

# Safe Sanctuary Policy Manual

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# Safe Sanctuary in Barrington United Methodist Church

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## **Barrington United Methodist Church**

### **Christian Education Ministry Safe Sanctuary Policy Manual**

#### **Introduction**

In covenant with all United Methodist Congregations, we have developed the following policies and procedures to demonstrate our absolute and unwavering commitment to the physical safety and spiritual growth of all members of our congregation, especially children, youth, and vulnerable persons.

#### **Purpose**

Our congregation's purpose for establishing this Child Abuse Prevention Policy and accompanying procedures is to demonstrate our absolute and unwavering commitment to the physical safety and spiritual growth of all of our children and youth.

#### **Statement of Covenant**

As a Christian community of faith and a United Methodist congregation, we are committed to conducting the ministry of the gospel in ways that assure the physical and emotional safety and spiritual growth of all our children and youth under the age of eighteen as well as all of the workers, paid or volunteer, who interact with children and youth. We are committed to following reasonable safety measures in the selection and recruitment of workers; we want to implement prudent operational procedures in all programs and events; we want to educate all of our workers with children and youth regarding the use of all appropriate policies and methods; we want to have a clearly defined procedure for reporting a suspected incident of abuse that conforms to the requirements of state law; and want to be prepared to respond to media inquiries if an incident occurs.

In addition to establishing and following procedures for those who work directly with children and youth, we also want to follow guidelines designed to protect our children and youth from abuse by members of our congregation or others who use our church facilities. We expect every agency and group using our facilities to share our commitment and conform to our policies.

## **Conclusion**

This policy affirms the commitment of our church to ensure the safety of all persons, especially children and youth who most need protection from harm. It is in prayerful acknowledgment of this responsibility and with love of all God's people that we, as a community of faith, ask God's blessing upon us and our ministries.

In addition to establishing and following procedures for those who work directly with children and youth, we recognize that violence and abuse in all forms-verbal, psychological, physical and sexual is detrimental to the covenant of the human community. We commit to provide counsel and support for members of our congregation affected by abuse through the use of church and community resources. We further encourage adult survivors of abuse to access support when needed through pastoral counseling or community based resources. While we deplore the actions of the abuser, we affirm that person to be in need of God's redeeming love. *(Adapted from The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church 2004 by The United Methodist Publishing House.)*

The *Safe Sanctuaries Policy Manual* is available for the Church Archives and the pastor and the church library. Other committees, such as Education, Trustees, and the Church Council should maintain at least one copy each with the chairperson who passes the committee files on to any new chairperson. Updates of the present, as well as additional material to be processed in the future should be compiled with these stated files.

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14.

**Barrington United Methodist Church  
Christian Education Ministry  
Child Safety and Abuse Prevention Policy Statement**

The General Conference of the United Methodist Church, in April 1996, adopted a resolution aimed at reducing the risk of child sexual abuse in the church. The adopted resolution includes the following statement:

Jesus said, “Whoever welcomes [a] child ...welcomes me” (Matthew 18:5). Children are our present and our future, our hope, our teachers, our inspiration. They are full participants in the life of the church and in the realm of God.

Jesus also said, “If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones...it would be better if a great millstone were fastened around you and you were drowned in the depth of the sea” (Matthew 18:6). Our Christian faith calls us to offer both hospitality and protection to the little ones, the children. The Social Principles of the United Methodist Church state that “children must be protected from economic, physical, emotional and sexual exploitation and abuse” (§162C).

Tragically, churches have not always been safe places for children. Child sexual abuse, exploitation, and ritual abuse [“ritual abuse” refers to abusive acts committed as part of ceremonies or rites; ritual abusers are often related to cults, or pretend to be] occur in churches, both large and small, urban and rural. The problem cuts across all economic, cultural, and racial lines. It is real, and it appears to be increasing. Most annual conferences can cite specific incidents of sexual abuse and exploitation within its churches. Virtually every congregation has among its members adult survivors of early sexual trauma.

