

**UNITED METHODIST MISSION TRIP
RELEASE OF LIABILITY**

Each United Methodist Mission Trip and Retreat Center (“Camp”) offers a variety of services and voluntary activities designed to enrich the experience. These services and voluntary activities may include, without limitation, the provision of food, lodging and transportation, as well as the sponsorship of challenging and educational activities. Both participants and staff members (including volunteers) may have the opportunity to participate in activities.

While we will endeavor to assure the safety of its participants and staff members, there are unavoidable risks of injury—and even death—associated with trips and its related services and activities. **Consequently, a properly executed Release of Liability is required before anyone may attend a trip as either a participant or a staff member.** Such a Release of Liability is set forth below. If you are a prospective participant or staff member under eighteen years of age, one of your parents or your legal guardian must print his or her name below and then sign and date the line designated “Parent or Guardian of Minor Participant or Staff Member.” If you are a prospective participant or staff member eighteen years of age or older, you must print your name below and then sign and date the line designated “Adult Participant or Staff Member.” You are encouraged to consult an attorney if you have any questions about the meaning of this document.

By signing below, I, _____(print neatly the appropriate name as described above, either parent of participant under 18, or participant or staff 18 and older) acknowledge and agree to the following:

1. I have read and understand the risks summarized above;
2. I understand that my participation in activities and receipt of mission trip services is voluntary;
3. In consideration of attending a United Methodist Camp(s) as a participant or staff member, I expressly assume the risks of such attendance. Further, for myself and on behalf of my executors, administrators and heirs, I release and hold the West Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church and the Ohio River Valley District of the United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Church I attend, including the owners, trustees, officers, employees, agents and volunteers of these entities, harmless from any and all claims or suits arising in any way from my attendance at a United Methodist Mission project for injury to my person or property or my death caused by the negligence of these entities and/or individuals;

or (as appropriate);

4. In consideration of my child’s attendance at a United Methodist Mission trip as a participant or staff member, I, for myself and on behalf of my minor child and our executors, administrators and heirs, release and hold the West Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church and the Ohio River Valley district of the United Methodist Church and the United Methodist church the participant attends, including the owners, trustees, officers, employees, agents and volunteers of these entities, harmless from any and all claims or suits arising in any way from my child’s attendance at a United Methodist Mission Experience for injury to my child or his or her property or his or her death caused by the negligence of these entities and/or individuals.

Parent or Guardian of Minor Date
Camper or Staff Member
**(IF PARTICIPANT OR STAFF MEMBER
IS UNDER AGE 18)**

Adult Camper or Staff Member Date
**(IF PARTICIPANT OR STAFF MEMBER
IS AGE 18 OR OLDER)**

Printed Name of Participant or Staff Member: _____