

## **YRUU Behavioral Policy of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Columbia**

The following behavioral expectations apply to all YRUU members. These behavioral guidelines will enable us to care for and respect ourselves, our group, our congregation, and our building. I agree to:

- A. Observe common courtesy.** Allow all to enjoy their rights. Treat others as I wish to be treated.
- B. Use mutually respectful communication.**
  - 1. Consider other people's feelings before acting or speaking.
  - 2. Listen actively to other people's feeling and opinions.
  - 3. Avoid offensive language such as ethnic jokes, profanity, and negative comments about other religions or groups.
- C. Help everyone feel included at church and related events.**
  - 1. Support one another even in our differences.
  - 2. Avoid excluding others by forming cliques or being friendly with only a few others.
  - 3. No sexual activity of any kind, as agreed upon in group covenant.
- D. Be willing to identify and deal with differences.**
  - 1. Discuss problems, concerns, and differences honestly.
  - 2. Be courteous and respectful when disagreeing.
- E. Observe and respect attendance guidelines.**
  - 1. In order to participate in a YRUU special activity (such as Youth Cons, outings, trips, social events or lock-ins) I must be an active, registered YRUU member.
  - 2. In order to avoid disturbing the Sunday morning RE classes I agree to not be in the downstairs space, or outside the downstairs windows, during the RE class time. Those working in the Nursery or assisting in a RE classroom are excluded.
- F. Care for our congregation, building, and outside space.**
  - 1. Running, wrestling, and rough-housing are not allowed inside the building.
  - 2. Respect the physical limitations of others, including older members and young children.
  - 3. Keep the YRUU room clean, and clean up all messes created by our events or meals.
  - 4. Use the church phone only when necessary, and to keep it brief. Use the church computer and other office equipment and supplies only for church business.
- G. Protect everyone's safety.**
  - 1. All YRUU events must have at least two adults present.
  - 2. No violence of any kind. No inappropriate or unwelcome touching.
  - 3. No firearms, explosives, incendiaries, or fireworks.
- H. Do not engage in the following activities on church grounds or at church events:**
  - 1. Alcoholic beverages or other intoxicants.
  - 2. Illegal drugs, or the sharing of prescription medicines.
- I. Obey the YRUU No Smoking Policy.**
  - No smoking allowed on church property during YRUU events or meetings.

**Advisers and chaperones may temporarily add to these Behavior Rules during specific events as needed.**

I understand that participation in YRUU activities at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Columbia is a privilege based on acceptance of the YRUU Behavioral Policy. I understand that the YRUU Advisors and Event Sponsors are responsible for the well-being of the whole group, and that I as a YRUU member am expected to follow their instructions and treat them with kindness and respect.

Signature of the teen \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_