Such incidents are devastating to all involved: the child, the family, the local church and its leaders. Increasingly, churches are torn apart by the legal, emotional, and monetary consequences of litigation following allegations of abuse.

God calls us to make our churches safe places, protecting children and other vulnerable persons from sexual and ritual abuse. God calls us to create communities of faith where children and adults grow safe and strong. (From *The Book of Resolutions of The United Methodist Church—2000*, Copyright 2000 By The United Methodist Publishing House. Used by permission.)

## **Guidelines for Safe Ministry with Children and Youth Barrington United Methodist Church**

In keeping with the mandate from a 1996 United Methodist Church Conference resolution, BUMC established a Safe Sanctuary Team. The team, with approval from the Church Council, has been charged with creating policies and procedures to help reduce the risk of abuse in the congregation, especially for children and youth. The policies are tailored after those set forth by the church conference.

### **1. Covenant for All Participants and Leaders:**

At the start of the Sunday school year (September), all who take part in church ministry will agree to have on record a Volunteer Application, Release for Criminal Background Check, Reference Forms (for newer participants) and a signed Participant Covenant Statement.

### **2. Two-Adult Rule:**

It is our goal to have two nonrelated adults, 18 years or older, present whenever children or youth attend a Christian Education Sunday School class/program or nursery.

The following exceptions are permitted:

- Two related adults may teach together with the prior approval of the Director of Christian Education/Designee and the pastor.

- Youth age of 14 to 17 may assist under the direction of a trained adult with prior approval of the Director of Christian Education/Designee and the pastor. They must be at least five (5) years older than the children whom they are supervising.

### **3. Nursery:**

The nursery requires its own 2 adults (or one adult plus approved helper). If they are sharing the same room with another class, the nursery children and other class need to be visible to each other at all times and within earshot in order to “share” one of the adults with the other class. Just being in the same vicinity does not meet the two adult rule.

### **4. Avoid being alone:**

Leaders should avoid being alone with a youth at any time or place. Classroom doors must be open until three or four people are in the room. One-on-one contact between adult and youth members is not recommended, however, mentoring activities may require one-on-one interaction. The Pastor and Christian Education Director/Designee must approve this in advance whenever possible. There may be situations when the need of an adolescent in crisis to speak with a trusted youth leader in the moment, may override the Two Adult Rule. The leader must always be acutely aware that it is the need/safety of the child/youth and not their own that may require a brief one-on-one conversation. Refer also to #7.

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**5. Bathroom trips:**

Parents of children in the Nursery will be asked to sign a form either requesting that they be notified if their child needs to use the bathroom or giving written permission for one of the adults in the Nursery to take their child to the bathroom. If a child needs a diaper change, the parent will be called/texted to come to the Nursery to change their child. The parent will be asked to provide their phone number when checking their child into the Nursery. Children in grades 1 and higher can use the bathroom unescorted (or in pairs). They should return to the class in a reasonable time.

**The congregation needs to understand that two adults are necessary components in the Sunday school classroom and are urged to consider volunteering their time.**

**3. Cell Phone Policy:**

The use of cell phones/other electronic devices will not be permitted by staff/ volunteers/youth during Christian Education activities except in the case of an urgent, brief matter. During Youth Group, the leaders may request that all youth cell phones/devices be collected in a basket during an activity. With preapproval, an exception to this policy may be made for a youth who requires special accommodations.

**4. Photography Policy:**

Written parental authorization is required for the use of photographs/videos of children and youth. This includes photographs posted inside the church, on printed materials, and on the church's website and social media account.

Refer to attached permission slip. Permission slips will be in effect for one year unless authorization is withdrawn in writing prior to that time.

