



## Consent to Participate in an Interview for a Class Project

(For use with adult subjects only)

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(date)

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(students's name), is enrolled in the SOAN 232: Saints, Sects, and Society course at the University of Redlands. **Students in this class are assigned to interview a religious specialist.** This project is designed to give students insight into religious life in contemporary society.

This student has identified you as a potential interviewee. She/he/they has constructed a set of interview questions that seeks the following information:

- Your current or past position in a religious organization or as an independent religious practitioner.
- What you do in this position – i.e., What is your actual work?
- How you came to choose a calling or career as a religious specialist.
- Any training you undertook for this calling or career.
- How and why you find this calling or career personally meaningful.
- The religious organization or tradition in which you work, and why you find this organization or tradition to be a suitable religious home. (You are welcome to speak about past organizations or traditions as well.)

**You will be given a copy of the interview questions at the time you are given this form.** Please read it and ask the student any questions you have about it.

**Your participation in this project is completely voluntary.** You do not need to participate, and if you do decide to participate, you may withdraw from the study at any time, including after the interview has been complete. In that case, the student will return any notes and this consent form to you, or destroy them as you wish.

**Your information will used only to fulfill this student's assignment. This includes:**

- **A 4-page written summary of the interview, which will be shared only with the course instructor.** The instructor does need to know your name and organization, to make sure that the assignment has been properly completed.
- **A 3-minute oral presentation to the class.**
  - **You may choose whether to have your name and organization identified in this presentation.** Please indicate your choice below.

**Once the assignment has been graded, this consent form, the written summary, and all student and instructor notes will be destroyed, so that no participants can be identified.** No results will be reported to anyone except to the instructor and to the students in the class.

Please write or call the course instructor if you have any questions:

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## Participant's Agreement

I, \_\_\_\_\_,  
Print Name Above

have read the information presented above. I have asked all questions I had at this time. I voluntarily agree to participate in this interview project.

1. I choose to (*circle one*) **BE** / **NOT BE** identified in the student's 3-minute class talk.
2. I choose to have my organization (*circle one*) **BE** / **NOT BE** identified in the student's 3-minute class talk.

Signature of Research Participant	Date

**To be completed by researcher:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name of Person Obtaining Consent

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