



## CONSENT AND RELEASE FOR **ADULT** TO PARTICIPATE IN CHURCH PROGRAMS

**This document contains important information. Please read it carefully before you sign.**

### **RELEASE OF LIABILITY DURING CHURCH PROGRAMS**

In conjunction with my participation in ministries, programs and activities (collectively, the "Programs") that are conducted, organized or sponsored by Manchester United Methodist Church of Manchester, Missouri "MUMC", together with any affiliated organizations, I hereby RELEASE, WAIVE, FOREVER DISCHARGE AND AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS, "MUMC", its clergy, leaders, directors, trustees, employees, caregivers, volunteers, members, fellow participants and their collective representatives, successors, assigns and heirs, as well as church agencies, districts, conferences and related organizations and the leaders, directors, trustees, and employees thereof (collectively, the "Church"), from ANY AND ALL LIABILITY, CLAIMS OR DEMANDS OF ANY TYPE WHATSOEVER, INCLUDING THOSE ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE of the "Church" and/or its representatives, including, but not limited to PERSONAL INJURY, SICKNESS, VIRUS EXPOSURE or INFECTION, DEATH, as well as PROPERTY DAMAGE and EXPENSES that may be incurred as a result of my participation in "Programs", EXCEPT in cases of intentional misconduct or gross negligence by the "Church" and its representatives.

I acknowledge that "Programs" involve known and unknown risks, and some activities may include strenuous or moderately strenuous physical activities or involve hazardous conditions, machinery or equipment.

I also acknowledge that the "Church" cannot prevent me from becoming exposed to, contracting, or spreading COVID-19 (or other viruses) while engaged in "Programs." I understand that if I choose to participate in "Programs" I may be exposing myself to and/or increasing my risk of contracting or spreading COVID-19 (and other viruses). Evidence has shown that viruses such as COVID-19 can cause serious and potentially life-threatening illness and even death. I choose to accept this risk in order to participate in "Programs" and hereby forever RELEASE AND WAIVE MY RIGHT to bring suit against the "Church" in connection with exposure, infection, and/or spread of COVID-19 (and other viruses).

I also agree to HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFY the "Church" and its representatives from any liability or damages incurred as a result of gross negligence or intentional misconduct on my part.

I further agree that any disputes arising from this Consent and Release shall be governed by the laws of the State of Missouri and will be the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of St. Louis County, Missouri. If any provision of this consent and release shall be declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal, void, or unenforceable, I agree that the other provisions shall not be affected but shall remain in full force and effect.

### **CONSENT FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION, FIRST AID AND LIFE-SAVING MEASURES**

If I should become unconscious or lack the capacity to make a health care decision during a "Program", I authorize "Church" representatives to arrange emergency medical transportation for me to a medical facility. I agree to be liable for all costs incurred in connection with my emergency medical transportation and emergency treatment. I further grant "Church" representatives permission to release information about me to emergency care providers.

In addition to arranging emergency medical transportation, I authorize "Church" representatives to administer first aid and life-saving measures to me during "Programs" before professional emergency personnel arrive and to assist such emergency responders as requested. Such persons shall NOT be liable for any civil damages for acts or omissions, EXCEPT damages occasioned by gross negligence or by willful acts or omissions in rendering emergency care.

### **RETURN HOME POLICY**

Should I or "Church" representatives determine that it is necessary for me to return home from a "Program" due to medical or other reasons, I shall be responsible for my transportation costs. In this situation, I also understand that I will NOT be entitled to a refund of registration, participation or other fees or monies related to my participation in the "Program".

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### EMERGENCY CONTACTS

In case of an emergency during a "Program," I authorize "Church" representatives to notify the below emergency contact(s) as soon as they determine that it is safe and reasonably possible to do so.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

By signing below, I certify that I am at least eighteen (18) years of age and of sound mind; have carefully **READ, UNDERSTAND AND AGREE** to the terms and conditions of this two-page Consent and Release instrument; and have no unanswered questions. I **MAKE THIS DECISION FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY** without duress, fraud, constraint, inducement, assurance or guarantee being made.

I agree that this document supersedes any and all prior consent and release documents with regard to my future participation in "Programs" and that a photocopy or digital image of this document shall be as valid as the original.

**This consent and release instrument, along with its terms and conditions, shall be in full force and effect through AUGUST 31, 2023 (unless revoked earlier by me in writing) and it shall forever apply to my participation in "Programs" while it was in effect.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Full Legal Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth (Month/Day/Year)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Copy provided to above adult: \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

Received by: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name of Staff Member

Title