

## FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH PARTICIPATION COVENANT STATEMENT

The congregation of First United Methodist Church of Lakeland, Florida is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for all children, youth, 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 convicted of child abuse (either sexual abuse, physical abuse, or emotional abuse) should work with children or youth in any church-sponsored activity.
- All adults involved with children and youth of our church shall observe the Child Protection Policy at all times.
- All adults involved with children, youth of our church shall attend required training, and educational events provided by the church to keep volunteers informed of church policies and laws regarding child abuse.
- All adults involved with children and youth of our church shall immediately report to their supervisor any behavior that seems abusive or inappropriate.

Do you agree to observe and abide by all church policies regarding working in ministries with children and youth?      YES             NO

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

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Signature of Applicant

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Date