

Ministry Commitment for Volunteers, Staff and Leaders in Child and Youth Programs

As part of the promise made at baptism to love, pray for, encourage, instruct, and sustain the children at Maranatha, I will help fulfill that vow by being faithful in my commitment to the children/youth to whom I am responsible. Believing that God is calling me to serve children or youth in this congregation...

1. My first priority in teaching/supervising/leading children or youth will be to seek the welfare of the children/youth physically, socially, educationally, and spiritually.
2. I will also try to understand and respect the child's/youth's cultural background.
3. I will give the parent(s) full information about the program I am teaching/supervising/leading, and what time it begins and ends.
4. I will arrive on time and prepared for the activities to which I have committed. If I am not able to be present, I will find my own replacement/substitute from the approved list.
5. I have read Maranatha's Safe Church Ministry Policy. I understand it, and I will live by it in my participation in Maranatha's children's/youth programs.
6. I will not do anything that will damage a child's or youth's trust. I will try to protect the child/youth from all forms of abuse while he or she is in my care.
7. If I suspect that a child/youth may be hurt by the abusive behaviors of another person I will report that suspicion to the Pastor or CSC member so that it can be investigated properly.
8. I will answer a child's/youth's questions carefully and appropriately.
9. I will work with the children/youth to set some agreed-upon guidelines for acceptable behavior within the group. I will expect the children/youth to act on the basis of those guidelines. If a child/youth consistently breaks them, I will seek help from parents and others to assist me in responding to the child/youth.
10. If a child is distressed, I will try to offer comfort and help. I will encourage them to find the appropriate help for their needs.
11. I will pray for each child/youth regularly and let them know that I care about them.

A yearly background check is required to work with youth/children at Maranatha CRC. I understand if I do not grant permission to a background check I will no longer be allowed to work with youth/children in any capacity effective immediately.

☐ I grant permission for a background check. ☐ I do NOT grant permission to a background check.

Full Name of Volunteer/Staff/Leader (please print) _____

Please List Maiden/Previous Names _____ Birthdate _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____ Position(s) in Child/Youth Program _____

Supervisor: _____