

St. Peter's UCC Chaperone Covenant

Event Name:

Event Date:

The purpose of this covenant is to clarify the expectations and responsibilities given to us as we share ministry together. Signing this Covenant indicates that I respect this ministry, its leaders, chaperones, and participants.

As a chaperone with this ministry, I will abide by the same covenant as the youth. I will...

- Treat all people with dignity and respect.
- Participate fully and help when needed.
- Abide by and enforce the rules and boundaries set for this event/program by its leaders.
- Help people new to this program/event feel welcome and comfortable
- Maximize our time together by placing my focus on what we are discussing/doing.
- Respect the boundaries set by (other) adults and leaders.
- Alert (another) adult if I feel uncomfortable in any way.
- Avoid secrecy and private discussions. If a private discussion is necessary with another participant, chaperone, or leader, I will have it in a public space away from others so that it may remain private, yet safe.
- Practice discretion and modesty, especially when showering, changing clothing, and preparing for the day. I will also respect others' needs for discretion and modesty.
- Be sensitive to verbal and non-verbal expressions of discomfort.
- NOT use or possess alcohol, controlled substances, firearms, ammunition, and/or weapons.
- Treat this ministry with the seriousness that it deserves.
- Commit to praying for this ministry of our congregation.

In addition, I recognize my role as a chaperone and covenant to...

- Attempt to get to know all participants by name.
- Offer assistance to youth, other chaperones, and our leaders during difficult discussions/activities
- Honor the role of mentor. Simply by being an adult, I am a mentor to youth.
- Take responsibility for setting appropriate boundaries with youth.
- Build positive and appropriate relationships with the youth, other chaperones, and leaders.
- Enforce the rules without favoritism or bias.
- Set a good example for the youth and other adults.
- Respect the diverse personalities and needs of all people at this event/on this trip.
- Share my beliefs and my faith openly, yet honestly, with all participants.

I have read and understand my responsibilities as chaperone with St. Peter's UCC. By signing this covenant, I am committing to do my part to ensure successful ministry. I will do my best to keep the covenant I have made with the youth, their parents/guardians, other chaperones, and leaders of this trip.

Chaperone Signature _____ **Date** _____

Chaperone Printed Name _____