

SAFE SANCTUARY RENEWAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In compliance with its Safe Sanctuary Policy and in order to provide a safe environment that allows for spiritual growth, Chelsea First United Methodist Church requires that every employee and any individual who desires to volunteer with any church related ministry involving persons under the age of 18 complete an annual safe sanctuary training renewal.

Safe Sanctuary Covenant Statement

The congregation of Chelsea First United Methodist Church is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for all children, youth, volunteers and employees 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.

- 1. No adult who has been convicted of child abuse (sexual, physical, or emotional) should volunteer to work with children or youth in any church-sponsored activity.
- 2. All Adult volunteers involved with children and/or youth must be members or regular attendees for at least six months in accordance with the "Six-Month Rule".
- 3. Adults who volunteer or work with children and/or youth shall observe the "Two-Caregiver Rule".
- 4. Adults who volunteer or work with children and/or youth should attend regular training and educational events when provided by the church to keep volunteers informed of church policies and state laws regarding child abuse.
- 5. Adult volunteers and employees shall immediately report to their supervisor any behavior that seems abusive or inappropriate.

AUTHORIZATION

I have reviewed this Safe Sanctuary Policy and aforementioned Covenant Statement, and I agree to abide by all the policies set forth herein. I agree to be bound by the policies of the Chelsea First United Methodist Church, and to refrain from illegal or unethical conduct in the performance of my services on behalf of the church.

Signature	Date	