



Bethany Lutheran Church Covenant

I, _____ (student's name) understand that Bethany Lutheran Church is an inclusive community trying to follow Christ. And so I will enter into this Covenant with BLC, God, my parents, and youth leaders that I will behave along the following guidelines in order to uphold that inclusive Christian community while participating in BLC events:

1. I will participate fully to the best of my ability in all youth events at which I am present, including mission trips, retreats, camps, or any other BLC activity.
2. I will keep my cell phone on silent and out of the way of distraction unless otherwise instructed, while at BLC events.
3. I will not wander off without telling my youth leader or sponsor where I am going and without two other students. This is for my own and other's safety.
4. I will not bring or participate in any drugs, alcohol, fireworks, weapons, tobacco, or explosives while on BLC property or on BLC trips.
5. I will not participate in any sexual behavior of any kind while at a BLC youth event.

Our BLC youth program does not condone bullying of any sort. The following section seeks to admonish bullying behavior. Bullying will be defined as any intentionally aggressive behavior that can be considered physical, emotional, or verbal harassment and involves an imbalance of power.

1. I will use appropriate and considerate language when at a BLC youth event. This excludes the words and/or phrases: "that's so gay," "that's so retarded," or any other slanderous term that may be demeaning to anyone for their race, sexual orientation, gender identity, mental health, socioeconomic status, or social behaviors.
2. I will respect other people's property, whether that be the church's property or someone in my group's property. I will remember the 7th commandment.
3. I will respect the personal space of myself and others. I will not be violent or physically aggressive while at a BLC event for any reason.
4. I will be aware that my actions taken through social media (particularly in regards to any official BLC avatar) are subject to the same standards mentioned above.
5. If I say anything that may intentionally or unintentionally offend or hurt another person in my group (leaders and others), I will respond by saying 3 kind things to that person. These things will have nothing to do with their outward appearance, but reflect who they are as a person.

I fully understand that if I choose not to follow these guidelines I will be send home at my parent's expense. I also understand that the youth leaders and sponsors have the right to send me home for reasons beyond what is listed here, at their own discretion.

(student signature)

(date)