

VOLUNTEER COVENANT

First United Methodist Church - Morristown

The congregation of *First United Methodist Church, Morristown* is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for all children and youth, as well as all paid staff and volunteers, who participate in youth and children's ministries and activities sponsored by the church. The following policy statement reflects our congregation's commitment to preserving this church as a holy place of safety and protection for all who would enter and as a place in which all people can experience the love of God through relationships with others.

SAFE SANCTUARY POLICY AND SEXUAL ABUSE & MISCONDUCT STATEMENT VERIFICATION

- I certify that I have received and read the *FUMC Safe Sanctuary Policy* and agree to abide by the policies set forth. I understand that a violation of any of these policies can lead to my immediate suspension or termination as a certified volunteer.

Applicant's Name (print)

Date

Signature of Applicant

As a volunteer seeking to work with children/youth, I am committed to demonstrating the love of Jesus Christ so that each child/youth will be "surrounded by steadfast love, established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal" (*Baptismal covenant II, United Methodist Hymnal, p. 44*).

AS PART OF THIS COMMITMENT, I WILL:

- Provide appropriate guidance to each child/youth in my care
- Provide support and assistance to parents when they arrive with their child
- Be punctual and reliable in my attendance
- Notify the team leader in advance if I must be absent; find a replacement if possible
- NOT engage in physical punishment/discipline of any child
- Cooperate with other adult leaders, staff, and parents
- Follow all appropriate safety measures, policies and procedures while working in ministries with children/youth
- Agree to participate in training opportunities provided by the church related to my volunteer assignment
- Promptly report inappropriate behavior to team leaders and Ministry Director
- Agree to inform a minister of this congregation if I have ever been convicted of child abuse

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