

## Limited Access Agreement

\_\_\_\_\_ Episcopal Church affirms the dignity and worth of all persons. We are committed to being a congregation open to those who are in need of worshipping with us. However, based on your background, we have concerns about your contact with children and youth in our congregation. The following conditions are designed to reduce the risk to both you and them of an incident or false accusation. We welcome you to our congregation and our membership but your participation will be limited to ensure the safety of our children and youth and to assure that you will not be subject to false accusations.

The purpose of these conditions is to limit your contact and interaction with children and youth. The congregation welcomes your participation in adult worship services, coffee hour, committee meetings, adult education, social events at which only adults are present... You are not to have any contact or interaction with children or youth on congregation property or at congregation-sponsored events. This includes the following:

- Do not talk with children or youth except as expressly permitted below.
- Do not volunteer or agree to lead or actually chaperone or participate in events for children and youth including such things as religious education classes, stories or talks for worship, youth group events, activities during intergenerational events, driving or otherwise transporting children and/or youth, whether or not you are the driver.
- You must remain in the presence of an adult who is not a relative, approved by the Rector who knows your situation at all times when children or youth are present. This includes during any activity at which any children or youth are present.
- If a child or youth in the congregation approaches you, either at church or elsewhere, politely and immediately excuse yourself from the situation.
- You may not be in the building or on the grounds when activities involving children or youth are in session, such as nursery school or youth group, unless you are accompanied at all time by an adult who is not a relative approved by the Rector

The following people will be told of my circumstances in order for them to protect the children and youth for whom they care:

- Rector
- Associate Rector
- Wardens and Vestry
- Youth Minister
- Minister of Christian Formation
- Youth Mentors
- Church School Teachers
- Nursery Workers

- Parish Administrator
- Bishop
- Any other persons the Rector determines need to be told

This includes not only the persons currently holding these positions but all persons who may hold these positions in the future as long as you are attending St. \_\_\_\_\_.

Since the clergy of St. \_\_\_\_\_ will be aware of your circumstances, you may not seek pastoral care, confession, or administration of the Rite of Reconciliation of a Penitent from any of them and must seek pastoral care from someone outside of the St. \_\_\_\_\_ community.

If you attend another congregation, whether Episcopal or otherwise, you will inform the Rector and Wardens before doing so. The appropriate leader(s) of any such congregation and its governing body (diocese or judicatory office) will be notified of this Agreement.

If you violate this Agreement you will be denied access to future church functions and church property.

This Agreement will be reviewed regularly every six months with you.

This Agreement will remain in effect for as long as you attend St. \_\_\_\_\_ or until you are notified by the Rector and Wardens, in writing, that it has been modified or dissolved.

(Need to add a paragraph giving us permission to access his criminal, including arrest and probation, medical, psychological and/or counseling records)

I have reviewed this Agreement and agree to abide by all of its provisions.

Signature of Offender and Date:

Signature of Witness and Date:

Signature of Rector and Date:

Signature of Senior Warden and Date:

Signature of Minister of Christian Formation and Date:

Signature of Youth Minister and Date:

Signatures of Others and Date: