

ADULT COVENANT

Youth @ General Synod 2011

Thank you for serving as an **Adult Group Coordinator, Leader** and/or **Chaperone** during the *Youth@General Synod* program from July 29 – July 5, 2011. Your presence and care for youth are critical to both this youth program and to the vitality of your youth ministries. The following guidelines and covenant have been developed to help you in your respective roles and to foster an intentionally covenanted partnership in our work with youth at this event.

Please read the details of the Adult Covenant below and sign at the bottom:

- † Because God calls us to be a community of faith and leaders in Christ's Church, I covenant with God and all others engaged in this ministry to conduct myself in a manner that promotes a community of faith at all our meetings.
- † I understand and accept that *Youth@General Synod* includes programming and service projects as well as scheduled and unscheduled opportunities and events at General Synod.
- † I covenant to be responsible, along with the other adults in my registered youth group, for the supervision of our youth at all times and for the duration of this event.
- † I covenant to work in partnership with the national staff and other youth leaders and chaperones as needed to support the *Youth@General Synod* Program.
- † I will model a positive attitude and spirit of generosity, compassion and service at General Synod and in the wider community we seek to serve and learn from in our time together. I will encourage others to do the same.
- † I will be intentionally visible and interactive with the youth participants from my group.
- † I will help communicate firm check-in times, curfews, and policies and program updates as needed so my youth group will clearly understand expectations of them during this event.
- † I will treat all people with dignity and respect.
- † I will respect the property of all people and places where meetings occur.
- † I will honor all laws regarding the use of tobacco and smoke only in designated areas or outside the building.
- † I will not bring or use alcohol or illicit drugs, realizing that such behavior is not appropriate for adult chaperones and would require my dismissal from this body.
- † I will not engage in any form of sexual activity.

- † I will observe the following guidelines for visiting the rooms of others:
 - ❖ There will be no opposite gender visitation in the dorm rooms.
 - ❖ Doors should be closed when rooms are occupied.
 - ❖ Visitation will only be in public areas and during lunch, dinner, and optional time.
- † If informed or aware that sexual misconduct has occurred; I will discuss the situation with the person harassed and assure that it is reported to the designated youth staff.
- † I will be mindful of my roommate's right to privacy.
- † I will honor my responsibility to be punctual and prepared, including honoring curfews.
- † As an adult, I am responsible for providing safe space and a Christian role model for youth.
- † I understand and accept responsibility for screening and conducting background checks for adult chaperones with my group. If my local church, association or conference is without a *Safe Church Policy and Adult Volunteer Disclosure Form*, it is my responsibility to secure a form for this purpose. I acknowledge a form is downloadable at www.ucc.org/youth/synod.

I have read and understand the Covenant I am signing. I understand that violation of this Covenant could result in my returning home at my own expense before the event's conclusion.

Participant Signature _____ Date _____

Print Name _____

Name of Group: _____

Name of Trip Coordinator _____

Email: _____ Telephone #: _____

THANK YOU FOR SHARING IN THIS COVENANT!

Email* one PDF copy to **middletonw@ucc.org**

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(* along with one copy of all Covenants and Medical Release Form)