**5. Reporting on Conduct or Relationships that Appear Inappropriate:**

If anyone observes conduct or relationships involving children, youth or vulnerable adults in the Church programs that they feel is inappropriate, it should be promptly reported to the Pastor and/or Safe Sanctuary chair. An incident report may be used to document the episode based on the outcome of the discussion with them. (Refer to: Report of Suspected Incident of Child/Youth/Vulnerable Adult Abuse form on page 9 and 10). If indicated, police and/or the RI Department of Child and Youth Protective Services (1-800-RI-CHILD) should be called. All persons in Rhode Island are required by law (RIGL 40-11-3) to report known or suspected cases of child abuse and/or neglect to the Department of Children, Youth, and Families within 24 hours of becoming aware of such abuse/neglect. The person who witnessed the incident is the person who makes the call and fills out the critical incident report with the police within 24 hours of the incident. If there is an imminent risk to the child, youth or vulnerable adult, the first duty is to protect, including moving the child/youth/vulnerable adult to a safe place and contacting the police immediately. If a youth reports thoughts to harm themselves or others, the leader is required to

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inform their parent/ guardian in order to assure the youth's safety, the safety of others and that appropriate professional support can be put into place, as indicated.

A critical Incident file is maintained by the current pastor and passed on to the next pastor.

If the pastor is the person suspected of inappropriate behavior, the Safe Sanctuary chair and District Superintendent need to be contacted and an incident report sent to their attention.

District Superintendent: Rev. Andrew Foster III 246-1100

Chair, Safe Sanctuary: Marilyn Sykulski 246-2238

**6. Permission Slips for all Activities Outside of Church, or That Are Not Part of the Regular Schedule:**

The Christian Education Director/Designee or Pastor must be made aware of any planned activity outside of the regular schedule, or any activity outside of the church, preferably one week in advance. A signed consent form is required from a parent or legal guardian of each child. Parents may sign a blank permission slip for routine activities that are a part of the Methodist Youth Fellowship youth program (e.g. bowling, biking, apple picking, leaf raking, etc.) For longer trips, such as a mission trip, a specific, more detailed permission slip will be required. All conference insurance requirements must be met.

**7. Windows and Doors in All Classrooms:**

The church needs to provide safety in all situations. Classrooms designated for ministry with children and youth must either have windows in the doors or the door must be left open. This includes all offices and classrooms.

**8. Open-Door Policy:**

Open door counseling is advisable when the pastor or youth worker is meeting with a child or youth alone. With the presence of a windowed door, some pastoral discretion may be applied here. If the child/youth is accompanied by an adult, closed door counseling or meetings is discretionary.

**9. Advance Notice to Parents:**

It is a continuing goal to keep parents and other parishioners well informed of events concerning children and youth. Examples: Sunday School Year calendar distributed for fall enrollment and updated for new events or changes, Vacation Bible School registration forms mailed home in summer, pertinent announcements in church newsletter or field trips, etc.

**10. Parent and Family Education:**

Barrington United Methodist Church is committed to educating the congregation on issues of child abuse, including (not limited to) recognizing the signs of abuse and the reporting thereof. Every Youth Group parent and volunteer will be provided a copy of the Safe Sanctuary Policy and be asked to sign off that they have read and agree to uphold the stated policy. Hard copies will be available for the congregation to review in well-marked locations at church. The policy will also

be available on the church website. Any pertinent issues and/or recommended policy revisions will be brought before the Church Council for approval.

**Additional Guidelines for Activities That Are Not a Part of the Regular Church School:**

**1. Transportation To and From Home:**

Adult leaders will have to communicate with parents about drop off and pick up times for an event and what transportation to and from the event, if any, is being coordinated by the adult leaders of the church.

Adult leaders should supervise youths until everyone has left for home in an approved fashion: youths are not to be on their own while waiting for pickup. No one should transport children unless the parent has given permission. In case of doubt, a phone call should be made. Drivers should avoid transporting just one youth whenever possible.

