

**PARTICIPATION COVENANT STATEMENT
TEMPLE TERRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

The congregation of Temple Terrace United Methodist Church is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for all children, youth, 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.

- All volunteers involved with children and youth of our church and all paid staff will observe the Child and Youth Protection Policy at all times. Abuse or neglect of children/youth will not be tolerated.
- No person who has been convicted of child abuse (either sexual abuse, physical abuse, or emotional abuse) may work with children or youth in any church-sponsored activity.
- All people involved in working with children or youth of our church must have been active participants of the congregation for at least six months before beginning a volunteer assignment.
- All people involved in working with children and youth of our church will attend regular training and educational events provided by the church to keep volunteers informed of church policies and laws regarding child abuse.
- All people involved in working with children and youth of our church will immediately report to their supervisor any behavior that seems abusive or inappropriate.

I have read and understand the Child and Youth Protection Policy.

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

Signature of Applicant

Date