

**Holland Free Methodist Church  
Youth Participation Consent Form  
2016-2017**

Name of Student \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's email address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Permission granted for a single event

Event: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Permission granted for a year of activities

We, the undersigned youth and parent/guardian of the youth, acknowledge that the student listed above is interested in participating in the Holland Free Methodist Church Youth Ministry for the church year running from September 1, to August 31, the following year. With the understanding that the church cares deeply for the youth of this community and makes every effort, through its staff and designated volunteers, to provide safe and enjoyable activities for the youth to experience, we agree that, to accomplish this, the following rules and policies will be enforced:

**YOUTH COVENANT**

As a youth ministry, we agree that:

1. We will treat others as we would want to be treated. Respect, in word and deed, for God, our leaders, each other, and ourselves will be our mission. With this in mind, we agree to follow the attached dress code.
2. We will respect the property of others whether it be personal property of one another, church property, or the property of anyone away from church grounds.
3. We understand that alcohol or other drugs, tobacco, and weapons are not acceptable things to bring to youth ministry related activities.
4. We agree that for the protection and safety of all participants, acts of violence or harassment will not be tolerated. Such acts include fighting, physical or verbal assault/abuse, ethnic insults, and profane or obscene language, gestures, or actions. In addition, gambling of any kind will not be tolerated. The following actions will be taken if the covenant is abused:
  - All individuals will be held personally responsible for any damages to property they may incur. This may include paying for damages outright or working out a type of service to pay for the damages.
  - Immediate removal from the activity by the parents will occur for possession of alcohol or other drugs, tobacco, and weapons. The same will occur for violence of any kind. In the case of

violence, mediation between two “warring” parties is necessary before both can be allowed back into a youth function. If the leaders feel at any time that the presence of a youth puts the rest of the group at risk, we would ask that youth not to attend youth activities.

- For other problems, the following procedure will be used:

- a. A warning will be given which may include a one on one with a youth leader
- b. The youth will have to call his/her parents and let them know what they are doing that is disrupting the youth ministry event in order to let the parents know of the situation
- c. As a final resort, the youth will have to call his/her parents for removal from the function; he/she may return to the next event with a clean slate

### **CONSENT AND RELEASE**

By signing this statement, I am giving my consent for the youth named above to participate in all Youth Ministry sanctioned activities during the church year as set forth above, whether located at the church, locally, in the state of Ohio or out of state, and if necessary, consent to said child being transported by church staff or their designated volunteers to, from and during said activities by church van or private vehicle. When I drop my child off at a Youth Ministry sanctioned activity or allow my child to be transported to such an event, I am granting my consent for my child to fully participate therein unless otherwise directed by me in writing. We have reviewed the Youth Covenant set forth above and agree that the youth will abide by it. We also acknowledge that if the youth has to return home early for discipline violations, it will be our responsibility to see that the child is returned home. We consent to the use of any video images, photographs, audio recordings, or any other visual or audio reproduction that may be taken of the youth during the activities attended by them to be used, distributed or shown as the church deems appropriate. Finally, we understand that all reasonable safety precautions will be taken at all times by Holland Free Methodist Church and its agents during the activities and events that the youth will be invited to participate in. We understand the possibility of unforeseen hazards and know the inherent possibility of risk. We agree, therefore, not to hold Holland Free Methodist Church, its leaders, employees, and volunteer staff liable for damages, losses, diseases, or injuries incurred by the youth. We, the undersigned, have carefully read, understand, and agree to the foregoing consent and release and are signing of our own free act and deed. We acknowledge receiving a copy of this document.

Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Youth \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name of Youth \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Signatures \_\_\_\_\_

Board Approved 9/27/2005 .

Holland Free Methodist Church  
AUTHORIZATION TO CONSENT  
FOR  
TREATMENT OF A MINOR

I hereby grant to Holland Free Methodist Church staff or adult volunteers the authority to give an informed consent for the treatment of:

\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
(Child's Name) (Age) (Date of Birth)

should such child require medical care of any nature by reason of any condition or incident, except that the following procedures should not be performed without my consent unless the concurring medical opinion of two physicians is that such procedures are necessary to relieve the suffering or preserve the life or limb of such child and I cannot be reached after reasonable attempts:

- a) Major surgery
- b) \_\_\_\_\_  
(other, if any)

Facts concerning the child's medical history, including allergies, physical impairments, disabilities, **last tetanus shot** and medications being taken, to which a physician should be alerted are as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Our family physician is: Dr. \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Our family dentist is: Dr. \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Our hospital choice is: \_\_\_\_\_  
Our health insurance plan is: \_\_\_\_\_  
Group # \_\_\_\_\_ Member # \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

This authorization expires at noon on September 1, 2017.

\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Parent/Guardian) (Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Printed Name of Parent/Guardian)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Home Phone) (Work Phone) (Cell Phone)  
Alternate Person to call in case of Emergency: Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Relationship) (Home Phone) (Work Phone) (Cell Phone)  
Youth Participation Consent Form on file  
Board Approved 9/27/2005

## Holland Free Methodist “Overflow” Dress Code

*The following dress code applies to all HFM youth, guests, youth workers, and parent helpers. We wish to promote a spirit of modesty, which dictionary.com defines as “freedom from vanity.” The Bible tells us to put off things such as worldliness and vanity and to be an encouragement to our brothers and sisters in Christ-to not be a stumbling block. We want to teach our youth to honor God with their bodies according to 1 Corinthians 6:20.*

- At no point should any portion of your underwear be visible. (This includes boxers, briefs, and bras) UNDERWEAR is called just that for a reason.
- Shirts are required. No tube tops or dresses. No halter tops. No cut off tops. Shirts should cover your midriff. Guys, no taking your shirts off. (Tank tops are permitted if the strap is at least two finger widths wide. No spaghetti straps.)
- Shorts, skirts and dresses must all fall below the tips of your longest finger. This applies to athletic shorts.
- Leggings are not considered “stand alone” pants. If you choose to wear the ever-so-comfortable leggings, we ask that you wear a skirt or a very long shirt over them so that your bottom is completely covered.
- No T-shirts that are rude, mean, or advertise/promote sex, drugs, or alcohol. No screen printing that could be construed as offensive.
- Ladies’ swimsuits must cover the midriff. (No bikinis.) Ladies, please also pay attention to your top section in a swimsuit. Ask yourself, can I bend over and touch my toes without a “wardrobe malfunction?” Guys, only swim trunks please. (Save the Speedo for the swim team.)

*\*ANY of our adult leaders, or any other adult on site, has the final veto power on all wardrobe choices. If they even have to think twice about saying something to you about your outfit that is enough reason for them to say something. Leave no room for doubt-dress appropriately. You are representing your faith, your community, and yourself. You may be asked to put a shirt on over what you are wearing or possibly sent home to change.*