

## **NHCC YOUTH MISSION TRIP YOUTH COVENANT**

Because God calls us to be a community of faith and leaders in Christ's church, I covenant with God and each other to conduct our life together during the [date] Mission Trip in a manner that promotes a community of faith.

I will participate in all activities (according to my ability), working together to learn and grow from my workcamp experience.

I will treat all people with dignity and respect.

I will use the facilities made available to us with care. If I hurt or accidentally damage property, I will take responsibility for the damage done.

I will not bring or use weapons, tobacco products, alcohol and/or illicit drugs, realizing that such behavior is destructive to Christian community and would require my dismissal.

I will conduct myself in a manner that is conducive to my personal safety and the safety of the group. This includes taking precautions to avoid [likely problems specific to this trip].

I will not engage in sexual activity or inappropriate body contact.

I will not use inappropriate language.

I WILL NEVER TRAVEL ALONE; I will always be with a minimum of one other person.

I will always let my leader(s) know where I am going to be.

I will never leave the site without permission of the pastor or chaperone.

I agree to abide by the guidelines for group living.

I understand that if there is any observed or described need for medical care a group leader will direct this without discussion or debate.

Remember, while you are participating in this trip, you are a representative of the Newton Highlands Congregational Church and of the Massachusetts Conference of the United Church of Christ as well as the entire United Church of Christ. Please keep in mind that your positive leadership skills and modeling are vital for the success of this mission trip.

**Violation of this Covenant could mean returning home early-at your own expense.**

Participant's

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor's

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Chaperone's

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand the covenant that my son/daughter has signed is a requirement of their participation on the youth mission trip and I celebrate that they are attending. I agree to support trip advisors as they seek to provide a safe and spiritually fruitful experience for all who go on the trip. I also understand that if my child breaks the covenant in the judgment of adult leaders, she/he be sent home. If this occurs I will assume full financial and legal responsibility for that return trip.

Parent/Guardian's

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_