

**The Covenant of Care
For the Ministries of Knox Presbyterian Church
Manotick, Ontario**

The church is Christ, together with His people, called both to worship and to serve him in all of life (Living Faith: A Statement of Christian Faith, The Presbyterian Church in Canada, 1984, section 7.1.1). The Lord continues his ministry in and through the church. All Christians are called to participate in the ministry of Christ. As his body on earth, we all have gifts to use in the church and in the world to the glory of Christ, our King and Head. Through the church, God orders this ministry by calling some to special tasks in the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of God (Living Faith: A Statement of Christian Faith, the Presbyterian Church in Canada, 1984, sections 7.2.1 – 2). The Presbyterian Church is committed to providing safe environments for all children, youth and vulnerable adults and those who minister to and with them. Just as Jesus cared for and protected these people, our church desires to do the same.

As an expression of this high and holy duty that Christ has offered to me in ministry to children/youth/vulnerable adults:

I promise to follow appropriate action as defined by my training orientation;

I promise to follow the guidelines laid out in the document Leading with Care: A Policy for Ensuring a Climate of Safety for Children, Youth and Vulnerable Adults in the Presbyterian Church in Canada, which I have read and understand;

I promise to use only the physical contact that is deemed appropriate in the above document;

I promise to use appropriate language and tone, being careful not to harass or injure with my words;

I promise to show no bias based on gender, ethnic background, skin colour, intelligence, age, religion, sexual orientation or socio-economic status;

I promise to respect confidentiality and privacy, unless someone is in danger at which time I will report to the ministry coordinator and the pastor.

I have read and agree with the Covenant of Care.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Witnessed by: _____ Date: _____

(Position: _____)