



Covenant Statement:

The congregation of Spirit and Life United Methodist Church is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for all children, youth, and staff (paid and volunteer) who participate in ministries and activities sponsored by the church. The following policy statements reflect 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.

1. No adult who has been convicted of child abuse (either sexual abuse, physical abuse, neglect, emotional abuse, or ritual abuse) may work with children or youth at any church-sponsored activity.
2. All adult volunteers involved with children or youth of our church must have been active in the congregation for at least six months before beginning a volunteer assignment.
3. Adult volunteers and staff who work with children and youth shall observe the “Two Adult Rule” at all times so that no adult is left alone with children or youth on a routine basis.
4. Adult volunteers and staff who work with children and youth shall attend regular training and educational events provided by the church to keep volunteers and staff informed of church policies and state laws regarding child abuse.
5. Adult volunteers and staff who work with children and youth shall immediately report to their supervisor any behavior that seems abusive or inappropriate.

Please answer the following questions:

1. As a volunteer or staff member in this congregation, do you agree to observe and abide by all church policies regarding working in ministries with children and youth? ___Yes ___No
2. As a volunteer or staff member in this congregation, do you agree to observe the “Two Adult Rule” at all times? ___Yes ___No
3. As a volunteer or staff member in this congregation, do you agree to abide by the “Six Month Rule” before beginning a volunteer assignment? ___Yes ___No
4. As a volunteer or staff member in this congregation, do you agree to participate in training and education events provided by the church related to your volunteer assignment? ___Yes ___No
5. As a volunteer or staff member in this congregation, do you agree to promptly report abusive or inappropriate behavior to your supervisor? ___Yes ___No
6. As a volunteer or staff member in this congregation, do you agree to inform a pastor of this church if you have ever been convicted of child abuse? ___Yes ___No

Name _____

Address _____

Contact information (phone and email) _____

I have read and understand the above Covenant Statement and the Child and Youth Protection Policy of Spirit and Life United Methodist Church. I agree to abide by those policies and procedures.

Print Name

Signature

Date