

ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY - 2021

RELATING TO CORONAVIRUS/COVID-19

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. **COVID-19 is extremely contagious** and is believed to spread from person-to-person contact and/or by contact with contaminated surfaces and objects, and even possibly in the air. There is no known treatment, cure, or vaccine for COVID-19. Evidence has shown that COVID-19 can cause serious and potentially life-threatening illness and even death. As a result, federal, state, and local governments and health agencies recommend social distancing and other preventive practices.

Santa Clarita United Methodist Church has put in place preventive measures to reduce spread of COVID-19, but cannot prevent you and/or your children from becoming exposed to, contracting, or spreading COVID-19 while utilizing [name of church/preschool]'s services or premises. It is not possible, even with heightened cleaning procedures and social distancing, to prevent against the presence of the disease. Therefore, if you choose to utilize Santa Clarita United Methodist Church's services and/or enter onto Santa Clarita United Methodist's premises you may be exposing yourself (and your children) to and/or increasing your risk of contracting or spreading COVID-19.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK: I have read and understood the above warning concerning COVID-19. I voluntarily agree to accept any and all risk of being exposed to COVID-19 for myself and/or my children in order to utilize Santa Clarita United Methodist Church's services and enter Santa Clarita United Methodist Church's premises, and such exposure may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and death. These services are of such value to me and/or to my children, that I accept the risk of being exposed to, contracting, and/or spreading COVID-19 in order to utilize Santa Clarita United Methodist Church's services and premises in person.

WAIVER OF LAWSUIT/LIABILITY: I hereby forever release and waive my right to bring suit against Santa Clarita United Methodist Church and The California-Pacific Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church and their successors, owners, officers, directors, trustees, agents, employees, volunteers or other representatives in connection with exposure, infection, and/or spread of COVID-19 related to utilizing Santa Clarita United Methodist's services and premises. I understand that this waiver means I give up my right to bring any claims including for personal injuries, disability, death, disease or property losses, or any other loss, including but not limited to claims of negligence and give up any claim I may have to seek damages, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen.

CHOICE OF LAW: I understand and agree that the law of the State of California will apply to this contract.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ALL PROVISIONS OF THIS RELEASE, AND ON MY BEHALF, AND ON BEHALF OF MY CHILD(REN), FREELY AND KNOWINGLY ASSUME THE RISK AND WAIVE MY/OUR RIGHTS CONCERNING LIABILITY AS DESCRIBED ABOVE:

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Name (printed): _____