

Plainfield United Methodist Church

Covenant Statement for Ministries with Children, Youth, and Vulnerable Persons

The Congregation of Plainfield United Methodist Church is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for all children, youth, vulnerable persons, and volunteers who participate in ministries and activities sponsored by the church. The Safe Sanctuaries policy 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. That being true, we will abide by the following:

1. No adult who has been convicted of abuse (either sexual abuse, physical abuse, emotional abuse, or neglect) should volunteer to work with children, youth, or vulnerable persons in any church-sponsored activity.
2. Adult survivors of child abuse need the love and support of our congregation. Adult survivors volunteering to work with children, youth, or vulnerable persons are encouraged to talk with the senior pastor before accepting an assignment.
3. Adult volunteers and paid staff with children, youth, and vulnerable persons shall observe all policies as outlined in the Safe Sanctuaries policy.
4. Adult volunteers with children, youth, and vulnerable persons shall attend required training and educational events provided by the church to keep volunteers informed of church policies regarding abuse.
5. Adult volunteers shall immediately report to their supervisor any behavior that seems abusive or inappropriate.

Please answer each of the following questions:

1. Do you agree to observe and abide by all church policies regarding working in ministries with children, youth, and vulnerable persons? YES NO
2. Do you agree to participate in training and education events provided by the church related to your assignment? YES NO
3. Do you agree to promptly report abusive or inappropriate behavior to your supervisor or to the Pastoral staff? YES NO
4. Do you agree to inform the senior pastor of this congregation if you have ever been convicted of abuse? YES NO

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

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Print Full Name _____