

# Harambee Chaperone Safe Sanctuary Verification

This form must accompany all chaperone registrations and requires the signature of the pastor, confirming that a background check has been completed and the chaperone meets the minimum safe sanctuary screening requirements and will practice prevention procedures while serving as a youth chaperone for the SEJ Black Methodist for Church Renewal Youth Harambee event of The United Methodist Church.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (print pastor's name) of (list church name)

\_\_\_\_\_ acknowledge that the following volunteer(s) please list below:

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participating as leadership team and chaperones for the SEJ-BMCR Youth Harambee meets the minimum screening standards and will practice prevention procedures while serving as a youth chaperone and/or counselor(s) for the event taking place at **Lane College, Jackson, TN June 21-26,2022**

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Pastor's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Volunteer Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Volunteer Signature

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Date

**Reporting Abuse.** Any incident causing belief that a child's or youth's physical or emotional welfare has been or may be adversely affected by abuse or neglect by any person, will be immediately reported to the coordinator/chair in charge of the event.

The persons in charge of the activity, event, or ministry and/or the person witnessing the incident will immediately suspend and/or remove the alleged abuser from any contact with children or youth, including any duties that involve children or youth, pending internal and external investigation of the incident. The persons in charge of the activity, event or ministry will immediately inform the child's parents of the incident, and then the SEJ Coordinator and event coordinator will notify the appropriate legal and state authorities pursuant to T.C.A. 37-1-605 and 37-1-613. The Coordinator will notify the District Superintendent or the Bishop of the area as appropriate to the situation.

**Covenant Statement**

As a Christian community of faith and a United Methodist congregation, we pledge to conduct the ministry of the gospel in ways that assure the physical safety and spiritual growth of all our children and youth as well as all of the workers with children and youth. We will follow reasonable safety measures in the selection and recruitment of workers; we will implement prudent operational procedures in all programs and events; we will educate all of our workers of children and youth regarding the use of all appropriate policies and methods (including first aid and methods of discipline); we will have a clearly defined procedure for reporting a suspected incident of abuse that conforms to the requirement of state law; and we will refer media inquiries if an incident occurs to the appropriate Bishop's Office.

Chaperone Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Chaperone Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Chaperone Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Chaperone Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_