIST CHURCH LEADER’S SPIRITUAL FORMATION AND TRANSFORMATIONAL LEADERSHIP PRACTICES

***Approved revision below:***

To Dr. McClane & Dr. Taladay:

I am requesting an IRB re-approval of my proposal due to a leadership population/sample change and re-defining of leadership roles. The following represents the adjusted population/sample numbers and specific leadership roles to be used in the study.

* **Population**: estimated to be 46 leaders
* **Sample**: minimum of 31 leaders per G\*Power 3.1 (Appendix A)  
  + - 6 additional leaders will be added to the Sample to bring the sample size to 37
    - Attrition will be guarded against by adding the additional 6 leaders providing a sample size ratio of 80%
      * see page 54 - **Population & Sample Selection**

**Sandia Baptist Church Leadership will include**:

* 5 categories of leadership at Sandia Baptist will be included which are; 1-Pastors, 2-Deacons, 3-Adult Connection ministry leaders, 4-Student & Children ministry leaders, and 5-Finance committee members.
  + The ‘Connection’ ministry is an age-based small group ministry where Biblical teaching and relationships are emphasized.  
    - * see pg. 18 – **Scope & Delimitation**

The proposal (chaps 1-3) has been aligned based upon the stated numbers and leadership roles. A permission letter from Sandia Baptist leadership has been obtained and included (see Appendix B). The Recruitment letter and Consent forms (Appendices C & D) have also been updated.

Thank you for your consideration.

Erik Christensen

May God bless you.

Grace, mercy, and peace from our Lord Jesus Christ,



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