



First Alliance Church

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Resource User Agreement

User Name: _____

User Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Contact Number: _____ Alt. Number: _____

Date(s) of Use: _____ Pick-Up Time: _____ Drop-Off Time: _____

THIS AGREEMENT is made by and between the above named person(s), hereinafter referred to as “User(s)” and First Alliance Church, for good and valuable consideration and for the mutual covenants and conditions herein contained, the parties agree as follows:

Whereas, the usage cost for the date(s) and time(s) set out above is \$ _____. First Alliance Church does not charge or require any gratuity charge or tip. The full cost must be paid at least seven (7) days prior to the event, which date is _____.

Whereas, the “per day” cost is calculated in twenty-four (24) hour increments, beginning at the pick-up time designated above and ending at the drop-off time designated above.

Whereas, use of resources is scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis. A non-secured reservation may be held for forty eight (48) hours after the initial request is made, however; the User Agreement must be received within the forty eight (48) hours to guarantee the reservation. No reservation is guaranteed or confirmed unless/until this User Agreement is signed and returned.

Conditions:

1. Damages:

User(s) assumes full responsibility for the proper handling of resources upon possession, and agrees to pay full replacement cost for lost or damaged items. A representative of First Alliance Church will inspect the items upon return and assess any fees for minor damage that does not render the item unusable in an amount not totaling more than half of the usage rate for the item.

2. Payments:

Payment made with a personal check must be paid at least seven (7) days prior to the date of the date of use. Any personal check not honored by the bank may result in cancellation of use, unless the usage fees plus assessed bank service charges, are paid in cash within five (5) days after notice to the User(s).

3. Cancellations:

If User(s) cancels for any reason within five (5) days prior to the event date, all parties agree that a processing fee in the amount of 50% of the total usage cost will be charged for cancelled reservations. If User(s) cancel for any reason on or between six (6) days to ten (10) days prior to the event date, all parties agree that a processing fee in the amount of 25% of the total usage cost will be charged for cancelled reservations. Any fees, paid in advance, shall be fully refunded to User(s) within two (2) weeks of cancellation. No fee will be charged if a cancellation is made eleven (11) days or more in advance.

If First Alliance Church, its officers, affiliates, agents, servants, employees, its personal representatives, successors and assigned agents must cancel any usage agreement for any reason that is not due to cancellation by User(s) or User(s)'s non-payment or non-compliance of the terms and provisions of this Usage Agreement, a full refund of the fees paid by User(s), shall be refunded to User(s) within five (5) days of cancellation. First Alliance Church is hereby released of any further liability from any and all unforeseeable damages.

4. Pick-Up and Drop-Off Time:

Pick-up and drop-off times are strictly enforced in order to prepare First Alliance Church for other scheduled events.

5. Cleaning and Condition:

Resources from First Alliance Church will be delivered cleaned to User(s). User(s) is expected to return them in the same condition as received.

6. Usage Rates

| Item | Max. # Available |
|--------------------------|------------------|
| Rectangular Tables (6') | 3 |
| Rectangular Tables (8') | 5 |
| Round Tables (60") | 24 |
| Metal Folding Chairs | 140 |
| Round, White Tablecloths | 24 |
| Easy-Up Canopy (10') | 2 |
| Easy-Up Canopy (12') | 1 |

Christian Community Policy of First Alliance Church of the Christian and Missionary Alliance

I. Our Christian Community

First Alliance Church (the “Church”) of The Christian and Missionary Alliance (the “C&MA”) is a Christian community that exists to exercise and express our Christian beliefs and Christian mission. These beliefs include those set forth in the Statement of Faith and other sections of the Manual of the C&MA (the “Manual”) and additional beliefs set forth in this Policy or in other policies adopted by the Church governing body.

We exercise and express our beliefs in various ways, including:

- i. *As a Community.* We believe that God calls people to live out their faith in community with other believers, and that through such community we understand and nurture more fully the mystery of the gospel, the glory of God, the dignity and image of God which He has bestowed upon us, and the intimacy and joy for which God created us. Accordingly, we believe that our Christian community is itself an exercise and expression of our Christian beliefs; and
- ii. *Through Our Activities.* We believe that all of our activities should express our beliefs and be rendered in service to God as a form of worship. As such, all Church activities further our Christian mission or purposes and are an exercise and an expression by the Church, and by each participating representative, of our Christian beliefs.

Our Christian community members include both representatives and participants. Our community representatives include pastors, officers, senior leadership team members, employees, volunteers, and formal church members. The participants in the life of our community include non-member attendees, guests, and contractors/vendors. These participants contribute to our Christian community, but they do not represent the Church unless they are also serving in one of the representative roles identified above.

