

**Appendix V: AUTHORIZATION AND REQUEST FOR BACKGROUND CHECK**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, HEREBY AUTHORIZE Killearn United Methodist Church to request any local, state or federal law enforcement department or agency to release information regarding any record of any investigations, charges or convictions contained in its files, or in any criminal file maintained on me, whether said file is a local, state, or national file, and including but not limited to accusations and convictions for crimes committed, against minors, to the fullest extent permitted by local, state and federal law. I release any and all law enforcement departments, agencies, and their employees from all liability that may result from any such disclosure made in response to this request. I also give my permission for this information to be shared with those persons who will participate in making decisions with respect to my application.

You are authorized to rely upon a photocopy or fax copy of this document.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Print applicant's full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Print all other names that have been used by applicant (if any): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's license number: \_\_\_\_\_

State in which license was issued: \_\_\_\_\_

License expiration date: \_\_\_\_\_

**For Office Use Only:**

Request sent to: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## Appendix IV: PARTICIPATION COVENANT STATEMENT

The congregation of Killearn United Methodist Church is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for all children, youth, and volunteers who participate in ministries and activities sponsored by the church. The following policy statement reflects our congregation's commitment to preserving this church as a holy place of safety and protection for all who would enter, and as a place in which all people can experience the love of God through relationships with others.

- No adult who has been convicted of child abuse (either sexual abuse, physical abuse, or emotional abuse) should work with children or youth in any church-sponsored activity.
- All adults involved with children or youth of our church must have been regular participants in the congregation for at least three months before beginning a volunteer assignment.
- All adults involved with children and youth of our church shall observe the Child/Youth Protection Policy at all times.
- All adults involved with children and youth of our church commit to attend regular training and educational events provided by the church to keep volunteers informed of church policies and laws regarding child abuse. If you miss an event you will attend a make-up session within 60 days.
- All adults involved with children and youth of our church shall immediately report to their supervisor any behavior that seems abusive or inappropriate.

Please answer the following question:

Do you agree to observe and abide by all church policies regarding working in ministry with children and youth? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

I have read this Covenant, and I agree to observe and abide by the policies set forth above.

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Signature

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Date

### Appendix III: CHILDREN'S & YOUTH MINISTRIES COVENANT

To be fully supportive of the ministry to children and youth:

- I will put God, as revealed through Christ, at the center of my life, rather than seeking the fulfillment of my own desires.
- I will maintain a consistent devotional life and demonstrate love for the Lord in personal, family, vocational, and church relationships.
- I will make serving and giving the major principles of my life.
- I will regularly attend worship services at KUMC to express with others the wonder of God's greatness and love.
- I will make sacrifices necessary to faithfully execute my responsibilities in ministry.
- I will consistently pray for the leadership of the church, the children's, and the youth ministries.
- I will NEVER be alone with a child.
- I will support the church financially, making the tithe of my income my goal in giving.
- I will attend the training sessions and teacher's meetings as called by the leadership of the ministry.
- I will arrive early to prepare for my duties and my heart for ministry.
- I will make the minimum time commitment to my selected position.
- I will give at least 3 days notice if I know I will be absent.
- I will give at least 30 days notice when resigning from my position.

This is my covenant of service in children's and youth ministry.

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Signature

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Date

## Appendix II: STATEMENT OF FAITH

**God** – There is one true, holy God, existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In the beginning, God created the world and everything in it, manifesting His power, wisdom, and goodness. By His sovereign power, He continued to sustain His creation. By His providence, He is operating through history to fulfill His redemptive purposes.

**Jesus Christ** – Jesus Christ is the second person of the Trinity, who was united forever with a true human nature by a miraculous conception and virgin birth. He lived a life of perfect obedience to the Father. He voluntarily atoned for the sins of His people by dying on the cross as their substitute, thus satisfying divine justice and accomplishing salvation for all who trust in Him alone. He rose from the dead, in the same body, though glorified, in which He lived and died. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father, where He continually makes intercession for His own, and where He rules as Lord forever. Through His atoning work, believers are received into eternal communion with God.

