



## **Technology Covenant**

We Agree...

That having a cell phone as a youth participant is a privilege and not a right.

That I will honor no cell phone times established by my Adult Leaders.

I will not give away my cell number or social media handles to strangers or leave it in places  
where it can be seen by strangers.

I will be cautious about new followers or friend requests from people I don't know or who I have  
just met. I will not meet anyone I have just met online in person at the Gathering without an  
adult present.

If I have a conflict, I will first address it with the youth and adult leaders at the Gathering,  
before contacting my parents back home. While parental support is important, disappointment  
and conflict are best dealt with in person as a group.

That if I am asked to turn off my cell phone by any adult, I will do it with respect and not  
complain.

That when I am in conversation with a person or participating in a Gathering event, I will not use  
my phone.

That I will stay fully present in the Gathering experience instead of being distracted by social  
media or friends back home.

That I will stay aware of my surroundings and be considerate of others in the city instead of  
being consumed by screens.

That I will not post inappropriate photos or messages that speak negatively about myself or others



That if I receive an inappropriate message from someone, I will inform an Adult Leader

That I will remain positive about my experience while sending pictures, texting, on social media,  
or phone calls.

That I will honor night time quiet times by shutting off my phone notifications from 11 pm-8 am.

That I will leave my cell phone in my pocket or out of sight while at meals during the Gathering  
and not have it on the table.

That if I lose or break my cell phone, I will be responsible for replacing or fixing it.

If I don't follow these statements, I will face the consequences of losing the privilege of my  
phone for an agreed upon amount of time.

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

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

## Covenant of Abiding Savior and First Lutheran Youth, Adults, Parents, and Youth Leader's for the 2022 LCMS National Youth Gathering



As we prepare to experience the 2022 LCMS National Youth Gathering together, we covenant with one another as a family in Christ. A covenant is a promise or agreement between two or more people.

This Group Covenant contains our promises and commitments to each other for how we will act, interact, and react prior to, during, and after the 2022 LCMS National Youth Gathering.

*"And I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to Me," Says the Lord Almighty. (2 Cor 6:18).*

**To show who Jesus is in our thoughts, words, and deeds, treating others in a Christ-like manner, we will:**

- Show concern for others' physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being.
- Treat others outside our Abiding Savior and First Lutheran group with the respect and courtesy due them as brothers and sisters in Christ.
- Treat our hotel rooms **better** than our own rooms at home, keeping them reasonably neat and tidy.
- Have a positive attitude and be flexible when things go wrong or schedules change.
- Understand that leaders will sometimes make decisions that we don't like but we will be supportive anyway.
- Be on time for meetings, so we don't hold everyone up.
- Not try to "sneak out" of commitments made in this covenant.
- Fully cooperate with our Adult Leaders

**We will participate in pre-gathering events. We will:**

- Youth will attend Youth Group regularly.
- Youth and parents will attend as many of the Servant Events through the year as possible.
- Youth and parents will attend Church and Sunday School regularly.
- Youth and parents will attend ALL information meetings.
- Youth will attend ALL group building activities.
- Youth and parents will participate in as many fundraising events as possible.

*But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. (Mark 10:14)*

**As adults, we will help our youth grow. We will:**

- Show patience with the group, and be flexible when a change of plans is needed.
- Show our youth a lighthearted, loving, and fun side of ourselves.
- Consult youth in decision making as much as possible.

- Allow youth as much trust and freedom as the situation warrants.
- Be examples in all ways; before, during, and after the Gathering.
- Remember that the purpose of attending the Gathering is to foster the growth of the Youth. However, adults should not neglect opportunities for growth of their own.
- Be comfortable in leading roles in Bible studies, prayer, discipline, and guidance prior to and during Gathering, while not favoring one attendee over another.
- Be able to be called upon at any time.
- Make Gathering preparation, planning, and participation a priority in our personal lives.