II. General Standards of Our Christian Community: Standards for Community Activities and Facility Use

In furtherance of its mission, the Church engages in activities and provides facilities for evangelism, discipleship, Bible studies, worship services, conferences, retreats, education, and other activities. We engage in such activities and use our facilities solely to exercise and express our Christian beliefs and to further our Christian mission or purposes. In furtherance of our purposes, we may provide services or goods to, and may allow use of our facilities by, other groups and persons who are not associated with the Church or the C&MA. But we may prohibit any activity, or any use of Church facilities by another group or person, if we determine that such activity or use either:

- i. expresses a view contrary to our Christian beliefs,
- ii. is inconsistent with any applicable Christian community standards adopted by the Church from time to time, or
- iii. materially undermines our ability to accomplish our mission or act in furtherance of our purposes.

III. Implementation

A. Compliance with Community Standards

1. Spiritual Discernment

The determination as to whether any particular representative, participant, activity, or use of Church facilities complies with the applicable standards requires spiritual discernment applied to each particular circumstance and shall be made in the sole discretion of the Church leaders designated by the governing body. With respect to uses by other groups or persons, the Church may consider without limitation both the content of the proposed activities and whether the group or person is generally perceived as advocating views contrary to its Christian beliefs.

2. Mission-Based Exceptions

In some situations, the Church may best exercise and express its beliefs and advance its mission through a representative, participant, activity, or facility use not in compliance with one or more of the applicable community standards. If the governing body determines, in its sole discretion, that such a situation exists, then the governing body shall have the discretion to authorize an exception to this Policy. Any representative or participant granted an exception shall be asked to respect our Christian beliefs, our mission, and our community standards.

B. Delegated Authority

To exercise or express our Christian beliefs more fully, the governing body may establish additional standards based on our Christian beliefs for the activities and facilities at the Church or for Church representatives or other community participants.

IV. Additional Standards for Our Community

In response to current cultural trends, we have determined to articulate more specifically our Christian beliefs and associated community standards on the following subjects.

A. Human Sexuality and Marriage

1. Our Christian Beliefs

The Church expressly adopts as its Christian beliefs the Statement on Human Sexuality and the Statement on Marriage-Divorce-Remarriage, as currently stated in the C&MA Manual.

2. Standards for Community Activities

Our beliefs regarding human sexuality and marriage shall apply in all policies and programs in the Church Christian community. Among other things, in our policies and programs we will recognize only marriages consistent with our Christian beliefs. Any events in Church facilities pertaining to marriage (e.g., weddings, receptions, anniversary celebrations) must involve only marriages

consistent with our Christian beliefs. We may designate certain activities, facilities, or rooms, including restrooms and locker rooms, for participation or use by a single sex, and only individuals having the designated sex as determined in accordance with our beliefs may participate in such activities or use such facilities or rooms. Also, no pornographic materials may be present in any of our facilities or activities.

3. Standards for Community Participants

We expect all guest groups to respect our Christian beliefs while participating in our activities or using our facilities. We do not accept guest groups whose primary mission or objectives are to promote, encourage, or support views in conflict with our beliefs, even if that is not the intended purpose of their event. For example, we would not host a Christian group formed to affirm same sex relationships even if the group's event objectives were consistent with our beliefs.

B. Religious Activities

We engage solely in activities that further our Christian mission or purposes. Because we believe that all such activities are conducted in service to God as means for spiritual growth, we consider these activities to be a form of worship. We distinguish between exclusively religious activities and integrated religious activities. Exclusively religious activities refer to activities that primarily further only religious purposes, such as devotional worship or Christian education. Integrated religious activities refer to activities that substantially further both religious and nonreligious purposes. Such activities are often similar to activities conducted by nonreligious organizations and may include certain educational programs, athletic, cultural, humanitarian, and social service activities. We conduct such activities in response to God's calling and in furtherance of and in accordance with our Christian beliefs. In addition, we present our Christian viewpoints in such activities as applicable.

With respect to restrictions that may be imposed on the use of funds, facilities, or other benefits, we shall not agree to any restriction that would preclude us from conducting our integrated religious activities in furtherance of our Christian mission and in accordance with our Christian beliefs. To the extent consistent with this commitment, we may agree not to use designated funds, facilities, or benefits for exclusively religious activities.

Additional Notes:

First Alliance Church reserves the right to refuse usage of resources to any person(s) for any reason deemed necessary.

The resources of First Alliance Church cannot be sub-leased by User(s) for any reason.

Any changes to this agreement must be handwritten on the face of this original Agreement and shall be initialed by all parties hereto.

By signing this agreement, User(s) acknowledge the amount of the fees to be paid to First Alliance Church and agree to be responsible for payment in full in accordance with this agreement.

Consent and Release:

I have read this Agreement and hereby covenant and agree to all of the general terms and specific conditions set out and, in particular, hereby covenant and agree that I am personally responsible and obligated to pay all charges due First Alliance Church in accordance with the conditions outlined therein. I further acknowledge and agree that any breach of any of the conditions may result in the termination of my right to use the resources at the discretion of First Alliance Church.

_____ **User(s)** **Date**

In consideration of the covenants and agreements made by the User(s), I hereby accept this application on behalf of First Alliance Church so as to permit the User(s) the right to use the resources specified at the time or times specified there in.

_____ **Representative of First Alliance Church** **Date**