

# First Church in Windsor

## Youth Mission Trip Covenant for Youth and Adults

I, \_\_\_\_\_, covenant to be a faithful and active participant in our experience on the youth mission trip and in our preparation. I agree to the following:

1. I will treat all people, those in my group and those I will meet, with dignity, respect and sensitivity.
2. I will be positive and flexible, recognizing that the success of my experience and that of others depends on my attitude.
3. I will participate in all group activities.
4. I will "tread lightly," respecting all persons and property, recognizing that I am a visitor for only a short time and that I don't have all the answers to the many complex situations I will encounter.
5. I will maintain an open heart and mind to the signs of God's presence at our work site and in the people with whom I come in contact.
6. I will abide by the guidelines established for our community life together and respect the curfews, boundaries and male/female housing arrangements.
7. I will abide by the policies and guidelines of the different agencies and worksites.
8. I will respect my body by not consuming alcohol, tobacco, nonprescription drugs or medications not outlined in my health form.
9. I will wear appropriate and respectful attire at all times as outlined in the "What to Bring" form. In safety training sessions or on worksites, I will wear protective gear as necessary or as directed by the leader. If asked to change my attire by a group leader, I will without complaint.
10. I will honor the group setting of this trip. I understand that if a family member, loved one or dear friend is traveling with me, I will interact with all members of the team, not just one another. I also understand that this is not an appropriate event to initiate or seek new romantic relationships and that any form of "hooking up" or "purpling" is unacceptable. Sexual misconduct, sexually explicit communication, sexual harassment and sexual abuse will not be tolerated.
11. I will conduct myself in a Christian manner. I will use positive and empowering language, be kind to my neighbor, and respect the worth of other people and their property. Acts of violence and aggression will not be tolerated.
12. I understand the use of cell phones, Ipods and MP3 players will be permitted on a restricted use basis only as agreed upon by the group. I understand that any abuse of these terms will result in such items being confiscated until the end of the trip.
13. I understand that lap tops, portable DVD players, gaming devices and all other electronic items are not permitted. Such items if found will be confiscated until the end of the trip.
14. I understand that First Church in Windsor and/or Cluster 13 and related staff and volunteers are not responsible for lost, damaged or stolen items, including tools, clothing, gear, cell phones, Ipods, MP3 players, wallets, purses, etc.

**Before trip departure:** I realize my ability to be a member of this short term mission trip is dependent in part upon honoring this covenant. Should I fail to meet the terms of this covenant or to meet the reasonable standards established for trip preparation, I realize I may not be given permission to go on the trip. Final approval for anyone to attend a FCW youth mission trip will be at the sole discretion of the church ministers.

**After Trip Departure:** I understand that failure to honor this covenant can and will result in being sent home from the trip by the team leadership at my expense or the expense of my family.

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

(Under 18) Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_