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**St. Andrew's United Methodist Church
COVENANT STATEMENT AND VOLUNTEER APPLICATION
FOR CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH MINISTRIES**

The congregation of St. Andrew's United Methodist Church is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for all children, youth, at risk individuals and volunteers 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 would enter and as a place in which all people can experience the love of God through relationships with others.

1. No adult who has been convicted of child abuse (either sexual abuse, physical abuse, or emotional abuse) should volunteer to work with children, youth or at risk individuals in any church sponsored activity.
2. All adult lead volunteers involved with children, youth or at risk individuals of our church must have been members of the congregation or is personally known to the ministry leader for at least six months before beginning a volunteer assignment.
3. Adult volunteers with children, youth or at risk individuals should observe the "Two-Adult Rule" at all times so that no adult is ever alone with children, youth or at risk individuals.
4. Adult volunteers with children, youth or at risk individuals shall attend regular training and Educational events provided by the church to keep volunteers informed of church policies and state laws regarding child abuse.
5. Adult volunteers shall immediately report to their supervisor any behavior that seems abusive or inappropriate.

Name: _____ Maiden Name: _____
(First, Middle, Last) (First, Middle, Last)

Other Names Used _____

Current Address: _____

How Long at Current Address? _____

Former Address: _____

How Long at Former Address? _____

Day Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Previous work experience: _____

Previous volunteer experience: _____

Driver License No. _____ State _____ Social Security No. _____

Birthdate: _____ Gender: _____

References: Please list three personal references (people who are not related to you by blood or marriage) and provide a complete address and phone information for each. References are confidential.

1. Name: _____
Address: _____
Daytime Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____
Relationship to reference: _____

2. Name: _____
Address: _____
Daytime Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____
Relationship to reference: _____

3. Name: _____
Address: _____
Daytime Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____
Relationship to reference: _____

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Please answer each of the following questions:

1. As a volunteer in this congregation, do you agree to observe and abide by all church policies regarding working in ministries with children, youth and at risk individuals? Yes No

2. As a volunteer in this congregation, do you agree to observe the “Two-Adult Rule” at all times?
 Yes No

3. As a volunteer 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 volunteer in this congregation, do you agree to promptly report abusive or inappropriate behavior to your ministry staff person? Yes No

5. Have you ever been charged resulting in a conviction, pleaded guilty, or pleaded no contest to a crime, either a misdemeanor or a felony (including but not limited to drug-related charges, child abuse, other crimes of violence, improper conduct involving a minor or an at risk individual, theft, or motor vehicle violations)?
 No Yes (if yes, please explain fully)

6. As a volunteer in this congregation, are you aware of having any traits or tendencies that could pose any threat to children, youth and/or at risk individuals?
 No Yes (if yes, please explain fully)

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

I recognize that SAUMC to which this application is being submitted is relying on the accuracy of the information contained herein. Accordingly, I attest and affirm that all of the information that I have provided is absolutely true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

I authorize SAUMC to contact any person or entity listed in this application, and I further authorize any such person or entity to provide SAUMC with information, opinions, and impressions relating to my background and/or qualifications.

I further voluntarily release SAUMC and any such person or entity listed herein from liability involving the communication of information relating to my background or qualifications. I further authorize SAUMC or its agent to conduct a criminal background investigation and /or a Motor Vehicle Report as they deem appropriate.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Please return in *sealed envelope* to the Director of Christian Education