

Youth Covenant of Conduct (Sept 2011-Aug 2012)

During the meetings, events, and trips under the sponsorship and guidance of **St Georges United Methodist Church**, I recognize that I am a representative of the Christian Community and I am responsible for my actions. By signing this Covenant, I agree to abide by the following guidelines:

I Shall:

- ☺ Recognize that everyone in the group is a part of the body of Christ. I will embrace inclusiveness by making sure that everyone feels welcome and important.
- ☺ Respect the physical and emotional well-being of others by "doing unto them as I would have them do unto me." (This includes refraining from harsh play or violence, refraining from harmful jokes, respecting the need for sleep, etc.) I will hold safety, mine and that of others, in the highest regard.
- ☺ Respect the health of my own body by refraining from the use of tobacco, alcohol, and illegal drugs. I understand that the use of these substances is absolutely prohibited.
- ☺ Respect the things I use and the property of places I visit. The areas used for all events, including transportation, shall be left clean and returned to its original state.
- ☺ Respect food that is provided and those that prepare it. I shall eat what is provided without negative comments and thank God for providing me with nourishment.
- ☺ Participate fully in group activities and abide by additional group guidelines made during events or trips.
- ☺ Act appropriately with members of the opposite sex. This means no couples alone at any time, and no public displays of affection.
- ☺ Abide by group decisions. I understand that participation in a group requires cooperation and compromise. I will help others by encouraging them to be positive.
- ☺ Respect parents and other adults that are in charge. I will respond positively, do jobs assigned and follow directions.
- ☺ Stay within the group or assigned sub-group at all times. I will not wander off alone or leave the activity site unless granted permission by an adult, and I will report for all designated check-in times.
- ☺ Provide a trusting environment for my peers. I will listen while others are talking. When others share something about themselves in a group discussion, I will not repeat that information to other friends outside of the group.
- ☺ Drive (if applicable) only myself (and siblings) to and from offsite youth events, unless written permission is given to the youth counselor ahead of time from the parents of the intended passenger. I also will not give rides home from regular meetings to people who did not ride to youth group with me that day.
- ☺ Stay, if I drive, for the duration of youth events, unless arrangements are made beforehand by clearing it with a counselor.
- ☺ Respect the effort that others have put into the program by silencing and putting away all electronic devices during youth activities and events. If necessary, electronics may be collected and returned later.
- ☺ Respect the need of the counselors to plan by RSVPing in a timely fashion.
- ☺ Take the initiative to inform my guests of their responsibility to follow these guidelines when they visit the group or participate in an event or trip.

Guidelines for Consequences:

Consequences will focus on restoring peace with reconciliation among the parties involved. The goal of resolving each problem will be growth and learning through repentance and forgiveness. Any problems encountered will be handled within the group and by the adult leaders to the extent that this is possible. However, should a situation persist or become uncontrollable, the parent/guardian will be contacted and informed of the problem. Should the situation be urgent, the parent/guardian will be contacted immediately and will be responsible for picking up the youth from an event or providing for his/her transportation home.

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Signature Page

Keep the previous page outlining the covenant and return this page before participating in UMYF activities.

Youth and Parent/Guardian Signature:

In signing this covenant, I vow that I have read and understand the Youth Covenant of Conduct (Sept 2011-Aug 2012). I recognize that a covenant is a binding promise, and my signature is testimony that I agree to adhere to the provisions of this covenant.

Signature of Youth _____

Date _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

Date _____