

Ridge UMC Transportation Certification

A copy of this form along with a copy of your drivers license and insurance card must be on file in the church office before you can serve as a driver for Ridge UMC activities.

By signing below I certify that I:

- am 21 years old or older, currently licensed to operate an automobile and have been licensed to operate an automobile for at least one year.
- meet the minimum state required liability insurance coverage.
- have no convictions or charges during the preceding three years for driving under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance or committing reckless driving.
- use a safe, reliable and licensed vehicle.
- shall use child restraint seats when transporting any children (as prescribed by law).
- will obey all traffic laws and make every reasonable effort to assure the safety of my passengers, by requiring that seat belts be worn by every passenger.
Indiana law requires that every minor wear a seat belt. Each occupant will be expected to wear the seatbelt provided.
- have been given a copy of the Code of Ethics, that I have read it and will comply.
See reverse of this form for Code of Ethics

Signature _____

Date _____

Ridge United Methodist Church Code of Ethics for Working with Children or Youth

Any person working with the children or youth of the church is a role model. While acting in this capacity the following Code of Ethics will apply.

1. Smoking or using tobacco products in the presence of children or youth is prohibited
2. Using, possessing, or being under the influence of alcohol or other controlled substances will not be tolerated.
3. Volunteers and/or employees shall not mistreat children or youth including, but not limited to:
 - Physical: strike, spank, shake, slap
 - Verbal/mental: humiliate, degrade, threaten, or
 - Sexual abuse: including inappropriate touching and exposure
4. Volunteers and/ or employees must treat children and youth of all races, religions, and cultures with respect and dignity.
5. Volunteers and/or employees must use positive techniques of guidance, including positive reinforcement and encouragement rather than comparison or criticism.
6. Volunteers and/or employees shall not tolerate profanity in the presence of children or youth.
7. Volunteers and/or employees will refrain from inappropriate display of affection toward others in the presence of children, parents and other employees.
8. Volunteers and/or staff must be free of physical and psychological conditions that might adversely affect children's or youth's health, including, but not limited to contagious diseases.
9. Volunteers and/or employees will portray a positive role model for youth and children by maintaining an attitude of respect, loyalty, patience and maturity.
10. Volunteers and/or employees will be expected to act and react with Christian love and understanding in all situations.
11. Volunteers and/or employees will be expected to safeguard and hold confidential any information gained through administrative duties involving supervision of children, youth, volunteers and/or any other information identified as being confidential.
12. Volunteers and/or employees will do everything in their power to avoid being put in a situation where they are alone with a child or youth other than their own.
13. Indiana state law requires that all citizens report any suspected abuse or neglect of a child or a youth to age 18 to the Indiana Department of Protective and Regulatory Services, 1-800-800-5556.