

## Participation of Registered Sex Offenders and Persons Accused of a Sexually Related Crime in the Life of the Congregation

It is possible that a registered sex offender or a person accused of a sexually related crime may desire to attend and perhaps unite in membership with (name of church). While not all such individuals pose a risk to others, (name of church) has decided to err on the side of safety and to protect the most vulnerable in our community of faith. Therefore, (name of church) establishes these guidelines:

All registered sex offenders and persons accused of a sexually related crime are required to make that status known to the pastor of (name of church). This information is not confidential and will be shared by the pastor with anyone he/she deems necessary. Registered sex offenders and persons accused of a sexually related crime must sign a Limited Access Covenant when meeting with the pastor.

Anyone who is a registered sex offender or a person accused of a sexually related crime will always be in the company of an Accountability Partner while on the property of (name of church), while attending an event sponsored by (name of church) or while representing (name of church) in any capacity. It is the responsibility of the registered sex offender to schedule the presence of an Accountability Partner when needed.

Registered sex offenders and persons accused of a sexually related crime may not work in any volunteer or paid capacity with our children and youth ministry programs.