**The Holy Spirit** – The fruit of a saving relationship with Jesus Christ is a life of obedience, made possible for believers through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. He awakens in sinners recognition of their need for a Savior. He permanently indwells every believer and is their source of assurance, strength and wisdom. He uniquely endows each believer with gifts for the building of the body. The Holy Spirit guides believers in understanding and applying the Scriptures.

**Salvation** – The central purpose of God's revelation in Scripture is to call people into fellowship with Himself. Originally created to bring glory to God, man defied God and suffered the corruption of his nature, alienating himself from God. All of mankind has sinned and suffer the consequences of sin, and are in need of the saving grace of God. The salvation of mankind is a work of God's free grace. It must be personally accepted by repentance and faith.

**The Church** – All believers are members of Christ's body, the church. There is one true church, consisting of all those who receive Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. The purpose of the church is to glorify God.

**The Bible** – The Bible is the true and infallible Word of God.

I acknowledge that I have read and agree with the above Statement of Faith and understand that it represents the foundation upon which all instruction, standards, and conduct at Killlearn United Methodist Church are based.

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Signature

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Date

**References:**

Please list three references (i.e., people who are not related to you by blood or marriage) and provide a complete address and phone number for each.

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

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

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

The information in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge. I authorize any references or churches listed in this application to give you any information they may have regarding my character and fitness for service in children’s or youth ministry. I release all such references from liability for any damages that may result from furnishing such evaluations to you, and I waive any right to inspect the references provided on my behalf. You further have my permission to share this information with those persons who will be responsible for acting on this application.

Should my application be accepted, I agree to be bound by the Statement of Faith and policies of Killlearn United Methodist Church.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Do you have a valid driver's license? Yes or No; If Yes, Please Provide Your License Number & State: \_\_\_\_\_

Do we have your permission to check and obtain a report of your driving record and to share that information with those persons who will act on this Application?

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Initials: \_\_\_\_\_ Date initialed: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been charged with, convicted of, or plead guilty to a crime, either a misdemeanor or a felony (including but not limited to drug-related charges, child abuse, or other crimes of violence, theft or serious motor vehicle violations)? Yes or No

If "Yes" explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Are you a member of KUMC? \_\_\_\_\_ How long have you attended KUMC? \_\_\_\_\_

List other churches (name & city/state) you have attended regularly during the past five years: \_\_\_\_\_

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Why do you want to be involved with the KUMC children/youth ministries? \_\_\_\_\_

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What gifts, education, training, special interests, skills or hobbies do you have that would help you work with children/youth? \_\_\_\_\_

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Have you ever been involved in children/youth ministries? Yes No

If yes, in what areas and what church or organization? \_\_\_\_\_

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Which Sunday worship service do you normally attend? 8:00 9:30 11:00 Trad 11:00 S&T

Availability to Serve?

Additional Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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With what age group do you desire to serve? Nursery Birth-2 years Pre-School Ages 3-5

Elementary School Grades 1-5 Middle School Grades 6-8 High School Grades 9-12

Have you completed a Spiritual Gifts Class? Yes or No

If so, what are your major Spiritual Gifts? \_\_\_\_\_

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What are your views on appropriate ways to discipline? \_\_\_\_\_

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**CHILDREN'S & YOUTH MINISTRY Volunteer APPLICATION**

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Sex: M F Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouses Name (if married): \_\_\_\_\_ Anniversary Date (if married): \_\_\_\_\_

Children (Names & Ages) \_\_\_\_\_

Is anyone in your family currently serving in the ministries of KUMC? Who & Where? \_\_\_\_\_

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Is your spouse and/or family in agreement with you serving in ministry? \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ May we call you at work? Yes No

Current Job Responsibilities: \_\_\_\_\_

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Describe your salvation experience and your current walk with the Lord (use separate sheet in needed):

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