

FLORIDA CONFERENCE CHILD/YOUTH PROTECTION POLICY

Annual Review and Renewal Document



_____ United Methodist Church
_____, Florida

Please note that there have been substantial revisions to the Conference Child/Youth Policy template.

Please review those revisions at www.flumc.org/ministryprotection prior to submitting this document to your District Office.

A central tenet of the Christian faith is the inherent value and worth of all children, youth, and adults. Children and youth are least able to protect themselves in our society and are particularly vulnerable to abuse and neglect.

The _____ United Methodist Church is desirous of doing what it can to protect the youth and children who participate in the life of this congregation.

We believe implementing a policy and adopting procedures to protect our children recognizes that:

Our Christian faith calls us to offer both hospitality and protection to the little ones, the Children. The Social Principles of the United Methodist Church states that "...children must be protected from economic, physical and sexual exploitation and abuse." Tragically, Churches have not always been safe places for children. Child sexual abuse, and exploitation....occur in Churches, both, large and small, urban and rural. The problem cuts across all economic, cultural and racial lines....God calls us to make our Churches safe places, protecting children and other vulnerable persons from abuse.

The original Child/Youth Protection Policy was adopted by the _____ United Methodist Church on _____ and is on file in our church and in the District Office.

Annual Renewal

The Child/Youth Protection Policy is renewed by action of the _____ of the _____ United Methodist Church on this _____ day of _____ 20 _____.

_____ percent of our child/youth workers and staff are screened.

The last training of Child/Youth workers was held on _____.

2018 revisions to the Conference Child/Youth Protection Policy template were reviewed on _____.

Signatures required:

Appointed Clergy and Supply Pastors

Chair, Staff Parish Relations

Chair, Administrative Council