Youth Safe Sanctuary Form

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Brookfield-Immanuel United Methodist Charge
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Brookfield-Immanuel *United Methodist Charge*Safe Sanctuary Policy

Application and Participation Agreement for Youth Volunteers

The congregations of Brookfield-Immanuel United Methodist Charge are committed to providing a safe and secure environment for all children, youth, vulnerable adults and volunteers who participate in ministries and activities sponsored by the church. Volunteers are an essential and valuable component of the ministries of Brookfield-Immanuel United Methodist Charge. The following policy statement reflects our congregation's commitment to preserving this church as a holy place of safety and protection for all who would enter and as a place in which all people can experience the love of God through relationships with others.

- 1. Volunteers over 18 years of age will complete a Volunteer Application for Adults form. Youth, age 13 through 17, will complete a Volunteer Application for Youth.
- 2. References may be required on the appropriate application and may be checked by BIUMC.
- 3. Employees and volunteers will review the Safe Sanctuary Policy and agree to abide by the procedures and requirements.
- 4. Youth ages 13 through17 years of age who wish to become a church employee or volunteer are to provide references from adults who have seen the applicant interact with other children. This might be a church worker, coach, school teacher, scout leader, etc. (This will take the place of the background check required for adult applicants).
- 5. Volunteers must meet one of the following requirements before beginning a volunteer assignment:
 - a. Member of Brookfield-Immanuel United Methodist Charge for at least three months;
 - b. Regular attendee at Brookfield-Immanuel United Methodist Charge for at least three months.
- 6. Employees and volunteers will participate in training, as required.
- 7. All personally identifiable information obtained by the church for the purpose of screening employees and volunteers will be handled with care and discretion.

Please check the Yes or No box in response to the following:	Yes	No
As a volunteer in this congregation, I have read and agree to observe and abide by		
the BIC Safe Sanctuary Policy.		

My three references are:						
Full Name	Mailing Address	Telephone		Email		
Signature of Volunteer			Date:			
Print Full Name						