**OGS IRB Application**

Dissertation Title: Investigating Southern New Jersey GARBC Church Leader's Spiritual

 Formation and Transformational Leadership Practices

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**Recruitment Method**

☐ In-person recruitment at a research site

x Electronic recruitment requiring permission (ie, email to a specific organization/group)

☐ Social media snowball sampling

☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

x I have secured permission to conduct my study from my research site (if applicable).

**Verification of Ethical Procedures**

I assure the Institutional Review Board of the following:

x I have discussed the ethical considerations of my study with my chair.

x I will protect the confidentiality and rights of participants.

x My study does not involve vulnerable populations such as minors or the incarcerated.

x I will uphold the ethical standards of the Belmont Report (Justice, Beneficence, and Respect

 for Persons) and OGS’s policies.

x I have completed the NIH/CITI certificate for protecting human subjects in research.

x I will ensure data are kept securely for up to three years and then destroyed.

**Attachments**

1. x **Appendix A: Site Permission**
2. x **Appendix B: Informed Consent**
3. x **Appendix C: Recruitment Letter/Email**
4. x **Appendix D: Instruments**
5. x **Appendix E: Validity Documentation**
6. x **Appendix F: IRB Application Form itself (for now); Approval Letter in the Appendix F in the dissertation**
7. x **Appendix G: NIH/CITI Certificate**
8. x **Candidacy Application**

**Researcher’s Statement**

I hereby confirm that the information provided is accurate and that I will conduct the research following the ethical guidelines and policies of Omega Graduate School, including adherence to the details outlined in the attached informed consent document.

Researcher’s Signature: Erik M. Christensen

Date: March 4, 2024