

Protocol of Sex Offenders to attend _____ Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

It is the desire that all persons grow in relationship to Jesus Christ and in the ability to develop God-honoring relationships with one another. We believe that spiritual health is an essential part of a sex offender's healing and recovery. Great care must be exercised, however, in allowing sex offenders to attend church because they have a criminal history of victimizing individuals. Those who have committed a sexual crime, who meet the criteria listed in this document, must follow these guidelines in order to attend church.

- I. Sex Offenders Prohibited From Attending _____ Christian Church
 - A. Because _____ Christian Church wants to be sensitive to and protective of victims and potential victims of sexual abuse or assault, sex offenders will be prohibited from attending _____ Christian Church for the following reasons:
 1. If a victim of the sex offender attends _____ Church.
 2. If the sex offender has a history of not following established contract agreements(s) with other churches, programs, or organizations.
 3. The sex offender does not follow all the guidelines and conditions of this document and the approved contract agreement.
- II. Before A Sex Offender Can Attend Church
 - A. All sex offenders wanting to attend _____ Christian Church must contact the Senior Pastor prior to attending church.
 1. The offender must report that he/she committed a sexual offense and disclose the nature of that offense.
 2. The offender must report their risky situations and strategies for preventing re-offense.
 3. If under supervision/parole/probation with DOC or JRA, the offender will pass along the name, phone number and email address of their community corrections or parole officer. If they are in sex offender treatment, the offender will pass along the same information.
 4. The offender must sign a form allowing the congregation to complete a criminal history background check.
 - B. All sex offenders will be expected to have and meet with a certified sex offender treatment therapist.
 - C. All sex offenders must have an individualized contract agreement detailing the requirements for the offender to follow while attending all church functions.

1. A sex offender under community supervision or parole or probation will be required to:
 - a. Meet with a certified sex offender treatment therapist, his/her Community Corrections Officer/parole officer/probation officer, pastor, and 3 or 4 people from the leadership of the congregation (Congregational Accountability Team) to determine the kinds of involvement that would be appropriate and to develop an individualized contract agreement.
 - b. Sign the individualized contract agreement, along with a certified sex offender treatment therapist, CCO or PO, and the Senior Pastor.
 - c. Renew the individualized contract agreement every year with a certified sex offender treatment therapist and the Congregational Accountability Team or as determined by the sex offender treatment therapist.
- D. If chaperones are required in the individualized contract agreement, suitable chaperones must be identified, screened and approved with the Congregational Accountability Team.

III. Church Attendance

- A. The individualized contract agreement must be followed at all times. Failure to follow this contract will result in not being allowed to attend church.
- B. A sex offender may not serve or be put in a leadership position in the church.

IV. Notification of sex offenders attending church

- A. The church membership will be notified of all level 2 or 3 sex offenders attending church