Plainfield United Methodist Church
Covenant Statement for Children and Youth Ministries

The Congregation of Plainfield United Methodist Church is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for all children, youth, and volunteers who participate in ministries and activities sponsored by the church. The Safe Sanctuaries policy reflects out 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. That being true, we will abide by the following:

1. No adult who has been convicted of child abuse (either sexual abuse, physical abuse, emotional abuse, or neglect) should volunteer to work with children or youth in any church-sponsored activity.
2. Adult survivors of child abuse need the love and support of our congregation. Adult survivors volunteering to work with children or youth is encourages to talk with the senior pastor before accepting an assignment.
3. Adult volunteers and paid staff with children and youth shall observe all policies as outlined in the Safe Sanctuaries policy.
4. Adult volunteers with children and youth shall attend required training and educational events provided by the church to keep volunteers informed of church policies regarding child abuse.
5. Adult volunteers shall immediately report to their supervisor any behavior that seems abusive or inappropriate.

Please answer each of the following questions:

1. Do you agree to observe and abide by all church policies regarding working in ministries with children and youth? YES NO
2. Do you agree to participate in training and education events provided by the church related to your assignment? YES NO
3. Do you agree to promptly report abusive or inappropriate behavior to your supervisor or to the Pastoral staff? YES NO
4. Do you agree to inform the senior pastor of this congregation if you have ever been convicted of child abuse? YES NO

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

Signature of Applicant_____Date_____

Print Full Name_____