

WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY RELATING TO CORONAVIRUS

COVID-19 COVID -19 is 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, restricted the congregation of groups based upon Phase 4 guideline.

The Lemont United Methodist Church operates the church building [sanctuary, offices, class rooms, fellowship hall, parking lots, etc.] (hereinafter “THE FACILITIES”) and has put into place Policies and Procedures that reflect the State of Illinois’ Phase 4 guidelines for reopening business and returning gatherings of people SAFELY as a means to reduce the spread of COVID – 19 during the re-opening of THE FACILITIES.

I, for myself and on behalf of my child(ren) willingly agree to comply with these Policies and Procedures. However, I understand that entering and use of THE FACILITIES include possible exposure to and illness from infectious diseases, including COVID – 19, even when these Policies and Procedures are followed.

Therefore, in consideration of being permitted to enter THE FACILITIES or allowed to participate in any activity at THE FACILITIES, I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID – 19 and the risk of injury that may result from exposure or infection to the same. I voluntarily agree to assume these risks and accept sole responsibility for any injury to my child(ren) or myself (including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability, and death), illness, damage loss, claim, liability, or expense, of any kind, that I or my child(ren) may experience or incur in connection with any attendance at THE FACILITIES or participation in any programming at THE FACILITIES (“Claims”). On behalf of my child(ren) and myself, I hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge, and hold harmless THE FACILITIES, The Northern Illinois Conference of United Methodist Churches, The Lemont United Methodist Church, its employees, agents, and representatives, whether a COVID – 19 infection occurs before, during, or after participation in any activity within THE FACILITIES.

I further expressly agree that the foregoing assumption of risk, release and waiver of liability, and indemnity agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the laws of the State of Illinois and that if any portion thereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect. This is to certify that I have carefully read, fully understand, and voluntarily sign this assumption of risk, release and waiver of liability, and indemnity agreement and further agree that no oral representations, statements or inducement apart from the foregoing written agreement has been made.

Signature of User / Parent / Guardian _____

Printed Name _____ Date _____