

Advent United Methodist Volunteer Covenant

The Congregation of Advent United Methodist Church is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for all children, youth, vulnerable adults 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.

1. 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.
2. All adult volunteers involved with children or youth of our church must have attended regularly or have been members of the congregation for at least six months before beginning a volunteer assignment.
3. Adult volunteers shall observe the "Two Adult Rule, at all times so that no adult is ever alone with children or youth.
4. Adult volunteers shall immediately report to the senior pastor or pastor on call any behavior that seems abusive or inappropriate.
5. Adult volunteers agree to attend training and educational events provided by the church to keep volunteers informed of church policies.

Please answer the following questions:

1. Have you read Advent's safe sanctuary policy and agree to abide by its guidelines?
Yes No
2. As a volunteer, do you agree to abide by the "Two-Adult Rule" at all times? Yes No
3. Do you agree to abide by the "Line of Sight" rule? Yes No
4. Do you agree not to physically punish or verbally abuse students or adults at any time?
Yes No
5. Do you agree not to give gifts to individual children or youth without the prior knowledge of the parent or responsible clergy? Yes No.
6. Do you agree to report suspected abuse or inappropriate behavior by adults, youth, or children immediately to senior pastor or pastor on call immediately? Yes No
7. Do you agree not to gossip with other volunteers or church members about what you have reported to the senior pastor in order to maintain confidentiality? Yes No

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

Date

Printed Name

Signature