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Children and Youth Ministries Volunteer Application Form - Minors

It is the goal of First Presbyterian Church Petaluma to create a safe and secure atmosphere for all children who participate in activities of this church. To facilitate that purpose, it is necessary to gather certain information from individuals offering volunteer services involving children and youths. This information will be used for the sole purpose of helping the church provide a safe and secure environment for those children who participate in our programs and use our facilities.

Personal Information

Name:			Date:
(first)	(middle)	(last)	
Address:			
Telephone:		Email:	
Date of Birth:		CA Drivers License:	
Ministry Area: <input type="checkbox"/> Children's <input type="checkbox"/> Youth <input type="checkbox"/> Facilities <input type="checkbox"/> other:			

References

List three adult references that are not related to you. References that know of your work with youth or children are preferable. At least one reference must be a First Presbyterian Church Petaluma member.

Name			
Title/Position			
Relationship to you (no relatives)			
Telephone (provide daytime and evening phone numbers when possible)			
Known how long?			

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Church History

1. What is your affiliation with First Presbyterian Church Petaluma?

- Member Active Participant None

2. How long have you had this affiliation? _____ (years/months)

3. List all churches you were a member of or attended on a regular basis in the past 5 years:

Prior Experience

1. Have you ever been a child/youth worker, instructor or volunteer before? Yes No

If yes, when and in what capacity? _____

2. Do you have any training/certification in first aid or CPR? Yes No

3. Do you have any special skills/talents (e.g. play an instrument)? Yes No

If yes what are they _____

4. Are you currently active in any church youth groups? Yes No

If yes what are they _____

5. Are you currently active in any other youth organizations? Yes No

If yes what are they _____

6. Please share why you have chosen to apply for this position and any other factors that you believe prepare you for this position: _____

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Background

We believe it is our responsibility to seek volunteer staff that are able to provide healthy, safe and nurturing relationships. In order to accomplish this we need to ask some personal questions that may be uncomfortable. If you prefer, you may discuss your answer in confidence with a pastor rather than answering on this form. All applications are kept confidential.

1. Is there any reason why you should not work with children or youth? Yes No

Please comment: _____

2. Do you have any concerns about working with children or youth? Yes No

Please comment: _____

3. Have you ever been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a criminal offense against a person?

Yes No

Please comment: _____

4. Have you ever been disciplined or dismissed from employment or volunteer positions following an allegation of sexual misconduct, sexual harassment, or other immoral or inappropriate behavior or conduct? Yes No

Please comment: _____

5. Are you using illegal drugs? Yes No

Please comment: _____

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Acknowledgement and Authorization

1. Have you read, and do you understand and agree to abide by the "FPC Children and Youth Safety Policies and Procedures for Volunteers"? Yes No

2. Do you agree to observe all church policies regarding work with children or youth?
 Yes No

The information contained in this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I authorize any references or churches listed in this application to give you any information that they may have regarding my character and fitness for children or youth work. In consideration of the receipt and evaluation of this application by First Presbyterian Church Petaluma, I hereby release any individual, church, youth organization, charity, employer, reference or any other person or organization, including record custodians, both collectively and individually, from any and all liability for damages of any kind or nature which may at anytime result to me, my heirs, or family, on account of compliance or any attempts to comply, with this authorization.

I understand that the information provided in this application and as a result of interviews with references or other organizations provided above will be kept confidential. I also understand that any volunteer position with First Presbyterian Church Petaluma is conditioned upon acceptable results of the above-described reference checks, as determined by First Presbyterian Church Petaluma.

Should my application be accepted, I agree to be bound by the policies of First Presbyterian Church Petaluma and to refrain from prohibited behaviors in the performance of my services on behalf of the church.

I further state that **I have carefully read the foregoing release and know the contents thereof and I sign the release as my own free act.**

Print full name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print parent or guardian's name: _____

Parent or guardian's signature: _____