

Main Street
Methodist Church
ABBEVILLE, SC
A Global Methodist Congregation

Safe Sanctuaries

Initial Volunteer Application

Main Street Methodist Church- Abbeville is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for all children, youth, vulnerable adults, and volunteers who participate in ministries and activities sponsored by the church. Our Safe Sanctuaries policy reflects our congregation's commitment to preserving this church as a holy place of safety and protection for all who would enter and as a place in which all people can experience the love of God through relationships with others. This application is to be completed by all applicants for volunteer positions serving with minors (children and youth) and vulnerable adults. It is being used to help the church provide a safe and secure environment for all who participate in our programs and use our facilities.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____
Last First Middle Maiden

Present Address: _____

Best Phone Number _____ Email _____

Date of Birth _____ Emergency Contact and Number _____

Have you ever been reported to any organization or registry for abuse or misconduct? Or, have you ever been the subject of an abuse or sexual misconduct investigation by any employer, state licensing agency, law enforcement agency, child/adult protective services agency, or the like?

Yes _____ No _____ Initial Here _____ *If yes, please explain and provide a reference who can speak to the situation.*

EMPLOYMENT

Current Place of Employment (if applicable): _____

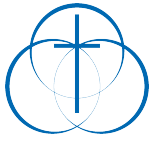
Address and Phone Number: _____

Have you any physical handicaps or conditions preventing you from performing certain types of activities relating to youth or children's work for which you'll need accommodations?

Yes _____ No _____ If yes, please explain. _____

CHURCH ACTIVITY

How long have you been a member of Main Street Methodist Church Abbeville?



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Information in following section should only be completed by non-members of Main Street:

Name and address of church of which you are a member: _____

List the name and city of other churches you have attended regularly during the past five years:

List all previous church work involving children, youth, and vulnerable adults:

List any gifts, callings, training, education, or other factors that have prepared you for children, youth, vulnerable adult work:

DRIVER HISTORY CHECK

This section necessarily only if there is a chance you might transport minors.

Do you have a current valid driver's license? Yes _____ No _____

A copy of license, current registration, and insurance should be submitted and will be kept on file.

Have you ever been convicted of a traffic offense? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please describe all convictions for the past 5 years:

PERSONAL REFERENCES

Please list non-relatives. Please notify your references that they will be contacted by our Safe Sanctuaries Coordinator.

Name of First Reference: _____

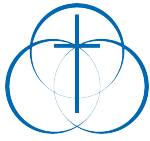
Email Address: _____

Phone # _____

Name of Second Reference: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone # _____



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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT and COVENANT

Please initial after reading each section.

_____ The covenants between persons seeking volunteer positions in the church require honesty, integrity, and truthfulness for the health of the faith community. To that end, I attest that the information set forth in this application is true and complete. I understand that any misrepresentation or omission may be grounds for rejection of, consideration for, or termination of, the position I am seeking to fill.

_____ Maintaining such relationships with an open exchange of relevant information builds the foundation for a continuing and healthy covenant between volunteers and the church they seek to serve. To that end, I authorize any references, employers listed above, and church(es) listed above and /or its entities, persons, former employers and supervisors, to respond to inquiries concerning me, to supply verification of the statements I have made, and to comment on and state opinions regarding my background and character. I hereby release them from all liability and responsibility arising from their responses, comments, and statements made in good faith and without malice.

_____ If information I have provided in this application should change in the future, I understand that it is my responsibility to communicate those changes to the Safe Sanctuaries Coordinator in a reasonable timeframe.

_____ As a volunteer or employee in this congregation, I have read and I agree to observe and abide by all church policies and practices regarding working in ministries with children, youth, and vulnerable adults.

_____ As a volunteer or employee in this congregation, I submit to a background check, reference checks, and agree to participate in training and education events provided by the church related to my volunteer assignment.

_____ As a volunteer, I agree to conduct myself in a manner that exhibits the highest of Christian ethical standards in all areas of life including social media and digital communication.

_____ As a volunteer, I agree to follow practices that consistently exhibit no tolerance for any form of abusive behavior.

_____ I understand that I am considered a Mandatory Reporter and I am expected to report any suspicion or witness of abuse toward a child, youth, or vulnerable adult.

_____ As a volunteer, I understand that I am not allowed post pictures of children, youth, or vulnerable adults to social media or share any pictures without the appropriate parental permission.

_____ I renew my covenant with Main Street Methodist Church in seeking to maintain a safe environment for all people so that Main Street Methodist Church will be a place where all are able to worship God, grow in their relationship with the Lord, and thrive in fellowship with each other. I am committed to maintaining a safe environment for children, youth, and vulnerable adults in our midst. I agree to observe and abide by these and all of Main Street Methodist Church's policies and practices.

Signature

Date