



Safe Sanctuaries Model Policy Confirmation

INSTRUCTIONS

If your church has adopted the Model Local Church Safe Sanctuaries Policy without any modifications, a representative of the church such as the pastor, SPRC chair, Trustees chair, or other person responsible for leading the development and implementation of Safe Sanctuaries may sign this form and turn it into the district office instead of a policy and checklist. **If the church has made any modifications to the model policy, the policy as adopted should be submitted along with the self-review checklist.**

Upon review of the Model Local Church Safe Sanctuaries Policy developed by the North Alabama Conference of The United Methodist Church (the "Model Policy"), _____ United Methodist Church has determined that the Model Policy is appropriate to our context. The Model Policy was duly adopted by the Administrative Board or equivalent governing body on the ____ day of _____, 20____.

In adopting the Model Policy, we understand the following:

- The church is responsible for regularly reviewing its context to ensure that the Model Policy continues to be appropriate. If the church's context and ministry changes so that the Model Policy is no longer appropriate, it is the church's responsibility to take steps to develop an updated policy specific to the church. **On at least an annual basis, the church must re-adopt the model policy to affirm that it continues to be appropriate and in effect.**
- The church is responsible for ensuring that screening procedures as described in the Model Policy are implemented for any staff and volunteers who will work directly with minors and/or vulnerable adults. These procedures include, but are not limited to, receiving applications from staff and volunteers and completing and renewing background checks according to the schedule defined in the Model Policy.
- The church is responsible for ensuring that training procedures as described in the Model Policy are implemented for any staff and volunteers who will work directly with minors and/or vulnerable adults. This may include utilization of the online training developed by the North Alabama Conference, or other delivery methods which are coordinated through the church's district office.
- The church is responsible for monitoring changes to the Model Policy as provided by the Conference and having those changes approved by the Administrative Board or equivalent governing body.

Church Representative Signature

Date

Church Representative Printed Name

Church Representative Title

Comments: