

## Volunteer Code of Ethics

For our work with children at [SEP]

First Parish Church in Weston

All volunteers play a key role in fostering the spiritual growth and character development of our children and youth. It is therefore, especially important that those in leadership positions provide the special nurture, care and support that will enable our children and youth to develop a positive sense of self and a spirit of independence and responsibility. [SEP]Therefore, those who teach and/or lead our children and youth will: [SEP]

- Provide nurturing care and support to all young persons.
- Work to help children and youth develop a positive sense of self and spirit of independence. (
- Respect the selfhood of each young person, including the absolute right to privacy of his or her own mind and body. (
- Not engage in any behavior with young people, which constitutes verbal, emotional or physical abuse. (
- Not engage in behavior or language, which is personally threatening or demeaning. (
- Not engage in any sexually harassing behavior, nor any other sexual, seductive or erotic behavior with young people. (
- Not encourage or condone any sort of illegal or unethical activity on the part of young people. (

Volunteer's Statement: (I have read the above Code of Ethics and understand that these guidelines govern expected behavior of volunteers working with young people at First Parish Church in

Weston.

Additionally, I have read the Child Protection Policy for First Parish Church in Weston, and the Child Abuse FAQs, and understand that I am to immediately report any suspicion of child abuse or neglect to the Director of Family Ministries and Minister.

I have read and understand the above statements of expectations and agree to abide by them.

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Signature

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Printed Name

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Date