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## **Covenant of Conduct for Children and Youth Participating in Core Creek Methodist Church Activities**

It is essential that children and youth are made aware of their boundaries in terms of their own behavior while participating in church activities. Likewise, leaders working with children and young people should be extended the courtesy and respect which their leadership role deserves. (At this point, we are considering Children as K-5<sup>th</sup> grade and Youth as 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade.)

As a group and in order that young people will enjoy, benefit from and feel safe while participating in church activities the group will –

1. Be kind to and treat each other with respect regardless of ability, ethnic origin, and cultural background.
2. Respect all church property and the property of others as well as taking care of our own.
3. Not engage in bullying of any kind and report any such behavior if we become aware of it.
4. Be fair and honest in all our dealings with other children and leaders so as not to hurt any others by what we say or do.
5. Report any behavior that makes us feel uncomfortable to the person in charge or someone designated for this purpose.
6. Actively engage in the activity and contribute to the best of our ability in an age-appropriate manner.
7. Follow the instructions and directions of the activity leader.
8. Arrive on time and depart at the appropriate time from the church activity.
9. Always remain in a supervised area during the church activity.
10. Not have in my possession any substances or materials that may pose harm to myself, other young people, the activity leaders, or the property in which the activity is held.
11. Not take audio or video recordings of anyone present at the church activity without the approval and monitoring of activity leaders.
12. Keep mobile phones on silent or switched off and left in a box designated for that purpose by the activity leader.
13. All clothing shall be in good taste. Revealing clothes and t-shirts with offensive slogans are not allowed.
14. The areas used for meetings, retreats, games, etc. shall be left clean. All persons are expected to help clean up.

This Covenant of Conduct is important therefore, all children and youth participating in related church activities and their parents/guardians sign the document to show they understand and accept its contents.

Signed:\_\_\_\_\_ Signed:\_\_\_\_\_  
Child/Youth/participant Parent/Guardian

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