**Social Media and Digital Life Policy**

**Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church Youth**

**2017-2018**

The following rules and guidelines apply for images, posts, videos and comments on **any** social media content - including blogs and remarks on other people's posts, while at church, in relation to other church attendees, or while on church trips.

* While engaging on social media, please keep in mind that your purpose is to spread Jesus’ love, not God’s judgement.
* Do not post photos, comments, or replies that must be kept private. Anything done on social media, should be appropriate enough to share publicly.
* Engage with social media from the perspective that once your photos or comments are in the cyber world, there is no getting them back. Act wisely the first go around.
* Do not post anything with foul language, nudity (or almost nudity), drugs or alcohol substances, or suggestive behavior.
* We have ZERO tolerance for cyber bullying. Make sure that communication is kind and could not be taken offensively or negatively.

Any media or online engagement that falls outside these parameters, while on a church trips or church activities can be asked to be removed, and may result in a youth being sent home.

The church cannot be responsible for social media behavior while outside of church activities, but would encourage youth and families to represent Preston Hollow, and more importantly, our faith, with intentionality. Social media engagement can easily be harmful. We hope and pray these discussions will lead to empowering and loving social media habits.

By signing the following, you acknowledge that inappropriate and/or harmful social media/ online engagement may result in your being sent home from a church trip, and/or removal of the harmful post. Additionally, if you must be sent home early, your family will be responsible for travel arrangements and payment.

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*Youth Signature Date*

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