

VIII. Application to Work/Volunteer with Children and/or Youth

ALDRSGATE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH/MIDLAND SOUTH DISTRICT APPLICATION TO WORK/VOLUNTEER WITH CHILDREN AND/OR YOUTH

This application and reference form are to be completed by all persons (volunteer or compensated) who desire to work with children or youth in our local church. This application form is being used to help the church provide a safe and secure environment for those children and youth who participate in our programs and events and for those who work with them.

Part 1 - Personal

Date _____

Name _____
Last First Middle

Former Name (if applicable) _____

Present Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Other Phone Numbers _____

E-Mail Address _____

How long have you lived at the above address? _____

If less than one year, provide all addresses for the past five years:

Please indicate the type of youth or children's work you prefer. _____

Why do you want to serve in this position? _____

Please indicate the date you are available to begin _____

What is the minimum length of commitment you can make? _____

Our local church has an open door policy which means that a parent, volunteer, or conference staff can visit/observe at any time. Are you comfortable with this policy?

Our local church has the policy of using two teachers/leaders for all children/youth activities. Are you comfortable with team teaching? _____

Please note: Answering “Yes” to either of the next two questions does not automatically disqualify you from the position for which you are applying. An affirmative answer will necessitate an interview to provide further explanation.

Have you ever been charged with, convicted of, or plead guilty or no contest to a crime against children or other persons? _____

Have you ever committed any act of child abuse or sexual molestation against a minor?

Part 2 – Church History and Prior Children/Youth Work

Other churches you have attended regularly during the past five years:

List all previous church work involving children/youth (include church name and address, type of work performed, and dates): _____

List any gifts, callings, training, education, or other factors that have prepared you for working with children/youth: _____

Part 3 – References

Please list three persons who have known you for at least five years and who are familiar with your character and/or your work particularly as it relates to supervision of children and youth. None of the references may be a relative.

1. Name _____
Address _____
Daytime Phone _____ Evening Phone _____
Length of time you have known the reference _____
How do you know the reference? _____

2. Name _____
Address _____
Daytime Phone _____ Evening Phone _____
Length of time you have known the reference _____
How do you know the reference? _____

3. Name _____
Address _____
Daytime Phone _____ Evening Phone _____
Length of time you have known the reference _____
How do you know the reference? _____

Part 4 – Applicant’s Authorization and Release

The information contained in this application is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge. I authorize the references or churches listed in this application to give you any information (including opinions) that they may have regarding my character and fitness to work with children or youth. In consideration of the receipt and evaluation of this application, I hereby release any individual, church, judicatory, youth organization, charity, employer, reference, or any other person or organization, including record custodians, both collectively and individually, from any and all liability for damages of whatever kind or nature which may at any time result to me, my heirs, or family on account of compliance or any attempts to comply, with this authorization.

Should my application be accepted, I agree to abide by the Child Protection Standards found herein and will live by the understanding that, as a person of authority, it is my responsibility to avoid inappropriate behavior with children and youth in my care.

I further state that I have carefully read the foregoing Authorization and Release and know the contents thereof and I sign it as my own free act. This is a legally binding agreement which I have read and understand.

Applicant’s Signature _____

Date _____

Part 5 – Participation Covenant Statement

Our local church is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for all children, youth, and volunteers who participate in our ministries and events. Our Local Church Child Protection Standards reflect our commitment to being a holy place of safety and protection for all who would enter and a place in which all people can experience the love of God through relationships with others.

Please answer each of the following questions:

- 1. Have you read the Local Church Child Protection Standards? Yes No
- 2. Do you agree to observe and abide by all our Local Church Child Protection Standards? Yes No
- 3. Do you agree to observe the “Two-Adult Rule” at all times? Yes No
- 4. Do you agree to participate in training and education events provided by the church related to your volunteer assignment? Yes No
- 5. Do you agree to promptly report suspected abusive or inappropriate behavior to your supervisors and appropriate authorities? Yes No

Signature _____ Date _____

Return completed application to: Church Office