

## **Group Covenant for CROSS Mission Trips**

*For Adult and Youth Participants*

- ✚ I know that I am loved and appreciated as a child of God. Therefore, I will make an effort to get to know and treat others as children of God during the mission trip.
- ✚ I understand that I represent not only my home church and the CROSS program at Myers Park Presbyterian Church, but the love of Jesus Christ in the world. Therefore, I will conduct myself in a manner which shows Christ's love and grace at ministry sites I visit, at Myers Park Presbyterian Church where I will be sleeping/eating/recreating and at various places my group visits during the time spent in Charlotte, NC. If inappropriate behavior occurs at ministry sites the individuals may be asked to be dismissed from the program.
- ✚ I will not use language that is not appropriate for church and will degrade or embarrass others.
- ✚ I will leave ALL electronic devices (CD/MP3 players, cell phones, IPODS, etc) at the church/van instead of bringing them with me to sites. These items isolate me from other and divert my attention from the mission purpose of serving others instead of myself. (adults may bring cell phones)
- ✚ I will not be alone during the week, which means adults need to be in MPPC buildings that are occupied by youth and that youth need to travel in pairs to and from buildings at MPPC.
- ✚ I will not give money or identification information such as address or phone numbers to anyone I meet at ministry sites. We are there to provide our time and talents, not our treasures.
- ✚ I will dress appropriately, meaning I will dress in clothing that is not too revealing, unkempt or tight. I am portraying an image of God to others and I do not want my appearance to detract from my witness.
- ✚ I understand that the use of and/or possession of alcoholic beverages, and any illegal medications (those you cannot buy over the counter at a drug store and/or those that have not been prescribed by a doctor for you) will not be tolerated under any circumstances. I understand if these substances are found in my possession, emergency contacts will be notified and I will be dismissed from the CROSS program.

I understand that violation of any part of this covenant will result in appropriate actions which may involve calling emergency contacts or in extreme cases being dismissed from the CROSS program. This covenant is meant to be signed by each CROSS participant both adult and youth and the parents of youth. It is not meant to be a contract, but rather a commitment to an experience in which God will be at work in your life and in the life of others.

(By signing the bottom of the medical form you agree to abide by this covenant.)