

**Safe Church CODE of ETHICS
for Volunteers and Staff in Child Programs**

Believing that God is calling me to serve children in this congregation...

- 1) My first priority in teaching/leading children will be to seek the welfare of the children physically, socially, educationally and Spiritually.
- 2) I will also try to understand and respect the child's cultural Background.
- 3) I will give the parents full information about the program I am teaching/leading and what time it begins and ends.
- 4) I will not do anything that will damage a child's trust. I will try to protect the child from all forms of abuse while he or she is in my care.
- 5) If I suspect that the abusive actions or attitudes of another person may hurt a child, I will report that suspicion to a responsible person for a proper investigation.
- 6) If I wish to talk to the child alone, it will be within the sight and sound of other people.
- 7) I will answer a child's questions openly and honestly.
- 8) I will work with the children to set some agreed guidelines for acceptable behavior within the group. I will expect the children to act on the basis of those guidelines, and if a child consistently breaks them, I will seek help from parents and others to assist me in responding.
- 9) If a child is distressed, I will offer comfort and help. I will encourage the child to find the appropriate help.
- 10) I will pray for the children regularly and let them know that I care about them.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Volunteer/Staff Position: _____