



2022 MIDWINTER YOUTH CONFERENCE COMMUNITY COVENANT FOR ADULTS

During the Midwinter Conferences, we gather as a community of Christians to worship God and enjoy God's creation, including one other. Our conduct and behavior should reflect Jesus's commandment to love God with all we have and love our neighbors as ourselves. In response to my commitment to live in a loving community with other participants, **I promise I will:**

- keep my focus on the youth and their needs throughout the weekend.
- model joyful participation in activities.
- encourage youth in my care to participate fully in activities and connect with other youth. I will discourage youth from spending time on their electronic devices and encourage them to spend their free time enjoying Mo-Ranch and other participants. I will limit my own use of electronics.
- help to keep youth safe by enforcing the Midwinters "Community Covenant for Youth" and Mo-Ranch's policies.
- read and abide by Mission Presbytery's Child Protection Policy. Especially I will take care to honor the open door policy (window shades should be kept open; if a door is the only sightline to a room, it should be kept open) and the "two-adult rule" (two adults in every room, unless there are at least three youth in the room). I will abide by the "two-adult rule" in my church's lodging: adults should only share rooms with youth if two or more adults are present (adults will sleep in the same room as youth in open dorms, but not in hotel-style rooms or small bunk rooms).
- wear appropriate clothing at all times and change clothes in private.
- recognize that according to Texas law, all adults are mandatory reporters. If a minor reports abuse of any kind, occurring over the course of Midwinters or

having occurred previously at home, school, or church, I will immediately inform Mission Presbytery's Youth and Young Adult Advocate, Caitlin Supcoff, and make arrangements to report it through the proper channels.

- not use alcohol, marijuana, or any drugs that have not been prescribed to me, nor will I smoke, vape, or use tobacco products.
- not bring any fireworks or weapons of any kind with me to Mo-Ranch. I will leave skateboards, rollerblades, and bikes at home.
- respect the gender identity and sexual orientation of both youth and adults. When someone tells me their preferred pronouns, I will use them. I will do everything I can to help youth feel safe, comfortable, loved, and accepted just as they are.
- be respectful of others' views, especially when they are different than mine. When I hear something that is new or different from what I believe, I will listen patiently and respectfully, honoring the viewpoint and life experience of the person sharing with me. I recognize that sometimes another person's opinions might make me uncomfortable, but I will do my best to be open so that I can learn and grow through this experience.
- have as much fun as I possibly can!

Name: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____