

Child Protection

Church/Organization: _____ **Church City:** _____

Conference: _____

The mission of Presbyterian Mo-Ranch Assembly is to foster growth in God through Jesus Christ by sharing its unique living, learning, Christian environment. Part of living up to that mission statement is doing our best to provide for the physical, emotional and spiritual safety of the youth who come to our conferences. While sponsors are entirely responsible for the supervision of their youth outside of small group times, in light of recent changes to state law, we have reviewed child protection polices for Mo-Ranch programs as they affect planning team members and conference leadership. All leadership and sponsors will be asked to read and sign this document.

I understand that Mo-Ranch has a zero tolerance policy in regard to child abuse in any form (sexual, physical, emotional or any other type of abuse).

I will never be alone with a youth participant*, in the event being alone with a youth is unavoidable or happens accidentally, I will immediately notify the conference director or Mo-Ranch Program Director of the situation that caused this to occur. I understand that by following the "Rule of Three" as printed on the "Youth Conference Sponsor Responsibilities" page found on the Mo-Ranch website (Registration Info page for Youth Conferences) I can avoid this situation.

I understand that being alone with a participant can and will be considered inappropriate and could jeopardize my ability to remain at the conference and/or to return in future years to a Mo-Ranch youth conference.

I will not have inappropriate relations with youth. This includes but is not limited to:

- ◆ Abuse in any form including bullying or hazing.
- ◆ Inappropriate conversations or contact with youth during or after the conference.

I agree to report the following immediately to the conference director and/or the Mo-Ranch Program Director:

- ◆ Any and all suspected child abuse.
- ◆ Any sponsor or conference staff member who may be involved in inappropriate relations with participants.
- ◆ I understand these reporting responsibilities extend to small group leaders, platform leadership, conference planning team members, Mo-Ranch staff members and anyone else who has contact with youth at a Mo-Ranch Conference.
- ◆ If I feel uncomfortable reporting suspected abuse to the conference director, I will report it to the Mo-Ranch Program Director. I may also choose to report the abuse to Human Resources or the President of Mo-Ranch, but I understand that I must report any suspected abuse.

I _____ have read and understand what is expected of those supervising youth in regards to Child Protection at a Mo-Ranch conference. I agree to follow the above policy during my time while at Mo-Ranch.

Signature

Date

*Exception: If the sponsor in question is the parent or legal guardian of the youth in question, they may be alone together during a conference.