

KidsSafe Volunteer Application

EXPLANATION

In this application, we will be asking some very personal questions. It is our intention to discover more about the people to whom we entrust our minors (under age 18). The information contained in this application will be treated with confidentiality and respect.

The questions contained here are not designed to offend or to pass judgment, but rather for the purpose of creating an environment where a person's past will not hinder the ministry in carrying out its mission in a safe, fun, and productive way. If you are a person who must answer affirmatively to any of the questions under the header "Personal Lifestyle," we may contact you for a personal interview. Please be assured that answering affirmatively does not necessarily preclude you from ever serving with children or youth. This application is to be completed by all applicants for any position (volunteer or compensated) involving interaction with minors.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Legal Name _____

Maiden Name or other last names used _____

Address _____
Street City State Zip

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____

Date of Birth _____ Gender _____

Marital Status: Single Engaged Married Divorced Widowed

Name of spouse, if married _____

If children, give names and ages:

Name	Age	Name	Age
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Education

List education that is relevant to the ministry for which you are applying:

Educational Institution

Degree

Additional Training

List additional training or other factors that are relevant to the ministry for which you are applying:

Previous Addresses

If you have lived at your current address for less than 7 years, please provide information on all addresses during that period.

Address _____
Street City State Zip

Address _____
Street City State Zip

Address _____
Street City State Zip

PERSONAL LIFESTYLE AND ETHICAL/SOCIAL ISSUES

Any and all information provided will be kept under a general standard of confidentiality and will only be disclosed to the necessary staff members to complete your certification. By answering the following questions, you are granting Riverstone Church the right to act in your best interest and on your behalf. If you would rather discuss these questions with a pastor or one of the elders, please feel free to do so. If you answer "yes" to any of these questions, please explain on a separate sheet of paper. Answering "yes" to any of these questions may not necessarily preclude your involvement in our various ministries.

Do you have any medical condition that might hinder children due to its contagious nature?

Are you currently being treated for a psychiatric disorder? _____

Has your driver's license ever been revoked? _____

Is there any reason to question your ability to be a Christian role model to children in the area of moral integrity? (Examples include adultery, sexual relations outside of marriage, homosexuality, etc.)

Have you ever been accused of or convicted of domestic or child abuse? Yes No

Have you ever been accused, arrested, convicted, or have a history of any sexually related crime?
 Yes No

Have you ever been convicted of any felony or misdemeanor other than a minor violation?
 Yes No

Have you ever been involved in or are you presently involved in child pornography? Yes No

Are you currently struggling with viewing any pornography? Yes No

Have you ever been involved in, or a victim of, alcohol abuse? Yes No

Is there any issue(s) in your life currently or in the past that may have an impact on your ministry?
 Yes No If yes, let's discuss it in person.

If you have answered "yes" to any of these questions, please explain. Answering "yes" to any of these questions may not necessarily preclude your involvement in our children's or youth ministries.

SPIRITUAL LIFE

How long have you regularly attended Riverstone Church (at least 3 times per month)? _____

Are you a member of Riverstone Church? Yes No

Please tell us what ministry or employment position you are interested in.

Write a brief testimony about how and when you trusted Christ for the forgiveness of your sins.

Describe how your faith has grown since you first trusted Christ Jesus as your Savior.

CHURCH HISTORY AND REFERENCES

Please list information regarding churches you have attended regularly in the past ten years. Please complete ALL information requested. If you have no previous church information, please explain. We will be contacting them for a reference separately from your personal references.

Name _____

Address _____

Ministry Leader _____

Ministry Leader's Email _____

Ministry Leader's Phone Number _____

Ministry Involvement _____

Dates Attended _____

Name _____

Address _____

Ministry Leader _____

Ministry Leader's Email _____

Ministry Leader's Phone Number _____

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RIVERSTONE CHURCH STATEMENT OF FAITH

Introduction

This Statement of Faith, to which we subscribe, does not exhaust the extent of our beliefs but serves as a dependable summary of what the Bible teaches on the subjects indicated. The Bible speaks with final authority to the matters it addresses and is the source for all that we believe in doctrine and conduct as believers living under God's authority. Our elder team is Riverstone Church's final interpretive authority on the Bible's meaning and application to faith, doctrine, practice, policy, and discipline as it relates to our church.

God

We believe in one God, Creator of all things, holy, infinitely perfect, and eternally existing in a loving unity of three equally divine Persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Having limitless knowledge and sovereign power, God has graciously purposed from eternity to redeem a people for Himself and to make all things new for His own glory.

The Bible

We believe that God has spoken in the Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, through the words of human authors. As the verbally inspired Word of God, the Bible is without error in the original writings, the complete revelation of His will for salvation, and the ultimate authority by which every realm of human knowledge and endeavor should be judged. Therefore, it is to be believed in all that it teaches, obeyed in all that it requires, and trusted in all that it promises.

The Human Condition

We believe that God created Adam and Eve in His image, but they sinned when tempted by Satan. In union with Adam, human beings are sinners by nature and by choice, alienated from God, and under His wrath. Only through God's saving work in Jesus Christ can we be rescued, reconciled and renewed.

Jesus Christ

We believe that Jesus Christ is God incarnate, fully God and fully man, one Person in two natures. Jesus—Israel's promised Messiah—was conceived through the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He lived a sinless life, was crucified under Pontius Pilate, arose bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father as our High Priest and Advocate.

The Work of Christ

We believe that Jesus Christ, as our representative and substitute, shed His blood on the cross as the perfect, all-sufficient sacrifice for our sins. His atoning death and victorious resurrection constitute the only ground for salvation.

