

2020-2021 Parental Consent Form for Highland UMC Youth

Name of Youth _____ Youth Email _____

Date of Birth _____ Grade _____ Gender _____

Primary Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Father/Guardian Name _____

Home Phone # _____ Cell Phone # _____

Email _____

Mother/Guardian Name _____

Home Phone # _____ Cell Phone # _____

Email _____

The undersigned do(es) hereby give permission for our (my) youth: ("Participant"), to attend and participate in Highland UMC or North Carolina Conference United Methodist youth ministry activities, events, and retreats during the period of August 2020-September 2021.

LIABILITY RELEASE: In consideration of Highland UMC allowing Participant(s) to participate in youth ministry activities, we (I), the undersigned, do hereby release, forever discharge and agree to hold harmless Highland UMC, its directors, employees, volunteers and agents (collectively herein the "Church") from any and all liability, claims or demands for accidental personal injury, sickness or death, as well as property damage and expenses, of any nature whatsoever, which may be incurred by the undersigned and the Participant while involved in the youth ministry activities. We (I) the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of this Participant hereby grant our (my) permission for the Participant to participate fully in youth ministry activities, including trips away from the church premises. Furthermore, we (I) [and on behalf of our (my) minor Participant(s)] hereby assume all risk of accidental personal injury, sickness, death, damage and expense as a result of participation in recreation and work activities involved therein. Further, authorization and permission is hereby given to said Church to furnish any necessary transportation (within the limitations of church insurance and the law), food and lodging for this Participant. The undersigned further hereby agree to hold harmless and indemnify said Church for any liability sustained by said Church as the result of the negligent, willful or intentional acts of said Participant, including expenses incurred attendant thereto.

By signing this agreement, we (I) acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that our (my) child and may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 by attending or participating in Highland UMC youth ministry activities and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and death. We (I) understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of our (my) youth and others, including, but not limited to, Highland UMC employees, volunteers, and program participants and their families.

We (I) voluntarily agree to assume all of the foregoing risks and accept sole responsibility for any injury to our (my) child (including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability, and death), illness, damage, loss, claim, liability, or expense, of any kind, that our (my) my child may experience or incur in connection with our (my) child's attendance or participation in Highland UMC youth ministry activities ("Claims"). On our (my) behalf, and on behalf of our (my) child, we (I) hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge, and hold harmless Highland UMC, its employees, agents, and representatives, of and from the Claims, including all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs or expenses of any kind arising out of or relating thereto. We (I) understand and agree that this release includes any Claims based on the actions, omissions, or negligence of Highland UMC, its employees, agents, and representatives, whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during, or after participation in any youth ministry activities.

MEDICAL TREATMENT PERMISSION: We (I) authorize an adult, in whose care our (my) child has been entrusted, to consent to any emergency x-ray examination, anesthetic, medical, surgical or dental diagnosis or treatment and hospital care, to be rendered to the minor under the general or special supervision and on the advice of any physician or dentist licensed under the provisions of the Medical Practice Act on the medical staff of a licensed hospital or emergency care facility. The undersigned shall be liable and agree(s) to pay all costs and expenses incurred in connection with such medical and dental services rendered to the aforementioned child or youth pursuant to this authorization.

EARLY RETURN HOME POLICY: Should it be necessary for our (my) child or youth to return home due to medical reasons, disciplinary action or otherwise, the undersigned shall assume all transportation costs and responsibility.

TRANSPORTATION PERMISSION: The undersigned does also hereby give permission for our (my) youth to ride in any vehicle driven by an approved ADULT chaperone while attending and participating in activities sponsored by Highland UMC. My youth and I understand that SEAT BELTS SHALL BE WORN AT ALL TIMES during transportation.

PHOTO/MEDIA Release: We (I) give permission for photos or electronic images of our (my) youth to be used in the church publications, multimedia presentations, in future promotions, on social media sites, and on the Highland UMC youth and church web sites. We agree that our youth will not be tagged and named and that the pictures are representations of the activities of our youth program.

The undersigned grant Liability Release, Medical Treatment Permission, Transportation Permission, Early Return Home Policy agreement, and Photo/Image Release:

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____