

We are invited through our relationship with Jesus Christ to live lives different from the world. Our lives are to be a model of Jesus. To assist us in living together in Christ-like community this covenant details expectations of young Christians who represent Christ and Linworth UMC, their church.

The Linworth UMC Youth are blessed to have opportunities to participate in retreats, concerts, mission trips and weekly gatherings. We want to honor God, our church, ourselves and each other, and so we are willing to commit to the following covenant. We, parents, youth and leaders, understand that our actions and words illustrate to the world around us what we believe and how we view the world. As we travel together, we agree to:

1. Lift up Christ with our thoughts, words and actions.
2. Treat those around you with respect, even if their beliefs and actions are not something you agree with.
3. Always travel with a buddy. You are not to walk alone at any time. Be sure to let an adult know where you are going/what you are doing before you leave the group.
4. Respect the rules of the area you are in. For example, respect CSM rules, Alive rules, LUMC rules.
5. Not use or have possession of alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs or weapons.
6. Not use offensive, vulgar or inappropriate sexual language. Again, our behavior mirrors our relationship with Jesus Christ. Let's let His light shine through us!
7. No public displays of affection. Hugs are great! Straddling laps, kissing, etc. are not great.
8. Be on time. Be where you are supposed to be.
9. Participate! Have fun!
10. Share the work load. Everyone will do the necessary chores/tasks of each day, each meeting and gathering.
11. Be dressed appropriately. Shorts need to be finger-tip length. Shirts are to be t-shirts, no cut t-shirts are allowed. Bathing suits will be modest; swim shorts for boys and one piece for girls. All participants are to be fully clothed at all times.
12. Use technology at appropriate times. We love our cell phones and other gadgets. Let's use them during free time only so that we are really giving ourselves to the experiences around us.
13. Try our best to be positive and encouraging with each other and those we encounter.

If we have trouble abiding by this covenant, we understand that there are consequences for our actions. Any time the covenant is violated the youth will be warned. This will be discussed privately. All violations will be reported to the Youth Director. Once a person has three violations, they will be sent home so that they are not harming the group experience with their behavior. Disclosure will be made to parents regarding behavior that results in a youth going home. The Youth Director reserves the right to send a youth home immediately if they deem it in the best interest of the individual or group. Violations of #5 will result in immediate departure.

By signing, we agree that we will abide by this covenant.

Youth Participant _____ Date _____

Parent _____ Date _____

Adult Participant _____ Date _____