

The Heartland Children/Youth¹ Ministry Conduct Covenant

(Please check each as a sign of your intent)

Our desire is to encourage and strengthen youth to become disciples of Jesus. We realize that we are all in process and that none of us is perfect – obviously. What we understand is that in working with youth our attitudes and lifestyle are being observed by youth and have significant influence on them. That is why we have this selection process for youth leaders.

Living A Christian Lifestyle

- I am aware that my life is an example and that youth look to me and learn from my lifestyle. They watch my walk before they listen to my talk.
- My lifestyle reveals that my highest priority is knowing and walking with God. My lifestyle is above reproach when evaluated by those who are closest to me.
- I have a good reputation among nonbelievers in the way that I pay my bills, manage my affairs and react to situations.
- I will not use vulgar language, drink or smoke while in close proximity (time and space) of youth, youth functions or church functions.
- I do not use illegal drugs (i.e. pot etc.), drink alcohol excessively, view pornography, or take part in other harmful addictions.
- I am devoted to my spouse and I realize that my highest calling is ministry within my family (if married).

Growing Towards Spiritual Vitality

- I have sought God's help in restoring broken relationships from my past. I am walking in freedom from the bitterness that can result from past brokenness.
- I am not quick tempered and I am able to be in relationship with other people in a gentle and mild-mannered way.
- I take advantage of opportunities to do good to all people and to build them up.
- I have put into place practices in my life that helps me grow towards emotional and spiritual maturity(such as prayer and the study of scripture)
- I recognize that spiritual vitality is contagious and I desire to pursue and seek God with all my heart.

¹ The term "youth" refers to any minor – which will include children and youth.

- I will seek to help our youth grow in relationship with Jesus, connect with the family of God and nurture them in a life of discipleship.
- I work towards communicating the Word of God to others in an understandable manner and am able to handle those who disagree with me in a patient and gentle manner.

Being A Team Player

- I am aware that I am part of the youth ministry team and my actions and attitudes affect the team and the mission of God.
- I will collaborate with and be supportive of other volunteers and leaders. I want to make my teammates better and help them be successful.
- I seek to be a humble person. I will learn from others, seek feedback about my work, and will participate (if requested) in educational and training programs to develop my knowledge and skills relating to youth ministry. I will seek correction when needed.
- I am able to set aside my own preferences in order to serve the purpose of the team. I do not use a position of leadership to oppress people.
- I have developed a dislike for becoming involved in quarrels.
- I will listen, respect the views of others and will not make any disparaging remarks or gossip about others.
- I will be part of this ministry to serve God and others, not as a means to satisfy my own need for power, position or to be needed.
- I will do whatever I can to be an active and reliable team member.
- I will pray for my teammates and pray for the youth whom we are serving.

Signature

Date