

# Work Tour Covenant

## Rules and Regulations ~ Sacred Agreements

The following covenant items are in place to provide for the safety, well-being, and meaningful experience for all participants. These agreements help to ensure that God can work at God's best throughout the whole encounter. In recognition of my role as a participant in this celebration of faith, and to illustrate my support of our group as a whole, as one body in Christ,

### I covenant to:

#### Celebrate God

- 1) **Participate Fully** – Share openly and positively who I am and what gifts I bring to our group. Unless special arrangements/restrictions have been agreed upon prior to the trip, I will participate in all activities.
- 2) **Care for Myself** – Honor God's temple (me—and others!) by *sleeping* when the schedule allows, by *eating* 3 meals a day, by *staying hydrated*—and otherwise caring for myself and others in responsible ways. I will spend my time on Work Tour without the use of alcohol, cigarettes, or non-prescription drugs. Trips are tiring and require a lot of energy. I will practice these things to be at my best.
- 3) **Be on Time** – Which means I will be early and ready to go. This is a way of showing respect for those who have planned our activities, for others participating, and for God and God's possibilities in store for us!
- 4) **Honor Sacred Space & Things** – We have been allowed the means to travel, visit, and stay in various locations. I will respect the property/areas that I will inhabit and use during the trip (ie: vehicles, churches, homes, land, tools, etc.). I will leave spaces as nice as, or better than, I originally found them.

#### Live in God's Community

- 1) **Travel in 3's** – Adults and youth should never be one on one. I will always travel in a group. Three is a holy number.
- 2) **Be Kind & Communicate** – I understand that physical, verbal, and written abuse will not be tolerated. I will be respectful and considerate of others. I will find constructive ways to talk through and work out conflict that may arise. I will make sure adults will know where I am at all times.
- 3) **Use Appropriate Language** – I won't make negative comments, tell inappropriate jokes, or use curse words.
- 4) **No Sexual Relationships** – I will not engage in PDA (public display of affection) that takes attention away from the group dynamic. Everyone is single on a work trip (even adults).
- 5) **No Driving for Youth Participants** – I understand that only approved adults may drive on this trip.

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### Respect God's Creation

- 1) **Limit Use of Cell Phones/iPods/Etc.** – In order to engage fully in our pilgrimage, I will disengage from my technology – take a “Sabbath” of sorts. I will only use my phone/iPod/etc. during times that are designated by the adult leadership. I also recognize that I bring these items at my own risk.
- 2) **Wear Proper Clothing** – I understand that our group represents the Christian Church and I will be respectful about what is worn. I will also have proper clothing for each event (ie: long pants and boots/shoes for working).
- 3) **Be Respectful with My Photography/Videography** – I will be mindful of times that are or are not appropriate to take photos/video. If uncertain, I will ask.
- 4) **Be Flexible** – Showers may be limited. Schedules will change. I will be open to change, respectful of time limits, and try to see problems as “opportunities in work clothes.”
- 5) **Practice Confidentiality** – Note: I am aware that the adult leaders are mandatory reporters for the sake of my safety and well-being.  
I, as a participant, will respect what is being shared as our group journeys through our faith and life topics.

Having read and understood the above covenant, I give my support and energy so that this trip will be the best trip possible. I understand that failure to live out this covenant could be grounds for disciplinary action and/or my being sent home at my parent/guardian's expense.

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Participant Signature

Date

I have read and understood the Work Tour Covenant. I understand that failure to live out this covenant could be grounds for disciplinary action and/or my youth/child being sent home. I agree to pay transportation costs in the event such transportation is necessary.

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Parent/Guardian Signature

Date