The Holy Spirit

We believe that the Holy Spirit, in all that He does, glorifies the Lord Jesus Christ. He convicts the world of its guilt. He regenerates sinners, and in Him they are baptized into union with Christ and adopted as heirs in the family of God. He also indwells, illuminates, guides, equips and empowers believers for Christ-like living and service.

The Church

We believe that the true church comprises all who have been justified by God's grace through faith alone in Christ alone. They are united by the Holy Spirit in the body of Christ, of which He is the Head. The true church is manifest in local churches, whose membership should be composed only of believers. The Lord Jesus mandated two ordinances, baptism and the Lord's Supper, which visibly and tangibly express the gospel. Though they are not the means of salvation, when celebrated by the church in genuine faith, these ordinances confirm and nourish the believer.

Christian Living

We believe that God's justifying grace must not be separated from His sanctifying power and purpose. God commands us to love Him supremely and others sacrificially, and to live out our faith with care for one another, compassion toward the poor and justice for the oppressed. With God's Word, the Spirit's power, and fervent prayer in Christ's name, we are to combat the spiritual forces of evil. In obedience to Christ's commission, we are to make disciples among all people, always bearing witness to the gospel in word and deed.

Christ's Return

We believe in the personal, bodily and premillennial return of our Lord Jesus Christ. The coming of Christ, at a time known only to God, demands constant expectancy and, as our blessed hope, motivates the believer to godly living, sacrificial service and energetic mission.

Response and Eternal Destiny

We believe that God commands everyone everywhere to believe the gospel by turning to Him in repentance and receiving the Lord Jesus Christ. We believe that God will raise the dead bodily and judge the world, assigning the unbeliever to condemnation and eternal conscious punishment and the believer to eternal blessedness and joy with the Lord in the new heaven and the new earth, to the praise of His glorious grace. Amen.

Each of these articles of faith is clearly supported by biblical teaching and multiple Scripture references. The statement of faith does not exhaust the extent of our faith. In all areas, the Bible itself, as the inspired and infallible Word of God that speaks with final authority concerning truth, morality, and the proper conduct of mankind, is the sole and final source of all that we believe. For purposes of church doctrine, practice, policy, and discipline, our Board of Elders is the church's final interpretive authority on the Bible's meaning and application.

Conclusion

We believe that all persons employed by Riverstone Church in any capacity, or who serve as volunteers, agree to, actively promote, and abide by this Statement of Faith so as to 1) preserve the function and integrity of Riverstone Church as a local Body of Christ and 2) provide biblical role models to the church members and our community.

After reading Riverstone Church's Statement of Faith, answer the following questions:

Have you read the Statement of Faith? Yes No

Do you agree with the Statement of Faith? Yes No

Will you support the Statement of Faith? Yes No

If you answered "no" to any of these questions, please explain on a separate page.

PERSONAL REFERENCES

Please submit four references based on the following criteria:

- Over 18 years old
- Has known you for more than one year
- Has seen you around minors
- Please use at least one (no more than two) members of your household: spouse, adult child, or parent
- Please do not use someone listed as your church ministry leader; they will be contacted separately

Name _____

Relationship to you _____

Email _____

APPLICANT'S STATEMENT

The information contained in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge. I authorize any references or churches listed in this application to give you any information (including opinions) that they may have regarding my character and fitness for ministry. I release all such references from any liability for furnishing such evaluations to you, provided they do so in good faith and without malice. I waive any right I may have to inspect references provided on my behalf.

Should my application be accepted, I agree to be bound by the bylaws and policies of Riverstone Church and to refrain from unscriptural conduct in the performance of my services on behalf of the church. I have read the KidsSafe Volunteer Handbook and agree to abide by it as I minister to children and youth at Riverstone Church.

I further state that I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THE FORGOING RELEASE AND KNOW THE CONTENTS THEREOF AND I SIGN THIS RELEASE AS MY OWN FREE ACT. This is a legally binding agreement, which I have read and understand.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Witness _____ Date _____

If you have questions about this application, contact the director of the ministry for which you are applying. When you have completed this application, please give it to the appropriate pastor/director. Thank you.

Please thoroughly read and sign the attached affidavit only if you are a volunteer and have lived in PA at least 10 consecutive years. See #3.

**STATEMENT OF VOLUNTEER
FOR RIVERSTONE CHURCH
CHILDREN'S & YOUTH PROGRAMS**

1. My full name and address are as follows: _____

2. I am an unpaid volunteer.
3. I have been a resident of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania during the entirety of the previous ten (10) year period.
4. By signing below, I swear or affirm that I am neither a perpetrator of a founded report of child abuse nor named in any Registry as the perpetrator of a founded report of child abuse.
5. I further swear or affirm that I have never been convicted of or pled guilty to any of the following offenses: criminal homicide; aggravated assault; stalking; kidnapping; unlawful restraint; rape; statutory sexual assault; involuntary deviate sexual intercourse; sexual assault; aggravated indecent assault; indecent assault; indecent exposure; incest; concealing the death of a child; endangering the welfare of children; dealing in infant children; prostitution and related offenses; obscene and other sexual material and performances; corruption of minors; sexual abuse of children; or the attempt, solicitation or conspiracy to commit any of the aforementioned offenses.
6. I further attest and certify that I have not been convicted of an offense designated as a felony under the Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act.
7. I further attest and certify that I have not been convicted of an offense similar in nature to those offenses listed above under the laws or former laws of the United States or one of its possessions, another State, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, a foreign nation, or a former law of this Commonwealth.

I hereby swear or affirm that the statements set forth above are true and correct.

Dated

Signature

Print Name