

MINISTRY TO SEX OFFENDERS WITHIN THE CHURCH

FB 20 Child Protection and Volunteer Screening Policies for Children and Youth Ministries

The Church has a responsibility to provide worship opportunities and ministry to individuals who have previously engaged in inappropriate sexual conduct or physical abuse involving children or youth. When an offender wishes to be actively involved with the Church, and if it does not conflict with requirements of parole, the following practices will be followed:

- a. The individual agrees to attend adult Sabbath School, worship services, and other church related activities on a chaperoned basis and will not interact on a personal basis with any child under the age of eighteen (18).
- b. The individual will not be allowed alone in any building on church premises where activities involving children under the age of eighteen (18) are being conducted.

If a child in the congregation approaches the individual on church premises or in public during a church sponsored activity the person will politely and immediately excuse themselves from the situation.

- c. The local church pastor and elders will meet personally with the individual and enter into a five-year covenant agreement that outlines the expected conduct to be followed at all times while on church premises or while involved in a church sponsored activity. Compliance with the conditions outlined in the covenant agreement will be reviews on a periodic basis and maybe renewed at the end of the five year term. Inappropriate conduct or failure to comply with the terms of the covenant agreement may forfeit the individual's participation in church services or sponsored activities at any time.

For more information, visit

http://adventistrisk.org/sitemedia/siteresources/pdfs/cpp_nad_fb20_childprotectionandvolunteerscreeningpoliciesforchildren_youthministries_arm.pdf
