

Code of Conduct for NUMC Youth (Valid September 2022-September 2023)

The youth leadership team at Nashville UMC is so thrilled to have your students join us for any of our Sunday Night Live meetings, retreats, and fellowship opportunities we provide throughout the school year for Pathfinders or Youth Pac. It is our prayer that the youth would always have a joyful time and experience growth in their relationship with the Lord and with others in the youth group. In order to ensure that is able to happen, we want to bring to your attention our behavioral expectations for each student. We operate on a *trust basis*, which means each student already has our trust with the expectations that they will do their very best to love and respect everyone present. However, this trust can be broken. We ask that all students and adults be aware of and refrain from the following actions:

- The bullying of a fellow youth or anyone else present*
- The use of foul or degrading language*
- Showing disrespect to any youth leader or adult chaperone*
- The attempt at any sexual activity at any time*
- The use of any alcohol, tobacco related products or illegal substances*

The loss of trust includes, but is not limited, to the aforementioned examples. If the youth engage in any troublesome behavior, we will resort to the following actions.

Warnings

First Warning: A firm, spoken warning that the youth should listen to and respect what is being said by the leader.

Second Warning: A call will be placed to parents or guardians to inform them of the matter.

Third Warning: A parent or guardian will be informed of the matter and required to attend a parent and youth meeting with pastor(s).

I understand that Nashville UMC is giving me their trust with the expectations that I will behave in a loving and respectful way toward all who are present at any given time. I also understand that the point of participating in youth activities is to grow deeper in my love for God and love for my neighbor. Therefore, I will strive with all that is within me to follow the Three Simple Rules of John Wesley, which are; 1) Do no harm. 2) Do Good. 3) Stay in love with God.

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| Youth Name (Print) | Youth Signature | Date |

As parent or guardian of _____ I understand that if he or she cannot be respectful and chooses to break trust with the leaders, then I will need to pick up my youth.

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| Parent/Guardian Name (Print) | Parent/Guardian Signature | Date |

