

## A COVENANT OF ST. JAMES/CALVARY YOUTH MINISTRY, JUNE 1, 2022-2023

### WE ARE ONE IN CHRIST

*GALATIANS 3:28* There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male, and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus.

As we begin the 2022 Summer Experiences of the Youth Ministry of St. James/Calvary Lutheran Churches, we covenant with one another as One in Christ. I do understand that a covenant is a promise or agreement between two or more people. In this case, it's an agreement or promise between I, \_\_\_\_\_, the youth participating in the ministry and the leaders. This Ministry Covenant is our personal promise and commitment as to how we will intentionally care for, respect, and treat each other during our time together.

1. I agree to honor each other as members of God's family by respecting the views and opinions of others. I agree that I am called to be responsible and respectful to others, those in the ministry in which I participate in and to the church family of the congregations I represent. I will remember that I am a Child of God and will promise to participate in the activities shared and will do my part in carrying out the work that has been giving to me.
2. I agree to care for those within our group. I will assist others when a need arises, pick up after each other, assist with cooking and cleaning when needed and I will respect each other's space, property, and time. I will treat the facility we are using with respect and will treat others like I would like to be treated.
3. I agree to never go out on my own. I agree to ask an adult if I may go on a walk, run, swim, etc.. I will let an adult know where I will be going and with whom I will be partnering with before I go on a walk, go into the ocean, lake, or pool, go running or to move away from our group. The buddy system will be used at all times.
3. I expect our adult leaders to be respectful to all and to lead and guide with the love of Christ just as I will do the same towards them.
5. I agree to the following:
  - Use of personal electronic equipment (i.e. cell phones, iPods, iPads, tablets, etc.) can be used at appropriate times but not on the mission trip work site, during God Time, Worship Time, etc.. It is recommended that cell phones be placed aside to allow conversation, fun and laughter to take place.

- I promise to be courteous and respectful to each other as well as to those that may be around me, (ie. restaurants, restroom stops, shopping, etc.)
- I will participate in positive and healthy conversations, laughter, and will help create fun and positive memories that will last a lifetime for myself and for others. In order to make this happen, I will not participate in gossip, pranks, offensive language or other activities that may be disrespectful and/or hurtful to others.
- I will not bring nor will I participate in the use of tobacco, illegal substances, alcoholic beverages, vaping or sexual activity of any kind. I understand that this behavior will not be tolerated and I fully understand that if I'm caught participating in any of the above activities, a phone call will be made to my parents or guardian and arrangements will be made for me to be picked up as soon as possible.

6. When someone fails to follow the covenant, we will handle the problem in the following manner:

- A conversation will be shared to clear up any misunderstandings.
- A phone call will be made to my parents/guardians, pending upon the severity of the promise broken, and arrangements will be made for them to promptly pick me up at our location.
- As a parent or guardian, I understand that if called and requested to do so, I will travel to the location of the ministry as quickly as possible to pick up my child.

\_\_\_\_\_ (Parent's initials)

I fully understand and willingly agree to abide by this covenant and the expectations of the ministry.

Youth Participant, (Print): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Participant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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