

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH  
GETTYSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

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Effective Date 01/21/2010  
Committee Youth Ministry

*In all that we do, please keep in mind that God is present in this community and that we are representing Him as well as the community of St. James.*

We believe it is important that both our youth and their parents understand the mission and vision of youth ministry at St. James. In order to fulfill this mission, we need to involve everyone in a promise of covenanted behavior. Please read through this covenant and sign below that you understand and are willing to create a God-loving atmosphere where we do ministry in the name of Jesus.

We expect all youth participating in St. James events to:

- Act in a way that promotes a healthy Christian community;
- Use common sense, respect, and consideration for other youth and adults at all times;
- Follow all directions given by leaders both before and during the event;
- Actively participate in all group activities, unless adult permission is given not to participate;
- Notify a leader if you need to leave the group for any reason; youth may not leave the group unless they are accompanied by an adult leader;
- Notify a leader if you are ill or have been injured in any way;
- Refrain from the use of alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, or tobacco, or any other activities which do not reflect the faith and mission of St. James such as vandalism, violence, or theft;
- Refrain from sexual misconduct and public displays of affection;
- Refrain from being in rooms/bedrooms/bathrooms alone with persons of the opposite sex without adult supervision or permission;
- Refrain from all physically or verbally abusive behavior.

Consequences for improper behavior and/or breaking this covenant may include sending the youth home from an event at the parent's expense as well as payment for damages caused by vandalism, horseplay, or intentional destruction of property.

***I have read and understand this covenant and lovingly accept to sign my name as a promise to abide by these guidelines.***

Youth Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: