

PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT FOR YOUTH LEADERS

In May 2004 The Council of Elders of the United Church of God, *an International Association* (“Church”) formally adopted a “Sexual Misconduct Policy and Child Protection Guidelines” (“Guidelines”). Said Guidelines were amended on July 7, 2004. In order to be allowed to participate or be a leader in Church programs, activities for children or youth or otherwise caring for those minors under the auspices of the Church, you must read and agree to abide by those Guidelines. Please indicate below whether or not you are willing to participate in Church sponsored youth programs, etc., in accordance with said Guidelines:

I Agree. I have received, read, understand, and hereby agree to abide by and to comply with the procedures and policies laid out in said Guidelines, as amended, and to faithfully follow those requirements.

I acknowledge that I must obtain prior written permission from the Church’s Council of Elders, or those they designate, before implementing any exceptions to these Guidelines (except in emergency situations, in which case I am allowed to take the most prudent or common sense course of action necessary to supervise and protect Church youth).

I understand that under the Guidelines my continuing participation or leadership in the Church’s programs or activities for children or youth is contingent on my confirmation that I have no past history of committing child abuse. Consequently, I hereby confirm that I have never committed, nor have I ever been convicted of, child abuse, child molestation, child neglect or sexual assault, rape or any other sex crime or violent crime against a minor. I also give the Church permission to run a background check on me to verify the above, which could include accessing and reviewing my criminal history, should the Church desire to do so in the future.

Dated: _____ **Signed:** _____
Print Name: _____

I Decline. At this time I do not wish to participate or be a leader in the Church’s youth programs or activities under the aforesaid Guidelines. If I am currently involved as a participant, youth leader or in the care of minors under the auspices of the Church I hereby resign from that position(s).

Dated: _____ **Signed:** _____
Print Name: _____