



Safe Sanctuaries Policy The Alabama- West Florida Conference

Alabama Rural Ministry (ARM) is an affiliate ministry of the United Methodist Church and the Alabama -West Florida Conference. Therefore, ARM must comply with the Safe Sanctuaries Policy that protects children and youth from potential harm and/or abuse.

Our guarantee to you as a host of your work team:

- 1) All of the ARM staff have undergone and cleared criminal background checks through the Conference Trak-1 System;
- 2) All ARM staff have undergone a motor vehicle safety inspection check.
- 3) The ARM staff have been trained on the policy prior to your arrival;
- 4) We have arranged our site and living arrangements to uphold the requirements of the policy.
- 5) For those serving at the day camp, our staff will provide the details of our schedule, rotations, and system as we work with the children.
- 6) We will do everything in our power to insure the safety of your youth at the living site, construction site, and day camp site.

Your guarantee to us:

- 1) Your church will take responsibility for your youth counselors and adult chaperones.
- 2) You have educated your youth about abuse, inappropriate behavior that may be directed at them, and inappropriate behavior that may emanate from them before arriving to the ARM site.
- 3) Any incidents will be handled quickly and within the specifications of the policy

ARM will only assume potential liability if an incident is the direct result of ARM staff or the ARM program and procedure.

Any questions or problems can be directed to the ARM director and will be given immediate attention. Our commitment to you is to provide a fun, safe, mission experience for your youth and adults that maintain the highest level of professionalism and integrity.

We look forward to serving with you!

ARM Executive Director: Lisa Pierce _____

Youth leader name and signature _____

Senior Pastor name and signature _____