

## Covenant Statement for WBPC

This covenant shall be a bond between the congregation of Western Boulevard Presbyterian Church and the volunteers who are committed to providing a safe and secure environment for all who participate in its ministries. The following policy statements reflect our congregation's commitment to preserving this church as a sanctuary for all who would enter and as a place where all people can experience the love of God through relationships with others.

**Policy.** In keeping with the covenant of baptism, we, the congregation of WBPC, have committed ourselves to the nurturing of our children. They cannot learn to love and trust God when those who represent God to them are unloving and untrustworthy. We promise our children that we will:

- provide the structure, education, and policies that will keep them safe from harm and abuse; and
- screen volunteers, train them, and ask that they abide by the policies of our church.

**Agreement.** As a volunteer working with children in this congregation, I agree:

- to affirm my commitment to support WBPC as a safe place for children and youth;
- to observe and abide by all church policies regarding ministries with children and youth, including the *Safeguarding Our Children and Youth – Policy on Physical, Sexual and Emotional Misconduct* (Policy), which I have received and reviewed;
- to observe all Guidelines set forth in the Policy, including the two-adult rule, the age of caregivers, the adult-child ratios and the transportation requirements;
- to participate in training and education events provided by the church related to my volunteer assignment;
- to report abusive or inappropriate behavior promptly to the Pastor;
- that WBPC may undertake a criminal background check on me and I agree to cooperate in any way, at no cost to me, to accomplish that check.

**Certification.** I certify by my signature that I have not to my knowledge been the subject of any legal or church-related action or complaint involving a reported instance of physical, sexual, or emotional abuse of children or youth. I have never been refused, resigned from or been asked to resign from a position for reasons related to any abuse. I promise to report any future investigation, complaint or action promptly to the pastor of WBPC.

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Signature of Volunteer	Print Full Name	Date

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Signature of Pastor	Print Full Name	Date