

Sample Participant Expectations for Youth Ministry Digital Communication

[Ministry name] is committed to creating a safe ministry environment. This includes promoting a healthy environment for digital communication between youth workers and students who participate in youth activities. As a result, our ministry has developed the following guidelines:

Youth workers are not allowed to post or share personal information about minors through digital media without the signed consent of youth ministry participants and their parents or guardians, except in an emergency. Personal information may include such things as names, phone numbers, email addresses, and photos.

Participants in our youth ministry program are asked to comply with several conditions that apply when texting, emailing, instant messaging, group chatting, or posting content on websites related to our ministry. These guidelines also apply when communicating with youth workers and other people involved in youth ministry activities.

As a youth ministry participant:

1. You aren't to make comments or share images that are sexually suggestive, disrespectful, or insensitive. Harassment and bullying are strictly forbidden.
2. You must obtain permission from an authorized youth ministry leader before posting photos or personal information about others involved in ministry activities on any website or social media site the ministry controls.
3. All information, images, or videos shared on ministry websites or digital media channels aren't considered confidential.

Those who violate this policy may be blocked from ministry digital media channels or be removed from the youth ministry program. Parents will be notified immediately of any violation.

I understand and agree to the terms of this policy.

Name of Minor: _____

Signature of Minor: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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