

## Youth Covenant Church of the Nativity

Effective for all youth activities on and off Church of the Nativity property from September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 to August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

**I will respect the church building because it belongs to all of us.** I will clean up messes, respect the property of others and treat this place as I would treat my own home.

**I will respect what others say by listening when they are talking.** I will allow others to speak their ideas and not distract them or take away from their ideas by talking while they are talking.

**I will respect others with my words.** I will not use abusive words or profanity, and I will not be overly critical. I also will not gossip about our youth group or others. Our youth group's definition of gossip is saying anything true or false, or rumor that causes others to lower their opinion of the person being talked about. I will only say positive and encouraging things about others.

**I will respect the other's time and energy by giving my undivided attention.** This includes not using my cell phone during youth or church activities because I know that they can distract me and others from learning more about God.

**I will respect others in the way that I dress.** I am representing Church of the Nativity as well as the Episcopal Church.

**I will respect myself and my youth group, by using only appropriate displays of affection.** There must always be space between myself and the person that I am dating. Handholding and good-bye hugs are appropriate. Kissing, lying on, or too close contact is not appropriate.

**I will respect the safe environment of the youth group.** I will do this by promising never to bring any weapons, drugs, alcohol or fireworks with me when I am with any members of our youth group. I will also help to keep a safe environment by not being violent.

**I will respect the leaders and the youth group by actively participating.** This will include all lessons, activities and games as it is very important and is expected of me.

**I will respect myself and our youth group by being truthful and genuine.** I will also be accepting of others and I will take them as they come, knowing that they may come from a different background than me because this is what Jesus has asked of us. I know that God created us as unique individuals, and I will respect that uniqueness in others.

I will be an example of Christ to other youth by upholding the stated covenant to the best of my ability. Because I am a youth, I understand that I do not have to be responsible for enforcing the covenant. I understand it is the responsibility of all adult present, not me.

I have read and agree to the above covenant. As an important part of Nativity Youth Group, I commit myself to this covenant. I understand there will be consequences to any inappropriate behavior, including sitting out from an activity or trip, discussing my behavior with the youth minister and parents, or being dismissed from an event.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and agree to support my youth as well as other youth in the above covenant. As the Parent/Guardian of this youth, I expect my child to behave in this manner and understand that there will be consequences to any inappropriate behavior. Those consequences may include the youth being required sitting out from an activity or trip, discussing the youth's behavior with the youth minister and you, or being dismissed from an event.

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