

**REDUCING THE RISK OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE IN THE CHURCH
PARTICIPATION COVENANT STATEMENT**

The congregation of _____ Church is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for all children and workers 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 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 abuse should volunteer to work with children or youth in an church-sponsored activity. All workers in ministries with children or youth must be members of the congregation for at least six months before beginning a volunteer assignment. All workers in ministries with children or youth shall observe the "Two Adult Rule" so that no adult is ever alone with children or youth. Workers in ministries with children or youth shall attend regular training and educational events provided by the church to keep volunteers informed of church policies and state laws regarding child abuse. Workers shall immediately report to their supervisor any behavior that seems abusive or inappropriate.

Please answer each of the following questions:

1. As a worker 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 worker in this congregation, do you agree to observe the "Two Adult Rule" at all times unless given prior authorization for exemption? Yes No
3. As a worker in this congregation, do you agree to participate in training and education events provided by the church related to your volunteer assignment? _Yes _No
4. As a worker in this congregation, do you agree to report promptly abusive or inappropriate behavior to your supervisor? Yes No
5. As a volunteer in this congregation, do you agree to inform the minister of this congregation if you have ever been convicted of child abuse? Yes No

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

Signature of Worker

Date