

# St Paul UMC Safe Sanctuary Examination

What is the purpose of Safe Sanctuary Training at St Paul UMC?

- a. to protect youth and vulnerable adults from abuse
- b. to provide the safest possible atmosphere for ministry to occur at St Paul
- c. to help protect those who volunteer with youth and vulnerable adults
- d. All the above

What is the 2 adult rule? \_\_\_\_\_

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How long should new members be active before volunteering with youth and/or vulnerable adults?    1 week                      3 months                      6 months                      1 year

True      False      Doors without windows should be shut at all times to protect the privacy of those doing ministry.

True      False      When it is impossible to staff with two non-related adults, there must be an additional adult serving as a floater with visual and physical access to all areas.

True      False      The two adult rule does not need to be followed if the meetings occur off church property.

True      False      Social Media information can be shared with anyone who asks for it at anytime

True      False      Guardian permission forms are required for off site activities

True      False      St Paul UMC requires background checks for all volunteers that work with youth and vulnerable adults.

Yes      No      I have reviewed all information in this presentation and have signed the participation covenant

## ***SAFE SANCTUARIES PARTICIPATION COVENANT***

St. Paul is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for all children, youth, at-risk adults, and volunteers who participate in ministries and activities sponsored by the church. The following policy statements reflect our congregation's commitment to preserving this church as a holy place of safety and

protection for all who would enter and as a place in which all people can experience the love of God through relationships with others.

- Adults who have been convicted of child abuse of any kind are not allowed to volunteer to work with children or youth in any church-sponsored activity.
- Adult survivors of child abuse need the love and support of our congregation. Any adult survivor who desires to volunteer in some capacity to work with children or youth is encouraged to discuss his or her willingness with one of the church's ministers before accepting an assignment.
- All adult volunteers involved with children or youth of our church must have been members of the congregation for at least six months before beginning a volunteer assignment.
- Adult volunteers with children and youth shall observe the "Two-Adult Rule" at all times so that no adult is ever alone with children or youth.
- Adult volunteers with children and youth shall attend regular training and educational events provided by the church to keep volunteers informed of church policies and state laws regarding child abuse.
- Adult volunteers shall immediately report to their supervisor any behavior that seems abusive or inappropriate.

**Please answer each of the statements to which you will commit:**

1. As a volunteer in this congregation, I agree to observe and abide by all church policies regarding working in ministries with children and youth.  **YES**  **NO**
2. As a volunteer in this congregation, I agree to observe the "Two-Adult Rule" at all times.  **YES**  **NO**
3. As a volunteer in this congregation, I agree to abide by the six-month rule before beginning a volunteer assignment.  **YES**  **NO**
4. As a volunteer in this congregation, I agree to participate in training and education events provided by the church related to my volunteer assignment.  **YES**  **NO**
5. As a volunteer in this congregation, I agree to promptly report abusive or inappropriate behavior to my supervisor.  **YES**  **NO**
6. 6. As a volunteer in this congregation, I agree to discuss with a minister of this congregation my experience, if any, as a survivor of child abuse.  **YES**  **NO**
7. As a volunteer in this congregation, I agree to inform a minister of this congregation if I have ever been convicted of child abuse.  **YES**  **NO**

**After reading this participation covenant, I agree to abide by the policies set forth above.**

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Print Name

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Signature of Applicant

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Date