

St. Mark's United Methodist Church APPLICATION FOR WORKING WITH MINORS & VULNERABLE ADULTS

Our church cares about the minors and vulnerable adults in our programs and desires to ensure their safety while they are in the church's supervision. Because we care for minors and vulnerable adults, our church asks any person who will be providing supervision/leadership with minors and vulnerable adults to complete this disclosure form. The information obtained on this form is for internal use by St. Mark's UMC only. Please answer each question below. **Your responses will be treated confidentially.**

Name (include middle initial): _____ Date of Birth (Month/Day/Year) ____/____/____

List any other names used (e.g. maiden): _____

Current address (Include City, State, County): _____

List last 2 Addresses _____

Social Security Number _____

Home Telephone (include area code) _____ Business telephone _____

Occupation and current employer _____ Email Address _____

As an employee/volunteer at St. Mark's UMC, do you agree to observe all church policies regarding working with minors and vulnerable adults? YES NO

Have you ever been convicted of a criminal offense? YES NO

Do you have any criminal charges pending? YES NO

Have you ever been convicted of child neglect or abuse? YES NO

Do you have any charges of child neglect or abuse pending? YES NO

In addition to the above, is there any fact or circumstance involving you or your background that would call into question your being entrusted with the supervision, guidance, and care of children, young people, or vulnerable adults?(If yes, explain in detail on a separate page, including dates and locations)

YES NO

If you will be transporting minors or vulnerable adults:

Do you have a driver's license? YES NO

List the state and driver's license number: _____

List three references, other than family members, who are familiar with your character as it relates to working with minors and vulnerable adults. (Name, address, telephone number, relationship) _____

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List all the churches you have attended regularly for the past 5 years. (Name and location)

List all the organizations through which you have volunteered with minors and/or vulnerable adults in the past 5 years (include location)

Have you volunteered in church ministries before?YES NO

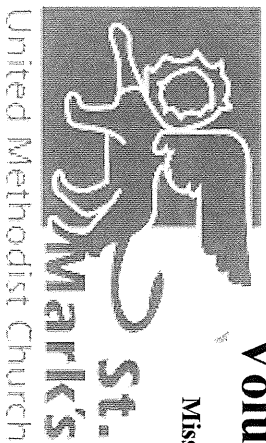
If yes, in what capacities? _____

The information that I have provided may be verified by contacting persons named on this application or by contacting any person or organization that may have any information concerning me. I hereby release and agree to hold harmless from liability any person or organization that provides information. I also agree to hold harmless St. Mark's United Methodist Church, and its paid staff members and volunteers. I waive any right to inspect any information provided about me by any person, organization, or investigative agency. In signing this application, I agree to be guided by the policies and regulations of St. Mark's United Methodist Church. I affirm that the information I have given on this form is true, correct and complete. By signing below I consent to a criminal and drivers record check to be conducted immediately and to be repeated periodically in the future.

Signature of applicant _____

Date _____

Volunteer Covenant



Mission: to build a family of believers who glorify God and help each other become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ

Vision: renewing lives/restoring families/reviving the community

Plan: love with a passion, disciple with a purpose, worship with everything and serve wholeheartedly

St. Mark's offers a unique setting for ministry to and with children, youth and vulnerable adults. There is a special "assumed" covenant that is created when families entrust their loved ones to our care. Each child, youth or vulnerable adult is a person of immeasurable worth. As such, we must, at all times, abide by this assumed covenant and care for others in a Godly manner.

The calling of God to volunteer in one of these ministries is a high and holy calling. Through prayer and study, God equips us to carry out the responsibilities of being an instrument in leading others to know our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. In responding to this call, please commit yourself to the following guidelines and then return and sign the covenant.

As a volunteer with children, youth or vulnerable adults at St. Mark's UMC

I am committed to Jesus.

- I have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, which I desire to model by sharing the stories of Jesus.
- I desire to grow in my faith and commitment to God through personal study or group Bible study opportunities.

I am committed to my church.

- I will attend worship service regularly.
- I will support the doctrinal beliefs of the United Methodist Church, as it relates to my teaching.
- I will use only approved curriculum and resources.
- I will frugally use the resources provided and will see that all supplies and equipment are taken care of and stored properly.
- I will follow directions and rules set up by church leadership.

I am committed to this responsibility.

- I will act in an appropriate and Christian manner with each person I come into contact with.
- I will at all times, act in ways that glorify and honor God.
- I will live by the understanding that, as a person in authority, it is my responsibility to avoid inappropriate physical contact with the children, youth or vulnerable adults in my care.
- I will refrain from verbal abuse, including put-downs, inappropriate jokes, sarcasm, and racial slurs.
- I will discipline with kindness and grace and will refrain from all forms of corporal punishment.
- I will make it my primary responsibility to minister to the needs of those in my care, and not my own.
- I will not intentionally engage in any activities that may endanger the safety or well-being of those in my care.
- I will promptly report any abusive or inappropriate behavior to the ministry leader.
- I have not been convicted or involved in any child-related felonies or abuse.
- I will inform and/or discuss with a minister of this congregation if I am a survivor of child abuse.
- I will participate in training events periodically to improve my teaching and/or volunteering skills.

In obedience to God's call, and after prayerful consideration, I commit to the above guidelines to be a volunteer with children, youth and/or vulnerable adults at St. Mark's UMC. In addition, I have read St. Mark's four page "Safety Policy for Children, Youth and Vulnerable Adults" and I commit to the guidelines outlined in it.

Your signature: _____

Date _____

Please print name here: _____