

Participant Consent Form: Youth Ministry Communication Policy

(Name of ministry) is committed to creating a safe ministry environment. This includes promoting a healthy environment for texting and other electronic communication between youth workers and students who participate in youth activities. As a result, the ministry has developed the following guidelines:

Cell phones are not to be used during ministry youth activities except in an emergency, to contact a parent or guardian, or to place calls specifically approved by a leader.

The ministry's policy bars youth workers from sharing personal information about any minor through group e-mails, social media, or other public electronic media without youth ministry participants and their parents or guardians signing consent forms, except in an emergency. Personal information may include such things as names, phone numbers, e-mail addresses, and photographs.

When communicating with youth workers, other people involved in youth ministry activities, or posting content to websites that the ministry owns or controls (such as its Facebook page), several conditions apply:

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 electronically through public ministry communication channels aren't considered confidential.
4. Those who violate this policy may lose electronic communication privileges within the ministry 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: _____