

ASSUMPTION OF THE RISK AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY RELATING TO  
CORONAVIRUS/COVID-19  
MISSION VOLUNTEERS

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 gathering of groups of people.

**Desert Chapel United Methodist Church (the “Church”)** has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19; however, **the Church cannot guarantee** that you or your family will not become infected with COVID-19. Further, **coming onto the Church campus could increase** your risk and your family’s risk of contracting COVID-19.

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By signing this agreement, I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that my family and I may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 by coming onto the Church campus and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, or death. I understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 at the Church campus may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others, including, but not limited to, Church employees, volunteers, and third-party participants and their families.

I understand that I must be free from COVID-19 symptoms to come onto the Church campus. I also understand that while the Church is taking precautionary measures, no amount of precautionary measures will completely protect against transmission of COVID-19. Additionally, I understand asymptomatic people may still be able to transmit COVID-19. Finally, I understand that even with precautionary measures, some people, including, but not limited to, other Church and third-party participants and their families, may not follow the measures and increase the risk of transmission.

I will immediately notify the Church in writing or by email (info@desertchapelumc.org) if I become aware of any person with whom my family or I have had contact exhibits any symptoms of COVID-19, is advised to self-isolate or quarantine, or has tested positive for COVID-19.

**I voluntarily agree to assume all of the foregoing risks and accept sole responsibility for any injury to my family or me (including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability, and death), illness, damage, loss, claim, liability, or expense, of any kind, that I or my family may experience or incur in connection with my coming onto the church campus or participation in programs on the church campus or related to the church or a third-party program (“claims”). I hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge, and hold harmless the church, its employees, agents, and representatives, of and from the claims, including all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, and 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 the church, its employees, agents, and representatives, whether a covid-19 infection occurs before, during, or after participation in any church or third-party program.**

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

Name of Participant(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_