

First United Methodist Church Dothan Safe Sanctuaries Covenant

FUMC Dothan is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for all children, youth, and volunteers who participate in ministries and activities. The following policy statements reflect our commitment to preserving this campus as a holy place of safety and protection for all who enter and as a place in which all people can experience the love of God.

- Adult volunteers with children and youth shall observe the “Two-Adult” rule at all times so that no adult is ever alone with children or youth.
- To be considered an adult authority figure, volunteers with children and youth shall be at least 21 years old.
- Adult volunteers with children and youth shall participate in training regarding Safe Sanctuaries guidelines.
- Adult volunteers shall immediately report to church staff any behavior that seems abusive or inappropriate.
- Any adult who has been convicted of child abuse (sexual, physical, or emotional) cannot volunteer to work with children or youth in any church-sponsored activity.

Please initial each of the following statements with which you agree:

1. _____ I understand and agree to observe and abide by the Safe Sanctuaries Policy.
2. _____ I agree to the “Two Adult” Rule at all times.
3. _____ I agree to participate in Safe Sanctuary training.
4. _____ I agree to promptly report to church staff any abusive or inappropriate behavior that I may observe.

I have read the Safe Sanctuaries Policy and this Covenant, and I agree to observe and abide by the policies set forth above.

Signature of Staff/Volunteer

Date _____

Printed Full Name of Staff/Volunteer