

Reducing the Risk of Child Abuse

Participation Covenant between BUMC congregation and those volunteers and staff working with children and youth. (08/2015)

Statement of Covenant:

As a Christian community of faith, Bozeman United Methodist Church pledges to conduct our ministry of the Gospel in ways that assure the safety and spiritual growth of all our children and youth, as well as the volunteers who work with them. We ask all our volunteers and staff to join in our commitment of preserving our church as a Holy place of safety and protection.

Please read the following statements, and write "yes" or "no".

I have been an active part of BUMC for at least six months. _____

I have been charged with, convicted of, or admitted to child abuse or neglect, sexual abuse, assault, or other acts of violence. _____

(If you answer yes, please explain on the reverse, and our pastor will contact you.)

Please read the following covenant statements regarding your work with our children and youth. Write "yes" after each one you agree to, and then sign and date the bottom.

I will serve the children/youth of BUMC in a safe and nurturing manner. _____

I agree to observe the "Two Volunteer Rule". (This means that at least two volunteers, one of whom shall be an adult, will be with any child.) _____

I will wear my nametag. (This is important for easy identification that you are a part of our ministry.) _____

I will immediately discuss any abusive or inappropriate behavior with the Director of Christian Education and our pastor. _____

Please Print Your Name

Signature

Date