

Waiver of Liability Relating to Coronavirus/COVID-19

On March 11, 2020, The World Health Organization declared the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, a pandemic. COVID-19 is highly contagious and is believed to spread mainly from person-to-person contact. As a result, federal, state, and local governments and federal and state health agencies have recommended monitoring group sizes, social distancing, the wearing of masks, proper hygiene procedures and sanitization of all common surfaces in all group settings. Cokes Chapel UMC, Inc. (CCUMC) has put precautions in place to reduce the spread of COVID-19; however, CCUMC **cannot guarantee** that you or your family, including your child(ren), will not become exposed to or infected with COVID-19 as a result of your attendance and participation in the services and programs of CCUMC. Further, because of the number of individuals involved in the ministry of CCUMC and the fact that many infected individuals appear to be asymptomatic, **attending this activity could increase** your and your family's risk of contracting COVID-19.

By signing this waiver, I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that my family (including minor children) and I may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19. I also acknowledge that by attending CCUMC worship services and/or any activities related to the ministry that require in-person congregation, such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, disability, and/or death. I understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 at CCUMC may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others, including, but not limited to, CCUMC clergy, employees, contractors, volunteers, members, and participants and their families.

I voluntarily agree to assume all of the foregoing risks and accept sole responsibility for any injury to my family (including minor children) or myself (including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability, and death), illness, damage, loss, claim, liability, or expense of any kind that I or my family (including minor children) may experience or incur in connection with our attendance at CCUMC or participation in worship services and/or other activities ("Claims"). On my behalf, and on behalf of my children, I hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge, and hold harmless CCUMC, its employees, agents, and representatives, of and from all Claims, including all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs or expenses of any kind arising out of or relating thereto. I understand and agree that this release includes any Claims based on the actions, omissions, or negligence of the Ministry, its employees, agents, and representatives, whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during, or after participation in any program.

This Waiver should be read and signed by all adults present in your party:

Agreed to and signed on _____, 2020.

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