

## SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

318 E. 55<sup>th</sup> Street

Kansas City, MO 64113

### MINISTRY WITH CHILDREN & YOUTH SCREENING FORM

Please complete this form in response to the Child Sexual Abuse Policy that is attached.

Please return to Rev. Don Fisher, Pastor.

Second Presbyterian Church desires that it be a safe and secure place for all children, youth and adults who attend or who participate in activities or programs sponsored by the church. In order to assure everyone, particularly parents, that children are protected, the church has adopted the following policies which reflect our commitment to provide protective care of all children, youth and volunteers who participate in church sponsored activities.

It is understood that there are many activities in which there is church participation, but which are not directly sponsored by Second Church. These include, but are not limited to, activities such as: Troost Academy tutors, Habitat for Humanity, CROP walk, etc. In such activities, the policies of that organization or institution shall prevail.

1. Adults who have been convicted of either child sexual or physical abuse should not provide service in any church sponsored activity or program for children or youth.
2. Adult survivors of childhood sexual or physical abuse need the love and acceptance of this church family. Individuals who have such a history should discuss their desire to work with children or youth with one of the pastoral staff prior to engaging in any volunteer or paid service.
3. All adult volunteers working with youth or children are required to be members of Second Church for a minimum of six months, except for parents or guardians whose children are participating in the program or activity.
4. Except in unusual circumstances, an adult should not be alone with an individual child unless permission is granted by the child's parent or guardian in each particular situation.

Have you read the attached Child Sexual Abuse Policy and do you agree to observe all church policies regarding working with youth and children while performing services as a church volunteer?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a crime?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes (Please describe on a separate sheet) \_\_\_\_\_ No

Statistics and reports show that persons who were a victim of abuse or molestation while a minor may be more likely, as an adult, to commit the same kind of offense against another minor.

By signing this application you are certifying that one or the other is true in your case:

- (a) That you were never a victim of abuse or molestation while a minor; or
- (b) If you were such a victim, you agree that, prior to entering into any volunteer activities working with children or youth, you will confer on a confidential basis with a member of the pastoral staff and will confide in that pastor all information you recall concerning any such episode; and that if the pastor advises you not to engage in any particular work with children or youth, you will follow that advice.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_