## Fayetteville First United Methodist Church SAFE SANCTUARIES PARTICIPATION COVENANT STATEMENT

The congregation of Fayetteville First United Methodist Church 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" or maintain the "Open Door plus Floater 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.

Please answer the following questions:		Yes	No
1.	As a representative of this congregation, do you agree to promptly report abusive or		
	inappropriate behavior to your ministry area supervisor?		
2.	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?		
3.	As a representative of this congregation do you agree to inform the Senior Minister		
	within 24 hours in the event you are arrested or charged of a crime?		
4.	As a representative of this congregation, I have read the Safe Sanctuaries Policy, and I		
	agree to observe and abide by the policies and procedures set forth in that document.		
5.	I agree to a background check being run every 2 years for as long as I am in service		
	with Fayetteville First UMC.		

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

Email		
Signature		
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Print Name	Date	