

HIGHLAND Mennonite Brethren CHURCH

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Dear Highland Youth Parents/Guardians:

As part of Highland Mennonite Brethren Church's ministry to your Youth we are planning to begin weekly Highland Youth events which require your consent prior to their participation. While every precaution is taken for safety and good health, the COVID-19 pandemic carries with it the inherent risk of illness which goes beyond the risks normally associated with HMBC-sponsored Ministry Activities. Once you've reviewed the details below and are in agreement with your Youth's participation, please sign the informed consent and submit it to me or the HMBC office prior to their participation in Highland Youth during this time of elevated risk. This consent is given in addition to a completed *Annual Registration and Release Form*. If your Youth does not already have one on file, please complete and submit it along with your *Informed Consent*.

Ministry Activity of Elevated Risk

Date of Ministry Activity - **2020/21 Ministry Year; Fridays, starting October 16, 2020.**

Description - **Highland Youth Weekly Events during the COVID-19 Pandemic.**

Purpose - **To create a safe space to build friendships and explore the Christian faith.**

Specifics - **Youth in Grades 7-12 are meeting in person in the Highland Church building at 4018 Centre B St NW for interactive Bible Study and physically distanced activities under the supervision of screened Youth Leaders. Weekly e-mails will include specific event details.**

Additional Information - **This Informed Consent covers only the risks associated with the COVID-19 pandemic while participating in Highland Youth; any other Ministry Activity of elevated risk will require an additional Informed Consent (unless Full-Year Consent is given).**

Special Information: **Highland Church is doing everything we can to be compliant with Alberta Health regulations and minimize the risk of COVID-19 infection while in our building. Notices are posted throughout the Highland Church building, reminding participants to only enter if symptom-free, sign in (for contact tracing, should that be required), wear masks while in the building (unless permitted to remove them by a Youth Leader under specific circumstances), wash/disinfect hands often, practice respiratory hygiene, and maintain physical distancing.**

Associated Risks include but are not limited to - **We have put in place preventative measures to try to reduce the spread of COVID-19 (incl. increased cleaning/disinfecting protocols and individually wrapped snacks), but we cannot guarantee that Youth or their family members will not become infected with COVID-19. If more than one participant tests positive for COVID-19 within a 7-10 day period - whether the infection occurs before, during, or after participation in Highland Youth's Ministry Activities - Highland Youth may be cancelled for a 2-week period.**

Sincerely,



Jenah Park
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Our mission is to follow Jesus Christ and help others know, love, and serve Him!

Informed Consent – choose one of the following options:

- One-Time Consent:** I have been informed by Volunteers and Staff of Highland Mennonite Brethren Church of the details of Ministry Activities of elevated risk **relating to the COVID-19 pandemic during the 2020/21 Ministry Year** and authorize the participation of my Youth in these Highland Youth Ministry Activities; or
- Full-Year Consent:** I trust the Volunteers and Staff of Highland Mennonite Brethren Church to inform me of the details of each Ministry Activity of elevated risk taking place throughout the current ministry year (ending August 31) and authorize the participation of my Youth in each of these HMBC-sponsored Ministry Activities. I understand that I may revoke this *Informed Consent* in writing at any time. **This Informed Consent includes the risks relating to the COVID-19 pandemic during the 2020/21 Ministry Year.**

Participant’s Information

Youth’s Full Name:	Home Phone #	Youth’s Cell Phone #
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Emergency Contacts (include the proper custody agreement authorizations)

Parent or Caregiver’s Name	Cell Phone #
Additional Parent or Caregiver’s Name	Cell Phone #
Additional Emergency Contact’s Name	Cell Phone #
Youth’s Relationship to Additional Emergency Contact:	

Liability Release

I understand that I am exposing my Child, Youth, or Vulnerable Adult to inherent risks and hazards. I accept all these risks and hazards and agree that by allowing their participation, I take responsibility for any injury or other loss which may occur during their participation in this HMBC-sponsored Ministry Activity. I undertake and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Canadian Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches, The Alberta Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches, and Highland Mennonite Brethren Church, each of their leadership, staff, and volunteers from and against any loss, damage or injury suffered by my Child, Youth, or Vulnerable Adult as a result of participating in this HMBC-sponsored Ministry Activity, as well as of any medical treatment authorized by the persons supervising my Child, Youth, or Vulnerable Adult within the context of HMBC Ministry Activities.

Signature

Signature of Parent/Caregiver	Printed Name of Parent/Caregiver	Date
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Purposes and Extent

HMBC collects and retains this information for the purposes of having written consent for your Child, Youth, or Vulnerable Adult’s participation in the named Ministry Activity of elevated risk. Upon review and any required follow-up, the original document is filed indefinitely – upon recommendation by our insurance company and legal counsel - in HMBC’s CONFIDENTIAL archives. The information collected is also stored in a password-protected database. The information is accessible only to the Ministry Team Leader, Designated Screening Personnel, Leadership Team, and where required by law. If you wish to limit the information collected, or to view your Child, Youth, or Vulnerable Adult’s information, please contact HMBC. A temporary copy of this document is maintained in the care of the Ministry Team Leader on off-site HMBC-sponsored Ministry Activities.

This informed consent is in addition to a completed Annual Registration and Release Form.