**2. Requirements for Driving Youth as a Part of a Church Activity:** Anyone who has arranged through the church, to drive youths to or from an activity must be at least 25 years of age, hold a valid driver's license, and show insurance for the vehicle. A copy of the drivers' license with insurance information is required. These documents will be filed and will remain confidential. In the rare situation when a 25 year old or older driver is not available, prior parent permission is required in order for a younger driver (at least 21 years of age) to drive youth to or from an activity.

Parents may arrange other transportation for their children (e.g. ride with a friend or an older sibling). In this case the church is not involved and it should be noted on the permission slip that transportation was arranged by the family.

People who are driving youth for a church activity need to be aware that while the church has insurance, their own insurance is the primary carrier. All passengers will comply with the Rhode Island laws regarding safety belt /car seat use for children and youth. Children under 12 years should ride in the back seat due to airbag concerns.

**3. Safety Controls and Supervision:**

If a youth activity involves youth working with power tools or being on roofs or in high places, etc., the leader needs to make sure that parents are aware of this possibility and have approved their child's participation.

**4. Chaperones for Overnight Events:**

All adult chaperones supervising overnight events have to be cleared by the Pastor or Christian Education Director/Designee and have passed a Criminal Background check. If possible, two adult males will dorm with boys and two adult females will dorm with girls during overnight trips. For an overnight there will be at least two adults. If both boys and girls are present there must be at least one male and one female chaperone.

**5. Behavioral Expectations:**

In order to assure a safe environment for everyone, the possession or use of alcohol/substances/drugs, sexual activity, or the misuse of prescribed medication during all youth activities is prohibited.

**6. Youth Council:**

If any concerns/issues arise, a Youth Council (typically comprised of 3 youth, 3 parents and 3 congregational members) may be utilized to address the concern and make recommendations. The pastor and or youth leader will officiate.

**Note:** These policies will be in effect for Barrington United Methodist Church as well as any other congregation, such as the Warren United Methodist Church, when there are joint activities with Youth and Children.

**CHURCH and COMMUNITY SERVICE TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

Church.....	401 245-2385
Pastor	
Rev. Daniel Ames.....	401 310-0463
Parsonage.....	401 310-0463
UMC District Superintendent	
Dr. Andrew L. Foster, III.....	401 246-1100
Christian Education/ BRIDGE Team	
Rev. Ames, Coni Ferland, Regina Blount, Anne Gass.....	401 245-2385
Safe Sanctuary Team Chair	
Marilyn Sykulski.....	401 246-2238
New England Conference Response Team	
Rev. Marilyn Robb.....	1-207 899-1463

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Barrington Police Department... Emergency.....	911
Business.....	401 437-3935
Barrington Fire Department..... Emergency.....	911
Business.....	401 437-3940
RI Poison Control Center.....	1-800 222-1222
Child Abuse Hotline.....	1-800 RICHILD
(24 Hour hotline – responds and investigates reports of child abuse/neglect)	1-800 742-4453
United Way of RI.....	401 444-0600
Community Information & Referral Services.....	211
Day One – Sexual Assault and Trauma Resource Center.....	401 421-4100
Prevent Child Abuse RI.....	401 728-7920
RI Safe Haven Information.....	1-888 510-BABY
RI Department of Human Services.....	401 462-5300
Department of Children Youth and Families – General Information.....	401 528-3502
Council on Domestic Violence.....	401 723-3051
Department of Elderly Affairs.....	401 462-0555

# Forms/Applications/Other Church Policies



Spoke with: \_\_\_\_\_  
Summary: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

9) Call to RI Child Protective Services (401-742-4453) for a child/youth victim  
Date/time: \_\_\_\_\_  
Spoke with: \_\_\_\_\_  
Summary: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

10) Call to Department of Elderly Affairs (401-462-0555) for a vulnerable adult  
Date/time: \_\_\_\_\_  
Spoke with: \_\_\_\_\_  
Summary: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

11) Call to Barrington Police Department (911 or 401-437-3930)  
Date/time: \_\_\_\_\_  
Spoke with: \_\_\_\_\_  
Summary: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** Written report must be made within 48 hours of initial oral reporting.

