

SERVING WITH SAFETY AND RESPECT AT MAPLE RIDGE ALLIANCE CHURCH

Name: _____

Date training was completed: _____

I acknowledge that I have completed MRAC's volunteer and staff's training (in person or through MRAC's material available online) to enable me to serve in the _____ ministry(ies) for the September 20____ to August 20____ ministry year.

I understand that I am to review all of this material not less than once every year, prior to involvement in the ministry(ies) mentioned above and, as part of that requirement, I will submit an updated version of this form to the MRAC office at the beginning of every ministry year.

* I have read the documents pertaining to **Child Abuse / Neglect Protocols** and understand and will follow my responsibilities outlined in this document. I have given particular attention to my responsibilities as noted in the sections: "*Interviewing a Child and Reporting Issues*" as well as "*Procedures for Reporting and Investigating*".

I have read the documents pertaining to **Safety Responsibilities at MRAC** and understand and will follow my responsibilities outlined in this document.

I understand and will comply with MRAC's requirements that in my duties as a volunteer or staff member of MRAC that I am not to have any meetings with children or 'individuals at risk' in any private setting away from 'acceptable' public sight and, where appropriate, hearing of those around.

I understand and will comply with guarding my interactions with co-workers and those I serve, so there is no possibility of compromising situations that are inconsistent with what would be expected of a follower of Jesus Christ. This expectation means always treating others with respect and at no time taking advantage of that trust, physically, spiritually or emotionally. Related to this, I have read and will comply with, **Protecting the Integrity of Our Relationships**.

I understand that I might be told things of a sensitive nature in my participation with others. Because of this, it is expected that I will listen and respond with a heart of compassion and concern. Part of my response will be to

guide that person to the best resource qualified to help. My responsibilities also mean that I will contain the information being shared and with whom it is being shared. It also means **NOT giving a promise of confidentiality** to the person who has sought my help. **Note:** This ‘no confidentiality’ requirement is essential, especially as it applies to any possibility of endangerment to self or others (eg. suicide, harm to others, child abuse). It is always wise to state early in a conversation the following, *‘While you are glad to assist, based on what you might be told, you won’t make any promises to keep this to yourself, instead you will seek assistance from those who are best able to help.’*

I understand that as I serve in the church, I will in no way engage in any manner that gains me personal advantage/pleasure over another.

I acknowledge and will comply with other safety procedures prescribed in MRAC’s training (eg. washroom supervision for children).

I have read, understand and believe MRAC’s “Statement of Faith” that is located on the church’s website under About Us – What We Believe.

My signature signifies that I am in agreement with and will abide by, everything outlined in this document.

Signature: _____

Date submitted to MRAC office: _____

* required for everyone who will be working with children (BC law 18 and under) and for those considered to be a member of the vulnerable sector. All individuals working with children require an up to date Criminal Record Check.