

## COVENANT OF BEHAVIOR

With UMYF Participants at Saint Luke United Methodist Church

For the program year of 2011-2012, I pledge myself to dedicated and disciplined commitment to Youth Fellowship at Saint Luke UMC. I promise to keep the following Ten Commandments of behavior while enjoying fellowship at UMYF.

1. *Thou shall not trespass on thy neighbor's self-esteem.* 'Putdown' language and personal jokes are not considered appropriate in our fellowship.
2. *Thou shall not speak any profane language.* What is considered profane is anything that speaks anything that speaks against God or other persons. This means comments like racial jokes, inappropriate remarks, and stereotyping.
3. *Thou shall watch the clock and participate fully.* This means being on time, meeting deadlines, listening to instructions, joining in and staying until we're finished.
4. *Thou shall respect the program facilities and behave in a manner appropriate for that setting.* This means being respectful of the property we are using, the worship environment, and God's natural environment.
5. *Thy body shall display respect for each other.* Inappropriate behavior (and you know what we mean) will not be tolerated.
6. *Thy person shall not leave the program area.* Once you arrive at UMYF, you should not leave without an adult leader's permission. This means any event at the church or away from the church.
7. *Thou shall not ride in any vehicle other than those designated for transportation to and from an event.* Enough said!!
8. *Thou shall not bring foreign items to our fellowship time.* This means **CELL PHONES**, ipods, and other distractions. God wants your full attention.
9. *Thou shall report any injuries to group leaders immediately-if not sooner.* Even if they are minor, let us know.
10. *Thou shall have fun!* Keep your sense of humor and adventurous spirit. The attitude you bring with you each Sunday night will help determine how you can be a blessing to others or receive a blessing yourself.

I have read this Covenant of Behavior and agree to abide by it at all Saint Luke UMYF functions.

Student

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and discussed this Covenant of Behavior with my youth. I also understand that a consequence of violation of the covenant may be that I will be asked to pick up my youth from the meeting or event.

Parent/Guardian

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

### A Covenant with Leaders and Parents/Guardians

I give myself in dedicated and disciplined commitment to provide leadership to the youth of St. Luke Church. I reaffirm my faith in God our Father, in Jesus Christ our Savior, and in the Holy Spirit our Guide and Guard. I acknowledge my role as a disciple of Christ and my mission to bring our youth at St. Luke fully into this community of love.

Parents/Guardians can expect leaders to:

- Provide a balance program of spiritual devotion, study of God's Word, service to our church and community and fellowship together as Christians.
- Be willing to show and share their own faith by actions and words, surrendering to Christ's leadership, open to God's purpose for our youth at St. Luke and striving to carry out His will.
- Spend time in study, training, preparation, and planning; attend and participate in the activities of the total church; make UMYF a daily priority in prayers and actions.
- Get to know each member of the youth group, encouraging them in their walk toward becoming a more mature Christian.
- Provide leadership that reflects hopefulness for a new world of love and trust in Jesus Christ.

Leaders can expect parents/guardians to:

- Promote a sense of Christian duty in their youth by emphasizing participation in church activities as a priority in their lives.
- Cultivate spiritual discipline by encouraging Bible study and family devotional time at home.
- Promote a sense of Christian mission and servanthood by participating in the total church program and especially supporting UMYF.
- Offer feedback to the leaders of UMYF in order to provide the best atmosphere for a strong youth program.
- Be involved in UMYF as chaperones, **meal planners**, program developers and givers and mentors to their own youth and others.

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_