

**Sharon United Methodist Church/Weekday School  
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## **Safe Sanctuary Participation Covenant Statement**

The congregation of Sharon 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. As a Christian community of faith, we pledge to conduct the ministry of the gospel in ways that assure the safety and spiritual growth of all children and youth, as well as those who work with them. We will follow reasonable safety measures in the selection and recruitment of staff. We will implement prudent operational procedures in all programs, events, and camps. We will educate all our workers with children and youth regarding the use of all appropriate policies and methods. We will have a clearly defined procedure for reporting a suspected incident of abuse that conforms to the requirements of state law, and we will be prepared to respond to media inquiries if an incident occurs.

### **Please read each of the following statements:**

1. I agree to observe and abide by all church policies regarding working in ministries with children and youth.
2. I agree to participate in training and education events provided by the church related to my assignment.
3. I agree to promptly report abusive or inappropriate behavior as spelled out in the Policy.

**I have read this Participation Covenant, and I agree to observe and abide by the policies set forth in the Safe Sanctuary Policy and Procedures.**

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Signature

Print Full Name

Date