

# Relief United Methodist Church

## Classroom Discipline Procedures

Participation in the Children and Youth Ministries at Relief United Methodist Church should be a positive experience for both the children and the adults involved. The adults who work with your children are volunteers who give their time and talents to benefit the children. The Safe Sanctuary Policy identifies the expectations for the adult volunteers. This document addresses the expectations for the children who are participating in church ministries. Parents should review these expectations with their children before the start of any program.

Children are expected to maintain appropriate behaviors throughout the activity. Appropriate behaviors can include but are not limited to following directions, being respectful of the adult leaders, the other children participants and church property, remaining on task and making positive contributions to the group process.

Inappropriate behaviors are those behaviors that interfere with the completion of the designated activity, behaviors that are disruptive in nature such that they diminish the enjoyment of the activity by the other participants, or are aggressive or bullying in nature that threaten the physical or emotional safety of the participants. Any behavior that is inappropriate will be addressed using the procedures outlined in the Relief UMC Safe Sanctuary Policy.

The Safe Sanctuary Policy outlines the guidelines for discipline as follows:

“All program directors and workers with children and youth will use the following discipline measures. If a child is behaving inappropriately, the leader or worker will tell the child specifically what he/she is doing that is not acceptable and state what the expected behavior is, e.g., “We do not throw blocks. We use blocks for building.” If this measure is not effective, the child will be guided to another activity. If inappropriate behaviors continue, the child may be placed at a table to work alone away from the other students. If the child’s disruptive behavior continues after these steps have been taken, the child may be taken to the Director or the primary leader and left under his or her supervision. No physical punishment or verbal abuse, e.g., ridicule, are to be used at any time. If isolating the child within the classroom or removal of the child from the classroom becomes necessary, the situation will be discussed with the child’s parent or guardian as soon as possible.”

I understand the expectations for my child/children’s participation in Children and Youth Ministries at Relief UMC and I understand that their continued participation is contingent on their maintaining appropriate behaviors during the activity. I understand the discipline procedures that will be used to address inappropriate behaviors as outlined in the safe Sanctuary Policy.

Parent’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_