

## Attachment 7 – Community Group Covenant

Note: All Community Groups that involve children or youth (e.g., BSA or GSA) must read the SMUMC Child and Youth Protection Policy and Procedures and training material and sign the covenant statement prior to approval to use the facilities. If you have any questions, feel free to speak with the Pastor, Lay Leader, or the Safe Sanctuary Coordinator (SSC).

Please provide the following information and sign the covenant statement after reading the SMUMC Child and Youth Protection Policy and Procedures and training material.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Community Group Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Leadership Position: \_\_\_\_\_

### *Covenant Statement*

***I have read the Child and Youth Protection Policy and Procedures of SMUMC and training material, I understand the policy, and members of my community group agree to abide by all of its provisions.***

***I understand NO physical punishment or verbal abuse; e.g., ridicule, is to be used at any time. In the event I observe an isolated incident, I will report it immediately to the Pastor, Lay Leader, or SSC.***

***To my knowledge, no one in our community group has any unresolved issues relating to child abuse or sexual abuse that would pose a risk or hinder effectiveness in working with children or youth.***

***To my knowledge, no one in the community group has child or youth abuse convictions or expungements.***

***To my knowledge, no one in the community group has ever committed any crime involving abuse of a child or youth.***

***All volunteers and leaders in the community group have been screened under the organizations child or youth protection rules and regulations.***

***I authorize SMUMC to conduct a background check (if requested).***

***I have carefully read and understand this statement.***

Community Group Leader Signature : \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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