*Teach me knowledge and good judgment, for I trust your commands. (Psalm 118:6)*

**We will seek knowledge and growth in our faith. We will:**

- Begin and end each day in prayer, either alone, with our roommates, or with the entire group.
- Write in our journals faithfully.
- Participate fully in Family Time each evening.
- Attend at least two of the three interest sessions each day.
- Fully participate in all Gathering Mass Events as well as final worship on the last day.
- Understand that while Mass Events Plus are optional, if attended, the entire group must attend.
- Refrain from the use of cell phones during Gathering programming (Bible study, Mass Events, Interest Centers, etc.) except to use a Bible app and photos when appropriate.

*Even a child makes himself known by his acts, by whether his conduct is pure and upright. (Proverbs 20:11)*

**We will conduct ourselves in a manner that demonstrates Christian living. We will:**

- With members of our group and members of the opposite sex, show respect and follow biblical guidelines for Christian conduct, always being concerned for the other person's reputation, feelings, and well-being.
- We will deal with each other in a friendly, light-hearted and courteous manner.
- Dress modestly so as to show respect toward the opposite sex and toward ourselves in the way we dress. If asked by an adult leader to change clothes we will do so without complaint.
- Opposite genders will not be in rooms of the other gender
- At lights out time, we will silence and set aside all electronics (including phones) and turn out the lights. (We understand that sleep may be difficult because of the excitement of the day, but we will be considerate of others' attempts to sleep).
- When we're angry or upset we will pause, take a breath, then talk to the person(s) involved or seek the help of an adult in resolving the problem.

*(Matthew 18:15 "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother.")*

- We will not use "put-downs" or insults (seriously or in jest or sarcasm).
- We will keep copies of our personal emergency forms with us at all times in our backpacks. (Adult Leaders will carry a 2nd copy for everyone in the group.)
- We will use common sense and Christian care when an issue isn't covered by this covenant.

*Keep me safe, LORD, from the hands of the wicked; protect me from the violent, who devise ways to trip my feet. (Psalm 104:4)*

**We will strive to remain safe throughout the Gathering. We will:**

- Wear wrist bands at all times; if you lose it, it will not be replaced and you might as well go home (but **NOT** on your own; talk to an adult); if it is broken you will need to go to the gathering office to get it replaced; if you are a youth an adult needs to go with you.
- Use the "Buddy System".
  - No one goes anywhere alone unless an adult gives permission.

- Within the Convention Center and attending different sessions, meet up with at least one other person before proceeding to the next session.
- At the “Interactive Center”, Buddy System rules apply.
- **Never, ever** walk away and leave anyone alone except at session rooms.
- Check in with each other regularly. Check-ins can be done by text message, Remind, or in person.
  - Check in after each afternoon session.
  - At least once every other hour during the day (and, no, check-ins are not necessary when we are all together.
  - Miss a check-in and the adults may panic and call the Gathering office, 911, the National Guard, the F.B.I., the C.I.A., and the President. Just imagine having Search-and-Rescue dogs, helicopters, police cars, and an entire city searching for you. **Don’t miss a check-in.**
- Wear your back-pack everywhere.
- **Never** give your full name or address or phone number to a stranger, especially if they’re not wearing a gathering wrist band. Exchanging contact info with other youth who are wearing Gathering wristbands is ok.

*"What do you think? If any man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go and search for the one that is straying? (Matt. 18:12)*

**If someone gets separated from the group:**

- If possible, call the designated Adult Leader on their cell phone. Keep your phone on. Adults will be trying to call **you**.
- The group should have agreed upon a meeting place in advance. If it’s time to meet, go there.
- Seek a “Yellow Shirt” (CLB) for help where you are.
- Call the Help Line (# on wristband). We will also call the HelpLine and let them know we’re looking for you. If we can’t find you in a reasonable amount of time (30 minutes), the Gathering has Lost Person procedures to assist with situations like this.

*Whoever spares the rod hates their children, but the one who loves their children is careful to discipline them. (Proverbs 13:24)*

**If the covenant is broken, we will handle it as follows:**

- Youth may be asked to consult privately with the Adult Leader or other youth involved.
- If for some reason we have a major behavior/discipline problem, after attempting to resolve it before we go on the gathering. Youth may be asked not to join us on the gathering and will not be awarded a refund.
- Youth may be asked to spend part or all of the day under the direct supervision of an adult leader. (Or other consequence determined by the leader(s) such as privilege restrictions for the day and so on, determined by individual situations.)
- If for some reason we have a major behavior/discipline problem, after attempting to resolve it at the gathering, youth might be sent home. Parents and/or youth will be responsible for the additional cost.

