

**Assumption of the Risk and Waiver of Liability Relating to Coronavirus/COVID-19**

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. COVID-19 is extremely 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 recommend social distancing and have, in many locations, prohibited the congregation of groups of people.

Elizabeth Lee United Methodist Church (ELUMC) has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19; however, Elizabeth Lee UMC cannot guarantee that you or your child(ren)/youth will not become infected with COVID-19. Further, attending ELUMC activities could increase your risk and your child(ren)'s/youth's risk of contracting COVID-19.

By signing this agreement, I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that my child(ren)/youth/I may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 by attending ELUMC and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and death. I understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 at ELUMC may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others, including, but not limited to, ELUMC employees, volunteers, and program participants and their families.

I voluntarily agree to assume all of the foregoing risks and accept sole responsibility for any injury to my child(ren)/youth/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 child(ren)/youth may experience or incur in connection with my child(ren)'s/youth's attendance at ELUMC or participation in ELUMC programming ("Claims"). On my behalf, and on behalf of my children/youth, I hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge, and hold harmless ELUMC, its employees, agents, and representatives, of and from the 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 ELUMC, its employees, agents, and representatives, whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during, or after participation in any ELUMC program.

Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Name of ELUMC Participant(s) \_\_\_\_\_