

Assumption of Risk and Waiver of Liability Relating to Coronavirus/COVID-19

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. COVID-19 is extremely contagious and is believed to spread mainly from person-to-person contact. As a result, federal, state, and local governments and federal and state health agencies recommend social distancing and have, in many locations, prohibited the congregation of groups of people.

The mission of the SEED program St. John's United Methodist Church is to provide enrolled children a developmentally appropriate, intellectually stimulating, and spiritually nurturing program in a safe, supervised, loving environment. In order to continue to meet this mission while minimizing the potential for community spread of the COVID-19 virus, St. John's UMC has put in place a number of preventative safety measures specific to the operation of the SEED program and outlined in a pamphlet titled "St. John's SEED Exposure Control Plan for Pandemics."

St. John's United Methodist Church has enacted this plan and the measures specified within it to reduce the spread of COVID-19; however, St. John's United Methodist Church cannot guarantee that SEED program participants will not become infected with COVID-19. Further, a child's participation in SEED program activities – the very nature of which require social contact amongst children from different families - could increase the risk of contracting COVID-19 despite all reasonable safety measures available to the staff of St. John's United Methodist Church.

By signing this agreement, I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that my child(ren) may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 by participating in the SEED program at St. John's United Methodist Church, and that such exposure or infection can potentially result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and death. I understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 at St. John's United Methodist Church and / or during SEED program activities may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others, including, but not limited to, St. John's United Methodist Church employees, and other participants and their families.

I voluntarily agree to assume all of the foregoing risks and accept sole responsibility for any injury to my child(ren) myself (including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability, and death), illness, damage, loss, claim, liability, or expense, of any kind, that I may experience or incur in connection with my presence or my child(ren)'s presence at St. John's United Methodist Church or participation in the SEED program ("Claims"). On behalf of my child(ren) and myself, I hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge, indemnify and hold harmless St. John's United Methodist Church, its employees, agents, and representatives, of and from the Claims, including all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs or expenses of any kind arising out of or relating thereto. I understand and agree that this release includes any Claims based on the actions, omissions, or negligence of St. John's United Methodist Church, its employees, agents, and representatives, whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during, or after being present of the premises of St. John's United Methodist Church and/or participating in the SEED program.

Name of Child(ren) Enrolled in SEED Program

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date

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