



POLICY FOR THOSE CONVICTED OF SEXUAL OFFENSES AGAINST A MINOR AND ATTENDANCE AGREEMENT

Connection Christian Fellowship (Connection) is a place for introducing Jesus Christ to people who do not know him. We want Connection to be a safe place for everyone to learn about Christ and the Gospel. In order for Connection to be a safe place for all to attend, our elders believed it necessary to adopt an official policy regarding those on the registered list of sexual offenders (henceforth referred to as simply “offenders”) who desire to attend our services or join our church.

Definition of Terms

In the following statement of conditions, these terms shall have the assigned meanings:

- **Service(s):** includes any gathered event of Connection, whether held at a facility owned by Connection, a rented campus, or at an offsite location.
- **Small group:** includes any meeting of a Connection small group under the authority and leadership of Connection, whether in a home, at a Connection location, or other location.
- **Activities:** includes services, small groups, service events, retreats, conferences, or any other function sponsored by Connection, regardless of the event location.
- **Supervising Member:** the member of Connection designated to oversee the fulfillment of this contract with a given offender in fellowship with Connection and who monitors the offender attending a Connection service or activity.
- **Child or children:** any person under the age of 18 years old.

Policies

1. Whether through disclosure or discovery, as soon as the registered status of an offender is realized the protocols of this policy will be expected to be honored or the offender may not attend any Connection services or activities.
2. Identified offenders may not attend any Connection services or activities, including small groups, until signing the “Attendance Contract.”
3. Identified offenders are prohibited from attending Connection services and / or activities under any of the following circumstances:
 - a. If any victim of the offender is a member of Connection or known to regularly attend any Connection campus.
 - b. If the offender has a history of not following established contract agreements at other churches.
 - c. If the offender does not agree to the conditions for fellowship at Connection.
 - d. If the offender does not comply with the conditions for fellowship at Connection.
4. Any individual that has at any time registered as an offender is prohibited from entering into Connection’s children’s ministry areas or participating as part of Connection’s children ministry. This prohibition continues to exist until the offender status is removed.
5. An offender may not attend any children- or youth-oriented services or activities. However, the offender is allowed to attend services and activities where children may be present, such as worship services, and is allowed to be in the church foyer or auditorium, for example, so long as two or more adults are present including a supervising member.
6. At such time as an individual ceases to be a registered offender, a copy of the “Certificate and Order of Discharge,” or a similarly equivalent Court document, must be submitted to a supervising member to be included in the offender’s file. At that time, an evaluation will be conducted to determine if and what continuing restrictions will remain in place.



ATTENDANCE AGREEMENT FOR CONVICTED SEXUAL OFFENDERS

Offenders must commit to the following conditions for fellowship at Connection Christian Fellowship (Connection).

I agree to the following conditions:

1. I will be assigned a Connection supervising member who will evaluate and monitor my access to Connection services and activities. I will meet regularly¹ with a supervising member to evaluate and monitor my access to Connection services and activities.
2. I will agree to being devoted to church-wide discipleship within the community of Connection Church.
3. If required by State Law, I will meet with the court ordered community corrections officer (CCO), or other similar officer, as prescribed.
4. If required by State Law, I will meet with a certified sex offender treatment therapist, if required by my CCO or supervising member without complaint.
5. If required by State Law, I will provide the treatment therapist's name and phone number and the CCO's name and phone number to my supervising member.
6. If required by State Law, I will get approval by the court ordered CCO, therapist, social worker, and Connection Compliance Team to attend Connection. A copy of a signed authorization from each of these providers must be provided to a supervising member (if applicable).
7. I agree to have my picture, name, offense level, and a copy of this signed contract emailed to all Connection pastors and staff before attending a Connection service or activity.
8. I agree to have my picture, name, offense level, and a copy of this signed contract included in the records of the Compliance Team at all Connection locations, accessible to all staff and supervising members.
9. I will not attend any Connection services or activities nor be present on the property of Connection or off-property gathering location without a supervising member. If a supervising member is not available for a gathering, communications will be sent to the offender. If a supervising member is not available, I will not attend any Connection services or activities (nor will I be present on the property of Connection or off-property gathering location) at any time.
10. Immediately upon my arrival, I will connect with a supervising member. I will wait until a supervising member able to be with me. I will departure and promptly leave Connection premises if I am informed that a supervising member is not available.
11. I will not serve in any role in a Connection ministry without prior approval from my supervising member.
12. **I acknowledge and agree that all children and student areas are off limits at all times**, even if my own children are attending Connection and are present and participating in Connection's children or student's ministry or activities. In that case, I will not walk my own children back into Connection children's ministry area, but will make other arrangements for them, such as having a children's ministry leader walk them to and from the children's ministry area for me. I will not supervise any children's activities nor enter a designated children's area. I will not serve in Connection children's or youth's ministries.
13. I will not visit the home of a Connection family where children are present, without the parent knowing my history and offense level and giving permission for my entry into their home.
14. I will promptly leave any area on Connection property where children are present with the exception of a populated church foyer, auditorium, or area where two or more adults are present.
15. I will not have any physical contact with a child at Connection, including, without limitation, sitting next to a child other than my own, holding a child on my lap, or being hugged or kissed by a child at Connection unless an exemption form has been completed and sign by that child's parent.

¹ "Regularly" would mean, but is not limited to: checking in and out each time he/she is at a Connection service or activity; and a at least a quarterly meeting to discuss spiritual growth and how his/her restoration process.

16. I understand that a supervising member will retain records of our meetings, which will be available to the offender's therapist, CCO, and court at their request.

I understand the above conditions. I submit to these conditions and wish to attend Connection. I submit to a supervising member at Connection. I accept that if I break any of the above conditions, I will no longer be allowed to be present at Connection locations or activities. Connection pastors, deacons, employees, small group leaders, and Connection members are released from any legal responsibility or liability for disclosure of the above information to the extent indicated and authorized herein.

Printed Name of Offender: _____

Phone/Email: _____

Signature of Offender: _____

Date: _____

Church Location Attending: _____

Printed Name of Lead Connection Supervising Member: _____

Signature of Connection Lead Supervising Member: _____

Date: _____