

## **FORM E      Participant Covenant Form**

First United Methodist Church Odessa 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 adults who have 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. Adult volunteers with children and youth shall observe the "Two-Adult Rule" at all times so that no adult is ever alone with children or youth.
3. Adult volunteers with children and youth shall attend regular training provided by the church to keep volunteers informed of church policies and state laws regarding child abuse.
4. Adult volunteers shall immediately report to their supervisor any behavior that seems abusive or inappropriate.

**Please answer each of the following questions:**

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

\_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

As a volunteer in this congregation, do you agree to observe the "Two-Adult Rule" at all times?

\_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

As a volunteer in this congregation, do you agree to participate in training events provided by the church related to your volunteer assignment?

\_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

As a volunteer in congregation, do you agree to promptly report abusive or inappropriate behavior to your supervisor?

\_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

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

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Signature of Applicant

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Date

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Print Full Name