*And you will testify also, because you have been with Me from the beginning. (John 15:27)*

**We will communicate the Gathering experience within our Abiding Savior congregation as we:**

- Bring back photos, videos, stories, and other mementos to share.
- Participate in sharing our experiences with the Abiding Savior congregation through individual testimony, either written or oral.

- Show care not to leave those who did not attend out of conversations but encourage them to join us for other group events.
- Be a role model and Christian leader, sharing the gospel among our peers.
- Continue to be active in the church and its activities.

As YOUTH participants of the National Youth Gathering, we promise to uphold this covenant to the best of our ability and follow the direction of our Adult Leaders.

I hereby sign, that I have read the covenant, understand it and will obey the rules for the 2022 NYG gathering.

Name attendee: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Parents Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Leaders

signature: \_\_\_\_\_

signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Abiding Savior's Youth Group**  
**9700 W. Newberry Rd. Gainesville, FL 32606**  
**PARENTAL PERMISSION AND MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION FORM**

Participant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission for my child (named above) to attend the events, field trips, and service projects associated with the Youth Group of Abiding Savior Lutheran Church, Gainesville, Florida. I further give permission for my child to be transported to and from events by hired and volunteer drivers authorized by the Abiding Savior Lutheran Church.

**Medical Release**

I hereby authorize the Youth Group leaders, volunteers, Abiding Savior Lutheran Church, hospitals, licensed medical or dental providers, and their agents and employees to have access to the information contained in this form and to provide all medical or dental care, routine tests, treatment, and necessary transportation advisable for the health and safety of my child. This authorization includes the authority to consent to any x-ray examinations, anesthetic, medical procedure or treatment, and hospital care under the supervision, and upon the advice of or to be rendered by, a physician or surgeon licensed under the Medical Practice Act or dentist licensed under the Dental Practice Act for my child.

**Custody Release**

I further authorize the Youth Group leaders of Abiding Savior Lutheran Church of Gainesville, Florida to receive physical custody of my child upon completion of any treatment, and I specifically instruct any treating health facility to surrender physical custody of my child to said adult.

**Activity Release**

I further give permission for my child to participate in all activities sponsored by the Youth Group or Abiding Savior Lutheran Church, except as noted:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed name of Parent or Guardian\_\_\_\_\_  
Date**EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION****Parent(s)/Guardian(s)**\_\_\_\_\_  
Name(s)\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address\_\_\_\_\_  
City\_\_\_\_\_  
State\_\_\_\_\_  
ZipPhone NumbersPhone Type  
(Home, Mobile, etc.)


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Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Email address(es)\_\_\_\_\_  
Email address(es)**Other Emergency Contact(s)**\_\_\_\_\_  
Name(s)\_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship to Participant


Health Care Information

Participant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_

PhysicianDentist\_\_\_\_\_  
Name\_\_\_\_\_  
Name\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone\_\_\_\_\_  
Medical Insurance Company\_\_\_\_\_  
Dental Insurance Company\_\_\_\_\_  
Policy/Group Number\_\_\_\_\_  
Policy/Group Number\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Policy Holder\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Policy Holder

Please list any allergies to drugs, foods, plants, insects, etc:

Does your child wear glasses or contacts?

Date of last tetanus shot \_\_\_\_\_

For your child's safety and our knowledge, is your child a good, fair or non-swimmer?

Please list any prescription medication to be taken by the participant (including what it is taken for, when it is to be taken, dosage information, and any special procedures):

Please list any non-prescription (over-the-counter) medication you do NOT want dispensed to your child:

Please list any additional information relevant to participating in Youth Group activities (dietary needs; surgeries or serious injuries; chronic or recurring illness; medical conditions such as epilepsy or diabetes; psychiatric counseling or indications, etc.):