



CODE OF ETHICS

For Volunteers, Staff, and Leaders in Child and Youth Programs

MY CODE:

Believing that God is calling me to serve children or youth in this congregation:

1. My first priority in teaching/supervising/leading children or youth will be to seek the welfare of the children/youth physically, socially, educationally, and spiritually.
2. I will also try to understand and respect the child/youth's cultural background.
3. I will give the parent(s) full information about the program I am teaching/supervising/leading and what time it begins and ends.
4. I will not do anything that will damage a child or youth's trust. I will try to protect the child/youth from all forms of abuse while he or she is in my care.
5. If I suspect that a child/youth may be hurt by the abusive actions or attitudes of another person I will report that suspicion to a responsible person so that it can be investigated properly.
6. If I wish to talk to the child/youth alone, it will be within the sight and hearing of other people.
7. I will answer a child/youth's questions openly and honestly.
8. I will work with the children/youth to set some agreed upon guidelines for acceptable behavior within the group. I will expect the children/youth to act on the basis of those guidelines and if a child/youth consistently breaks them, I will seek help from parents and others to assist me in responding to the child/youth.
9. If a child is distressed, I will try to offer comfort and help. I will encourage the child to find the appropriate help for his/her needs.
10. I will pray for each of the children/youth regularly and let them know that I care about them.

<i>Signature of Volunteer/Staff/Leader:</i>	<i>Printed Name:</i>	<i>Date:</i>
<i>Position in Child/Youth Program:</i>		
<i>Signature of Ministry Supervisor:</i>	<i>Printed Name:</i>	<i>Date:</i>