



CODE OF ETHICS FOR VOLUNTEER MINISTRY LEADERS WORKING WITH CHILDREN AND YOUTH

As part of the promise made at baptism to love, pray for, encourage, instruct, and sustain the children at West End Presbyterian church, I will help fulfill that vow by being faithful in my commitment to the children/youth to whom I am responsible. Believing that God is calling me to serve children or youth in this congregation . . .

1. As I am teaching/supervising/leading children or youth I will seek the welfare of the children/youth physically, socially, educationally, and spiritually.
2. I will also try to understand and respect the child's/youth's individual background.
3. I will give the parents/guardians full information about the ministry I am teaching/supervising/leading, and what time it begins and ends.
4. I will arrive on time and be prepared for the activities to which I have committed.
5. I have read West End Presbyterian Church's Safety and Abuse Prevention Policy. I understand it, and I will live by it in my participation in West End Presbyterian Church's children's ministry, neighborhood outreach ministry, and/or youth ministry.
6. I will not do anything that will damage a child's or youth's trust. I will try to protect the child/youth from all forms of abuse while he or she is in my care.
7. If I suspect that a child/youth may be hurt by the abusive behaviors of another person I will report that suspicion to the appropriate ministry staff person so that it can be investigated properly.
8. If a child/youth consistently behaves in an unacceptable manner, I will seek help from the appropriate ministry staff member, parents/guardians and others to assist me in responding to the child/youth.
9. If a child/youth is distressed, I will try to offer comfort and help. I will encourage them to find the appropriate help for their needs.
10. I will pray regularly for each child/youth and let them know that I care about them.

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____