APPENDIX [C]

AFFIRMATION OF CODE OF CONDUCT AND
CONSENT TO ANY REQUESTED BACKGROUND CHECK

Code of Conduct for the Protection of Children and Youth
Read and initial each item to signify your agreement to comply with the statement.

___ I agree to do my best to prevent abuse and neglect among children and youth involved in church activities and services.
___ I agree not to physically, sexually or emotionally abuse or neglect a child or youth.
___ I agree to comply with the policies for General Conduct for the Protection of Children and Youth defined in the Policies for the Protection of Children and Youth from Abuse.
___ I agree to comply with the Guidelines for Appropriate Affection with children and youth.
___ In the event that I observe any inappropriate behaviors or possible policy violations with children or youth, I agree to immediately report my observations.
___ I acknowledge my obligation and responsibility to protect children and youth and agree to report known or suspected abuse of children or youth to appropriate church leaders and state authorities in accordance with the Definitions, Guidelines, Policy and Procedures for Safe Church Standards and Protection from Sexual misconduct and Abuse.
___ I understand that the church will not tolerate abuse of children and youth and I agree to comply in spirit and in action with this position.

Background Check Notice

Ohio law requires that volunteers who will have unsupervised access to children be provided this notice.

As a volunteer who can have unsupervised access to children, you might be required to provide a set of impressions of your fingerprints and/or your social security number and a criminal records check might be conducted with respect to you. If a criminal records check is made, it would be to determine whether you have been convicted of one or more offenses described in Division (A)(1) of section 109.572 of the Ohio Revised Code. If a criminal records check is made and it shows that you were convicted of one or more of these offenses, we may be required to inform all parents and guardians of children to whom you have unsupervised access concerning any such reported conviction.

We understand that this Ohio law is intended to upgrade the safety and protection of our children and not to discourage volunteer service. We would appreciate your signing the receipt of this notice provided below, so that we may establish our compliance with this Ohio law. Your Social Security Number will be used exclusively for the purpose of any background check, so as to avoid confusion with persons who have similar names.

I acknowledge and understand of the above this _____ day of ______________, 20____

Print Name: _____________________________________
Social Security Number: __________-____-_______ Date of Birth: _____ / _____ / _____
(all records shall be confidential)
Signature: _____________________________________

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