

Salem United Church of Christ  
**Youth Ministry Covenant**

*Because...*

God calls us to be a community of faith and leaders in Christ's Church,

*And in order....*

- ~to be a safe participant in all youth activities
- ~ to build new and stronger relationships with my peers
- ~to grow in my faith and in my relationship with God,

*As a youth participant and /or as a youth leader,  
I understand and agree to the following Covenant,*

- Attendance = Participation  
I will be involved, be present, and positively participate in group activities.  
I will stay with the group at all times unless given permission to leave by an adult leader.
- Respect is mandatory:
  - Respect for ourselves, and respect for one another, recognizing that everyone's opinions and ideas are important.  
If conflicts arise, I will seek positive problem solving and peaceful solutions.
  - Respect for leaders and chaperones: I will listen and follow their direction.  
If I have concerns about adult direction, I will speak to another adult.
  - Respect for property: at the church, wherever activities take place, and for the personal property of others.
- High standards for language and behavior required.  
I will use positive and up-building language and behave in a manner that reflects Christian values.
- Communication takes place face-to-face at youth events.  
Cell phone calls and text messaging should be done before or after meetings.
- Salem youth activities are substance free.  
I understand there is zero tolerance for use or possession of alcohol, weapons, cigarettes or drugs.
- Public displays of intimacy are off limits.

*As a youth ,I understand that if I do not abide by these expectations, I may lose the privilege of attending a scheduled activity, or may be sent home at the discretion of the adult leader. As a leader, I understand the importance of helping youth to honor this covenant by following these same guidelines in my own conduct and leadership role. I will be responsible for all consequences of my behavior.*

I covenant with God, and with others to abide by these guidelines so that we might honor God and practice Christian discipleship in all of our gatherings.

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Youth Signature

Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

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Leader Signature

Date