12) Call to New England Conference Response Team  
Rev. Marilyn Robb (1-781-454-7269)  
Date/time: \_\_\_\_\_  
Summary: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Other contacts involved in the process: District Superintendent, church lawyer and others as needed. Include name, date/time, and summary. Attach additional sheets with detailed information.

Check here if additional sheets attached. No \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ # of sheets attached \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Reporter \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Participation Covenant

The congregation of the Barrington United Methodist Church is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for all children, youth, employees and volunteers who participate in ministries and activities sponsored by the church. The congregation is committed to preserving the church as a holy place of safety and protection for all who would enter and as a place in which all people can experience the love of God through relationships with others.

1. As a volunteer in the Barrington United Methodist Church, I agree to observe and abide by all church policies regarding working in ministries with children and youth.
2. As a volunteer in the congregation I agree to strive to observe the Two-Adult Rule and the Cell Phone Policy as described in the attached document.
3. As a volunteer in this congregation I agree to participate in training and education events provided by the church related to my volunteer assignment.
4. As a volunteer in this congregation I agree to report promptly any abusive or inappropriate behavior to the pastor and/or the Director of Christian Education and/or the Safe Sanctuary Team.
5. As a volunteer in this congregation I agree to inform the pastor if I have ever been convicted of child abuse.

I have read this **Participation Covenant** and I agree to observe and abide by the policies set forth above.

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Signature of Volunteer

Date

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Print full name

**Barrington United Methodist Church**  
**Christian Education Ministry Volunteer Application**

(Leader, Teacher, Nursery, Helper, Chaperone)

**All adults are to complete the entire application.**  
**Youth will complete all relevant information.**

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Day: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer Information: \_\_\_\_\_

Current job responsibilities: \_\_\_\_\_

Previous volunteer experience: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a valid driver's license and car insurance? \_\_\_\_\_

What qualities do you have that would help your work with children and youth?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Have you  
ever been charged, convicted of, or pled guilty to a crime, either a misdemeanor or  
a felony (including but not related to drug related charges, child abuse, and other  
crimes of violence, theft, or motor vehicle violations)?

No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please explain fully: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



**Reference Check (Confidential)**

Applicant name: \_\_\_\_\_

Reference name: \_\_\_\_\_

Reference address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Be explicit in the following:

1. What is your relationship to the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

2. How long have you known him/her? \_\_\_\_\_

3. How well do you know him/her? \_\_\_\_\_

4. How would you describe him/her? \_\_\_\_\_

5. How would you describe his/her ability to relate to children/youth?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

6. How would you describe his/her ability to relate to adults? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

7. How would you describe his/her leadership ability? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

8. How would you feel about having he/she as a volunteer worker with children or youth? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

9. Do you know any characteristics that would negatively affect his/her ability to work with children/youth? If so, please describe \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

10. Do you have any knowledge that he/she has ever been convicted of a crime? If so, please describe, noting approximate date \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

11. Please list any other comments you would like to make. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Reference inquiry completed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature

Date

VOLUNTEER AUTHORIZATION AND REQUEST FOR  
 CRIMINAL RECORDS VERIFICATION AND FINGERPRINT  
 INFORMATION

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby authorize Barrington United Methodist Church to obtain and/or request information about my criminal history and fingerprints from any entity chosen specifically for conducting this search, to release information regarding any records of charges or convictions contained in its files, or in any criminal file maintained on me, whether said file is a local, state, or national file, and including but not limited to accusations and convictions for crimes committed against minors, to the fullest extent permitted by city, county, state, and federal law. I hereby waive and release any and all manner of actions, cause of action, and demands of every kind, nature and description, arising from any release of criminal records and requests there from, whatsoever against the said entities in both law and equity which I may now have or in the future may have. I may revoke this request at any time, but that revocation must be in writing and give 30 days' notice of same.

