

Participation Covenant Statement

The congregation of Pine Valley United Methodist Church is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for all children, youth, volunteers and senior adults 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 (ether sexual abuse, physical abuse or emotional abuse) should volunteer to work with children, youth or senior adults in any church-sponsored activity.
2. All adult volunteers involved with children or youth of our church must have been known to the congregation for at least six months, as a regular visitor or member, before beginning a volunteer assignment.
3. Adult volunteers with children and youth shall observe the "Two-Adult Rule" at all times so that no adult is ever alone with children or youth.
4. Adult volunteers with children and youth shall attend regular training and education events provided by the church to keep volunteers informed of church policies and state laws regarding child abuse.

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 and youth?
_____ 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 abide by the six-month rule before beginning a volunteer assignment? _____ Yes _____ No
4. 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
5. As a volunteer in this congregation, do you agree to promptly report abusive or inappropriate behavior suspected? _____ Yes _____ No

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

Signature of Applicant Date

Print Full Name

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