

Covenant of Care Form

The Covenant of Care for _____

(insert the name of the congregation here)

The church is Christ, together with his people, called both to worship and to serve him in all of life (*Living Faith: A Statement of Christian Faith*, The Presbyterian Church in Canada, 1984, section 7.1.1). The Lord continues his ministry in and through the church. All Christians are called to participate in the ministry of Christ. As his body on earth, we all have gifts to use in the church and in the world to the glory of Christ, our King and Head. Through the church, God orders this ministry by calling some to special tasks in the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of God (*Living Faith: A Statement of Christian Faith*, The Presbyterian Church in Canada, 1984, sections 7.2.1–2).

As an expression of this high and holy duty that Christ has offered to me as a teacher/leader to children/youth/vulnerable adults:

I promise, in all my relationships with children/youth/vulnerable adults, to follow appropriate action as defined by my training orientation;

I promise to use only the physical contact that is deemed appropriate by the document *Leading with Care: A Policy for Ensuring a Climate of Safety for Children, Youth and Vulnerable Adults in The Presbyterian Church in Canada*, which I have read and understand;

I promise to use appropriate language;

I promise to show no bias based on gender, race, ethnic background, ability, age, religion, sexual orientation or socio-economic status;

I promise that I will not harass others;

I promise to respect confidentiality and privacy, unless a child, youth or vulnerable adult is in danger; then I will report to a child protection agency or to the police.

I have read and agree with the covenant of care.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Witnessed by: _____ Date: _____

(Minister/Clerk of Session or authorized person)