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (Last) \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Other names used by applicant (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's License No. \_\_\_\_\_ Issuing State \_\_\_\_\_

License expiration date \_\_\_\_\_

## **Safe Sanctuary Requirements for Current and Prospective Staff Barrington United Methodist Church**

In keeping with the mandate from a 1996 United Methodist Church Conference resolution, BUMC has established a Safe Sanctuary Team. The team, with approval from the Church Council, has been charged with creating policies and procedures to help reduce the risk of abuse in the congregation, especially for children, youth and vulnerable adults. The policies are tailored after those set forth by the conference. Please review and complete the attached documents that address several critical areas of policy:

### **Staff Covenant**

Please review and sign.

### **Criminal Background Check**

Please complete the Authorization and Request for Criminal Records Verification and Fingerprint Information form. BUMC is using our insurer, Church Mutual's, affiliation with First Advantage to complete the national background checks. The church will cover all fees. You do not need to go to the police department or Attorney General's Office. The background check will be completed online based on the information you provide. The check will include, but not limited to, a criminal history, driving record, sexual offender registry, Social Security Number, and prior address verification. The Authorization and release will remain valid throughout your time of employment.

Your background report and signed covenant will be seen by the SPPRC chair, pastor and the Safe Sanctuary Gatekeeper. Confidentiality of the report will be maintained in a locked file. If there is a "red flag", the Gatekeeper will consult with the pastor and Chair of SPPRC. A "red flag" could result in a decision not to offer a position to a prospective employee or the termination of a current employee. An example of a "red flag" would be identification of someone on the Sexual Offender registry or another criminal offense that might jeopardize the safety of the congregation. You would have the opportunity to review and contest any adverse findings.

Marilyn Sykulski is the current Safe Sanctuary Gatekeeper. Ms. Sykulski's selection by the team was based on her professional experience as a clinical social worker where she has managed sensitive and confidential information for over 30 years.

If you have any questions, please contact the SPPRC chair.

Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee and Safe Sanctuary Team  
Barrington United Methodist Church

**STAFF AUTHORIZATION AND REQUEST FOR  
CRIMINAL RECORDS VERIFICATION AND FINGERPRINT INFORMATION**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby authorize Barrington United Methodist Church to obtain and/or request information about my criminal history and fingerprints from any entity chosen specifically for conducting this search, to release information regarding any records of charges or convictions contained in its files, or in any criminal file maintained on me, whether said file is a local, state, or national file, and including but not limited to accusations and convictions for crimes committed against minors, to the fullest extent permitted by city, county, state, and federal law. I hereby waive and release any and all manner of actions, cause of action, and demands of every kind, nature and description, arising from any release of criminal records and requests there from, whatsoever against the said entities in both law and equity which I may now have or in the future may have. This authorization will remain active throughout my time of employment with Barrington United Methodist Church, after which time it will no longer be valid.

Signature of  
Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (Last)	First	Middle
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Address	City	State	ZIP
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Other names used by applicant (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth\* \_\_\_\_\_

Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number\* \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's License No. \_\_\_\_\_

Issuing State\* \_\_\_\_\_

License expiration date \_\_\_\_\_

\*This information will be used for background screening purposes only and will not be used as hiring criteria.

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## Authorization for Photo and Video Usage

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (printed name of parent or guardian), authorize Barrington United Methodist Church to

(please initial in the space provided after each bulleted item that you authorize):

- take pictures of my child to be posted inside the church. \_\_\_\_\_
- take pictures of my child for use in printed publications and on the church's website and social media accounts. \_\_\_\_\_
- include my child in videos that will be used for internal church purposes only (worship, internal communications, and invitation). \_\_\_\_\_
- include my child in videos that will be used for the church's website, social media, and You Tube accounts. \_\_\_\_\_

Name of child/children \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (parent or legal guardian)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

*This document will remain valid for one year unless revoked in writing.*

