

## **PARTICIPANT COVENANT STATEMENT FOR SERVICE IN YOUTH & CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

Congregation of St. Francisville United Methodist Church 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 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.

- No adult who has been convicted of child abuse (either sexual abuse, physical abuse, or emotional abuse) should volunteer to work with children or youth in any church-sponsored activity.
- No adult who is or has been the subject of a criminal investigation of either sexual abuse or physical abuse should volunteer to work with children or youth in any church-sponsored activity.
- Adult volunteers who work with children or youth shall observe the "Two Adult Rule" at all times so that no adult is ever alone with children or youth.
- Adult volunteers who work with children and youth shall attend regular training and educational events provided by the church to keep volunteers informed of church policies and state laws regarding child abuse.

### **Please answer the following questions:**

1. As a staff member or volunteer in this congregation, do you agree to observe and abide by all church policies regarding working with children and youth?

Yes  No

2. As a staff member or 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

3. As a staff member or volunteer in this congregation, do you agree to promptly report abusive or inappropriate behavior to your supervisor?

Yes  No

4. As a staff member or volunteer in this congregation, do you agree to inform the Pastor of this congregation if you have ever been the subject of a criminal investigation of either child sexual abuse or physical abuse or who have been convicted of either child sexual abuse or physical abuse?

Yes  No

**I have read this Participant 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**

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**Print Full Name**