

Premises/Participation Agreement

The _____ Church affirms the dignity and worth of all persons. We are committed to being a redemptive fellowship/community open to those who are in need of worshipping with us, especially in times of serious personal troubles. However, based on your background and listing on the _____ County Sex Offenders Registry, we have concerns about your contact with children and youth in our congregation.

The following guidelines are designed to reduce the risk to both you and the church of an incident or accusation. We welcome you to our congregation and our membership, but your participation will be limited to ensure the safety of our children and youth and to assure that you will not be subject to future accusations.

Within these guidelines, the congregation welcomes your participation in adult worship services, adult choir activities, coffee hour, committee meetings, adult education, all adult social events, and well-supervised intergenerational events.

You are to avoid all contact with children/youth on congregation property or congregation-sponsored events. This includes the following:

- Please do not talk with children or youth.
- Please do not volunteer or agree to lead, chaperone or participate in events for children and youth including such things as religious education classes, stories or talks for worship, youth group events, activities during intergenerational events, driving or otherwise transporting children and/or youth.
- Avoid visiting the nursery, children's wing or any area where Children's programming is in progress.
- Please remain in the presence of your "Shepherd Adult" or another "Shepherd Adult" within our congregation who knows your situation at all times when children are present or when you are on the premises or campus of _____ United Methodist Church.
- If a child in the congregation approaches you, either at church or in a community place, politely and immediately excuse yourself from the situation. Please avoid being in the building unsupervised when activities involving children are in session, such as pre-school, nursery school or youth groups.

I accept that the following people will be told of my circumstances in order for them to protect the children/young people for whom they care and for my protection:

Nursery Coordinator
Children's Coordinator
Shepherds for _____ UMC
Safe Sanctuary Chairman and Vice Chairman
Church Staff and Ministers
Usher Corp
Children's Choir Coordinators/Volunteers

Unit 8.2

I have reviewed this covenant and agree to abide by its provisions. I understand and agree that if I violate this agreement, I will be denied access to future church functions and church property.

I further understand that this contract will be reviewed upon request and will remain in force until rescinded in writing.

Registrant Signature/ Date

Spouse Signature/Date

Safe Sanctuary Chair/Date

Senior Pastor/Date

Designated Shepherd/ Date

Children's Coordinator/Date

Nursery Coordinator/Date

Safe Sanctuary Vice Chair/Date