



UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Youth@Synod Adult Covenant

The core of our covenant for youth gatherings in the United Church of Christ is based on Matthew 22:36-39 which states:

“Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

Statement of Covenant: I covenant to show love for God, neighbor and self in all aspects of my behavior and decision making during General Synod.

This includes:

- I acknowledge that as an adult leader, the core of my time during the youth@synod program is committed to the care and support of our youth.
- I recognize the value of each of our youth and will treat them with the same level of respect that we should treat all of God's children regardless of age. I will use language that is both honest and sensitive.
- I will seek to encourage our youth to identify and use their gifts and abilities for the up-building of Christ's church.
- I will encourage our youth to make their voices heard as they share their thoughts, views and ideas.
- I will show respect for myself and others by holding myself to the highest standards in regard to illegal or immoral activities.
- I will share my gifts and talents while recognizing and embracing the gifts, talents, and leadership of our youth.
- I will help to maintain an atmosphere where bigotry and bullying is not tolerated and acceptance and compassion are the norm.

I agree to abide by this covenant throughout the youth@synod program and hold my peers accountable to this agreement that we share.

Participant

Signature

Date