Policy for Registered Sex Offenders

Purpose:

The Church accepts as central to its mission the establishment and maintenance of a caring environment for every child of God, not least our own children and a place for sinners, including those whose crimes are public. Knowing that children are at risk, not yet having the ability to protect themselves, we determine to provide protection for them by carefully monitoring anyone with a history of criminal sexual conduct participating in the life of this congregation.

Knowing that God’s grace has been extended to all, we determine to provide a means that anyone who is known to have a record of criminal sexual conduct can live in that grace in the life of this congregation. Toward this end we establish the following policy with regard to the presence of anyone who is known to have a record of criminal sexual conduct in the life of the congregation.

Policy:

1. The church will take the following actions to help maintain a caring church environment for everyone:
2. Obtain release from the person with the known criminal sexual offense, hereafter referred to as the participant, and contact their probation officer for specific information about the offense
3. Provide for full disclosure to staff of pertinent information related to the participant until such time as this is no longer deemed necessary
4. Contact insurance carrier to provide appropriate information for policy coverage.
5. The participant must sign a Covenant of Conduct Agreement to adhere to the following requirements for participation in church life:
6. The participant must be physically accompanied at all times by an agreed upon, trustworthy church member of the same gender while on church property
7. The participant is not permitted to be involved in any children’s or youth ministries
8. The participant is not permitted to be in the education area or other areas where children/youth activities usually take place
9. The participant must be actively involved in treatment program with qualified professional until such time that the qualified professional submits a letter to the church stating that the individual no longer benefits from treatment
10. The participant will provide ongoing and full disclosure to staff of pertinent information as requested
11. Should the participant not comply with the participation requirements, the offender will be asked to discontinue participation in church life on the church property

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Printed Name, Signature, Date (Participant)

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Printed Name, Signature, Date (Representative of church, pastor or elder)

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Printed Name, Signature, Date (Prison ministry representative or sponsor)