Bethel College Mennonite Church

Limited Access Agreement

Bethel College Mennonite Church affirms the dignity and worth of all persons. We are committed to being a religious community open to those who are in need of worshipping with us, especially in times of serious personal troubles. However, based on the credible, corroborated, and multiple allegations of sexual abuse that we have received, we have concerns about your contact with children, youth and vulnerable people in our congregation. The following guidelines are designed to reduce the risk to both you and them of an incident or accusation. We welcome you as part of this congregation, but your participation will be limited to ensure the safety of our children, youth, and vulnerable people and to help safeguard you from future accusations.

Guidelines:

Within these guidelines, the congregation welcomes your participation in adult worship services, coffee fellowship in the Gathering Place, adult education, and all adult social events. You are to avoid all contact with children and youth on church grounds or church-sponsored events. This includes the following:

Do not talk with children or youth.

Do not volunteer or agree to lead, chaperone or participate in events for children and youth including such things are religious education classes, stories or talks for worship, youth group events, driving or otherwise transporting children and/or youth.

On church grounds, remain in the presence of an adult who knows your situation at all times. This adult will be designated by church leadership.

If a child in the congregation approaches you, either at church or in a community place, politely and immediately excuse yourself from the situation.

If applicable, I give the pastor permission to be in contact with my therapist on a regular basis as needed to continue my participation in this congregation.

I have reviewed this covenant and agree to abide by its provisions. I understand and agree that if I violate this agreement, I will be denied access to all future church functions and church property.

I understand that this contract will be reviewed every sixth months and will remain for an indefinite period.

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Signature	Print	Date
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Pastor	Print	Date
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Congregational Moderator	Print	Date
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Incoming Congregational Moderator	Print	Date