



SAFE SANCTUARIES PARTICIPATION COVENANT STATEMENT

The congregation of First United Methodist Church of Moultrie, GA is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for all children, youth, vulnerable adults, and workers 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, neglect, emotional abuse, or ritual abuse) should volunteer to work with children or youth in any church-sponsored activity.
2. Adult workers with children, youth or vulnerable adults shall observe the "Two Adult Rule" at all times so that no adult is left alone with children, youth or vulnerable adults on a routine basis.
3. Adult workers with children, youth and vulnerable adults shall attend regular training and educational events provided by the church to keep volunteers informed of church policies and state laws regarding child abuse.
4. Adult workers shall immediately report to their supervisor any behavior that seems abusive or inappropriate.
5. A consent form to each worker for a background check and must be completed within 7 days of submission.

Please answer the following questions:

As a representative of this congregation, do you agree to observe and abide by all church policies regarding working in ministries with children, youth and vulnerable adults?

Yes No

As a representative of this congregation, do you agree to observe the "Two Adult Rule" at all times?

Yes No

As a representative of this congregation, do you agree to participate in training and education events provided by the church related to your work assignment?

Yes No

As a representative of this congregation, do you agree to promptly report abusive or inappropriate behavior to your supervisor ?

Yes No

Have you been arrested or charged with any offense in the past five years?

Yes No

Have you **EVER** been charged or arrested with an offense involving a child, youth or vulnerable adult ?

Yes No

If yes, answer the following:

Date of offense _____ Charges _____ Location _____

Comments:

As a representative of this congregation do you agree to inform the Pastor of Staff Development within 24 hours of an arrest or charge of a crime?

Yes No

I agree to a background check being run every 5 years as long as I am in service with Isle of Hope UMC.

Yes No

I have read this SAFE SANCTUARIES PARTICIPATION COVENANT STATEMENT, and I agree to observe and abide by the policies set forth above.

Signature _____ Email _____
(Required for background check)

Print Name _____ Date _____

Ministry Head or Area of Service _____