

South Church Unitarian Universalist in Portsmouth, NH
Screening Form for Children and/or Youth Work

Per section 5 of the South Church Safe Congregation Policies and Procedures for Children and Youth

This application is to be completed by all applicants for any position (volunteer or compensated) involving the supervision or custody of minors, as well as certain leadership positions. This form is being used to help the church provide a safe and secure environment for those children and youth who participate in our programs.

Date: _____

Name: _____
Last First Middle

Present Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

If you have not lived in your current town for 5 years, please list the cities and states where you have lived for the last 5 years.

List (name and address) all other churches you attended regularly in the past 5 years. _____

List all previous church and non-church work involving children and/or youth. (Name and address, type of work, and dates) _____

List 2 references who you have known for at least 2 years and who are not related to you. Please provide full addresses.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Please list a 3rd reference who is a family member.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Do you have a current Driver's License and/or other photo identification? Yes _____ No _____

Have you ever been convicted of a crime? _____

If you answered yes to the above question, you will be contacted by the Minister or Director of Lifespan Ministries concerning the circumstances of the incident.

All of the above information I have given is truthful and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I authorize any references or churches listed in this application to give you any information (including opinions) that they may have regarding my character and fitness for work with children and youth. In consideration of the receipt and evaluation of this application by South Church, I hereby release any person or organization providing a reference from any and all liability for damages on account of compliance with this authorization, excepting only the communication of knowingly false information.

Should my application be accepted, I agree to be bound by the Bylaws and policies of South Church.

I have read the Safe Congregation Policies and Procedures for Children and Youth. Yes _____ No _____

Signature

Date

For screening of Minor Volunteers only (See section 4.4 of the Safe Congregation Policies and Procedures for Children and Youth)

I give permission for my son/daughter to become a member of the volunteer staff and understand that I am legally and financially responsible for their actions and conduct.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Disclosure

I authorize South Church to obtain and release any information pertaining to my background, including information from the sources listed below.

Authorization

During the application process and at any time during my association with South Church, I hereby authorize First Advantage on behalf of South Church to procure a report which I understand may include information from courts, sex offender registries, record repositories, departments of motor vehicles, personal references and any other sources required to verify information that I have voluntarily supplied. I hereby release and discharge South Church from all claims and damages arising out of or relating to any investigation of my background for said purposes.

**An email will be sent through First Advantage to each applicant so that personal and private information can be entered securely. South Church does not have access to information like your social security number.*

Signature Date

Name (First, Middle, Last) Alias

Please provide a minimum seven (7) years residential history.

Current Address City/State/Zip How long?

Previous Address City/State/Zip How long?

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The following consumer report agency will prepare the report:
First Advantage Background Services Corp
P O Box 403532
Atlanta, GA 30384-3532

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Date Received Date Processed Processed by

Code of Ethics for Adults and Older Youth Who are in Leadership Roles with Children/Youth

Adults and older youth who are in leadership roles are in a position of stewardship and play a key role in fostering spiritual development of both individuals and the community. It is, therefore, especially important that those in leadership positions be well qualified to provide the special nurture, care and support that will enable children and youth to develop a positive sense of self and a spirit of independence and responsibility.

The relationship between young people and their leaders must be one of mutual respect if the positive potential is to be realized. There are no more important areas of growth than those of self-worth and the development of a healthy individual as a sexual being. Adults play a key role in assisting children and youth in these areas of growth. Wisdom dictates that children, youth and adults suffer damaging effects when leaders become sexually involved with young persons in their care. Therefore, leaders will refrain from engaging in sexual, seductive, or erotic behavior with children and youth. Neither shall they sexually harass or engage in behavior with youth or adults which constitutes verbal, emotional or physical abuse.

Leaders shall be informed of the Code of Ethics and agree to it before assuming their role. IN cases of violation of this Code, appropriate action will be taken.

RE Volunteer Statement:

I have never been the perpetrator of any physical or sexual abuse of another person. I have read and understand the above statement of position, expectations, and actions.

Name (Printed)

Date

Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature if for a minor

Date

This Code of Ethics was adopted by the Unitarian Universalist Association in 1986