



# UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

## Youth@Synod Youth 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:

- Showing respect and love for yourself and others by:
  - Sharing my gifts
  - Not engaging in illegal activities
  - Not taking or damaging possessions
- Staying in the room that has been assigned to me for the duration of the evening after curfew.
- Gathering in common spaces, not individual rooms during free time.
- Using language that is kind and up-building
- Holding to a zero tolerance for bullying or hazing behavior
- Participating in all group activities
- Following the direction of leaders
- Abstaining from the use of alcohol, drugs, and tobacco-based products (which includes vaping)
- Abstaining from sexual behavior
- Abstaining from using my cell phone and technology in a way that captures, shares or promotes any sexual behavior, nudity or inappropriate pictures for any purpose

I agree to abide by this covenant throughout the youth@synod program and hold my peers accountable to this agreement that we share. I understand and accept that violation of this Covenant could result in my returning home at my own expense before the meeting’s conclusion.

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Participant

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Signature

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Date

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