



Selwyn Sardines High School Youth Group Covenant

For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. Romans 12:4-5

We, the youth of Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church, believe in the teachings of Jesus Christ, the Holy Scripture and Prayer. We love God and one another. We seek to bring the love, light and grace of God to all who wish to receive and participate in the wonder of the teachings, salvation and peace found in Jesus Christ. We prayerfully and thoughtfully move forward to address and respond to a greater level of diversity and higher social awareness. We welcome with open arms all of God's children in search of love, community, purpose, acceptance, friendship, healing and spiritual growth. We welcome new ideas, creativity and movement of the Holy Spirit. As members of this youth group we commit ourselves to the following covenant as part of our commitment to be one body in Christ. We will:

- ✘ Show respect for God and one another.
- ✘ Take ownership of youth group.
- ✘ Commit to regular participation in Christian practices, including prayer, studying scripture, Sunday school, and worship.
- ✘ Joyfully engage in service and mission.
- ✘ Make sure everyone in the group feels safe and work to create a gathering space for positive fellowship and spiritual growth.
- ✘ Be considerate of one another by recognizing and respecting each other's different personalities and needs. Refrain from interrupting one another, gossiping, or making rude comments. Refrain from name calling, even when we are just joking.
- ✘ Refrain from using cell phones during youth group.
- ✘ Affirm and support every member, including our volunteer adult advisors and peers, expecting the same from them.
- ✘ Be sensitive to the feelings of others.
- ✘ Commit to being at youth group and participating with a positive attitude each Sunday evening if we are able.
- ✘ Be inclusive, show hospitality, and welcome visitors with open arms regardless of race, gender, age, or sexual orientation.
- ✘ Be honest and hold others accountable for telling the truth.
- ✘ Respect church property and the property of others.
- ✘ Practice forgiveness, compassion, and fairness.
- ✘ Be willing to try new things and explore new ideas.
- ✘ Respect the confidentiality of what we discuss, hear, or see at youth group.
- ✘ Not use or possess tobacco products, alcohol, or illegal drugs, or prescription drugs not prescribed to us, or misuse over-the-counter drugs and will not engage in criminal or inappropriate sexual behavior.
- ✘ Remember that this covenant applies everywhere we go as a group and hold each other accountable without judging one another.
- ✘ Have fun!