

LIMITED ACCESS AGREEMENT (example)

***Note: This is a baseline agreement. Further restrictions may be added.**

Based on credible, corroborated, and/or multiple reports of abuse that we have received, we have concerns about your involvement at Bethel College Mennonite Church. The following guidelines are designed to reduce the risk to both you and others.

We welcome you as part of this congregation and your participation will be limited to ensure the safety of others.

I, _____, am entering this Limited Access Agreement with Bethel College Mennonite Church. It will be in effect for the duration of my participation with the church, unless the Abuse Prevention and Response Committee (APRC) revises or cancels it.

Guidelines

1. I will work with my accountability partners to create a safety plan that will include opportunities for growth for myself, care for myself when I interact with others, and that will hold myself accountable when I may be in a situation that could harm others
2. I will work with the 2 or 3 designated accountability partners. One of these persons will be with me each time I am participating in a church event. Family members or former abusers will not be assigned to be accountability partners.
3. I will not serve as a volunteer with children or youth. I will not serve on Church Board, Deacons Commission, Abuse Prevention and Response Committee, or any other committee or commission that works with children or youth (e.g. Faith Formation Commission, Education Service and Scholarship Committee, Bethel College Relations Team)
4. I will not engage with minors, vulnerable adults, or young adults.
5. I will write an APRC approved statement about my history of abuse. This statement will be shared with all active church participants.
6. I acknowledge that new participants to the church will be notified by a pastor of this information within two months of beginning to regularly attend the church.
7. If I re-offend, I understand that I will no longer be welcome to attend worship and congregational events of the church.
8. If I violate any part of this agreement, I will meet with my accountability partners, a pastor, and a representative from the APRC to discuss the violation and adapt my safety plan in order to change my behavior in the future.
9. After three violations, I understand I will no longer be welcome to attend worship and congregational events of the church.

I have reviewed this covenant and agree to abide by its provisions

_____ Signature	_____ Print	_____ Date
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We, the designated representative of BCMC, have met with the party to this covenant to review the provisions of this covenant and its attachments.

_____ Pastor	_____ Print	_____ Date
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_____ Congregational Moderator	_____ Print	_____ Date
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_____ APRC Chair	_____ Print	_____ Date
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_____ Accountability Partner 1	_____ Print	_____ Date
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_____ Accountability Partner 2	_____ Print	_____ Date
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_____ Accountability Partner 3	_____ Print	_____ Date
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