



SAFE SANCTUARY

PARTICIPATION COVENANT STATEMENT

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CLERMONT

The congregation of First United Methodist Church of Clermont is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for children, youth, vulnerable adults and volunteers who participate in 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.

- No adult who has been convicted of child or elder abuse (either sexual abuse, physical abuse, or emotional abuse) should work with children, youth or vulnerable adults in any church-sponsored activity.
- All adults involved with children, youth or vulnerable adults of our church must have been active participants of the congregation for at least six months before beginning volunteer assignment.
- All adults involved with children, youth or vulnerable adults of our church shall observe the Safe Sanctuary Protection Policy at all times.
- All adults involved with children, youth or vulnerable adult of our church shall attend regular training and educational events provided by church to keep volunteers informed of church policies and laws regarding child or elder abuse.
- All adults involved with children, youth or vulnerable adult of our church shall immediately report to the Florida Abuse or Elder Abuse Hotline, please notify Safe Sanctuary Coordinator, ministry leader or supervisor of any behavior that seems abusive or inappropriate.

Please answer each of the following questions:

Do you agree to observe and abide by all church policies regarding working in ministries with children, youth or vulnerable adults? (Please enter initials next to appropriate box)

YES:

NO:

I have read this Participation Covenant, and I agree to observe and abide by policies set forth above.

Signature of Applicant:

Date:

Applicant's Full Name (Please Print):