

Volunteer Covenant
Camp Hill United Methodist Church — June 2015

The CHUM congregation is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for all children, youth, vulnerable adults, and volunteers who participate in ministries and church-sponsored activities. The following policy statements reflect our commitment to preserving CHUM as a holy place of safety and protection for all who would enter and as a place in which all people can experience the love of God through relationships with others.

1. No adult who has been convicted of child abuse (sexual, physical, emotional, or ritual) should volunteer to work with children or youth in any church-sponsored activity. (A list of convictions that preclude persons from working with children and youth is attached as an addendum to our Safe Sanctuaries Policy)
2. All adult volunteers involved with children, youth, or vulnerable adults of our church are encouraged to be members of the congregation or to have regularly attended CHUM for at least six months before beginning a volunteer assignment.
3. All adult volunteers with children and youth shall observe the *Two-Adult Rule* at all times so that no adult is ever alone with children or youth. This is also encouraged for adult visitation.
4. Adult volunteers shall attend regular training and educational events provided by CHUM to keep volunteers informed of church policies and state laws regarding abuse.
5. Adult volunteers shall immediately report to their supervisor any behavior that seems abusive or inappropriate.

As a volunteer at CHUM, I agree to:

1. Observe and abide by all church policies, including filling out an application, obtaining Background Clearances, and being interviewed by a supervisor.
Yes No
2. Abide by all the safety practices outlined in CHUM's Safe Sanctuaries Policy.
Yes No
3. Participate in training and education events provided by CHUM related to my volunteer assignment.
Yes No
4. Promptly report any abusive or inappropriate behavior as outlined in the Safe Sanctuaries Policy.
Yes No
5. Inform a CHUM pastor if I have ever been convicted of child abuse.
Yes No

I have read this Volunteer Covenant and agree to observe and abide by the policies set forth in it.

Signature of applicant

Date

Print full name