

Cornerstone Code of Conduct

As Christians, we agree that we will be bound at all times, both while at Cornerstone Youth and away, by a Code of Conduct that holds us to a higher standard in the way we interact with ALL people. In that regard, we agree as follows:

- 1. We believe that ALL people are equal in God's eyes, and as such, we will strive to see and treat ALL people equally. Cornerstone welcomes and affirms people of ALL sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions. ALL. MEANS. ALL.
- 2. We will ALWAYS look for the best in others, respect EVERYONE and everything, and strive to lift ALL people up.
- 3. We believe Cornerstone is a family, and as such, we will LOVE and ACCEPT one another, PRAY for each other, TELL THE TRUTH to each other, BE KIND to one another, BRING JOY to each other, SERVE one another, BE PATIENT with one another, COMFORT one another, FORGIVE one another, BE GENEROUS with each other, and HONOR each other.
- 4. Cornerstone is a SAFE place. As such, we will not judge others, nor say or do anything that would be harmful to ANYONE.
- 5. We will instead ALWAYS engage in polite conversation, be present and participate in conversations, be honest in ALL we do, and always speak kindly to, of, and about ALL others. We agree that if we cannot say anything nice, we will not say anything at all.
- 6. We will strive to lead by words AND deeds and to see life from the perspective of others.
- 7. We will go out of our way and take the extra steps to include ALL others, especially if they are new to Cornerstone, or struggling with or facing difficult life challenges.
- 8. We agree that just because we CAN do something, it does NOT mean that we should.

CONSEQUENCES: We agree that the consequences for violation of this Code of Conduct will be at the sole discretion of the Director of Student Ministries and the Pastoral Staff of St. Mark's United Methodist Church.

Student Signature	Date
Parent Signature	 Date