**Mission Trip 2019 Youth Covenant**

**The Volunteer and/or Guardian/Parent of the Volunteer signing below desires the Volunteer to participate in volunteer work with LutheranHANDS and its partners. Throughout this agreement, “LutheranHANDS and its partners” includes all those groups, individuals, institutions, and corporations in which LutheranHANDS chooses to partner with during its mission trips and volunteer events.**

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, herein referred to as the “PARTICIPANT”, agree to abide by all the rules set forth by this Covenant and agree to respect the rules set forth by all advisors and staff of the LutheranHANDS and its partners from the moment I leave home with the intent to participate in mission with LutheranHANDS to the moment I return home at the conclusion of the event.

I, the PARTICIPANT, agree to respect all those persons involved in the trip including, but not limited to, the PARTICIPANT, other PARTICIPANTS, staff, advisors, Pastors, drivers, lodging facility staff, work leaders, and members of the communities in which I will serve.

I, the PARTICIPANT, agree to respect all property while attending the trip, including but not limited to, the buses, rental vehicles, the lodging facility, personal property of others, and the communities in which I will serve. I, the PARTICIPANT, understand that I am responsible for any damage I create to property I do not own including, but not limited to, those properties mentioned previously. I also understand that I will be responsible for leaving all property in better condition than I found it.

I, the PARTICIPANT, understand that I alone am responsible for all things I bring on the trip, herein referred to as “my property”. In the event of theft or damage to my property, I will report the situation to the staff of the trip to they may lead an investigation into solving the situation. I understand neither the staff of the trip, drivers, nor staff of the lodging facility can be held responsible in the event of a theft or damage of my property.

I, the PARTICIPANT, agree to abide by all schedules and curfews set forth by the staff and will participate in all group activities such as daily work, worship, meals, and evening group gatherings.

I, the PARTICIPANT, understand that the possession and consumption/use of alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, and narcotics is strictly prohibited and will result in the PARTICIPANT being sent home at the PARTICIPANT’s expense.

I, the PARTICIPANT, understand that sexual contact is strictly prohibited while on the trip and the disciplinary committee will consider sending the PARTICIPANT home at the PARTICIPANT’s expense.

I, the PARTICIPANT, understand that the possession of weapons is prohibited. I also understand that the purchase of weapons, tattoos, and the piercing of body is prohibited regardless of age and will result in the PARTICIPANT being sent home at the PARTICIPANT’s expense.

I, the PARTICIPANT, understand that in the event of violation of the covenant a disciplinary committee of LutheranHANDS and its partners’ staff will review the case and decide on an appropriate disciplinary action. Disciplinary action includes, but is not limited, to a phone call to the parent or legal guardian or loss of the privilege to participate in work crews or evening activities. I understand that in the event of a serious violation of the covenant the disciplinary committee will consider sending the PARTICIPANT home at the PARTICIPANT’s expense. If this occurs I, the PARTICIPANT, agree to pay for all expenses or reimburse LutheranHANDS and its partners for all expenses incurred by sending the PARTICIPANT home via direct airplane flight or faster form of transportation.

I, the PARTICIPANT, understand that while on the trip my actions represent LutheranHANDS, its partners and the PARTICIPANT also on the trip. I agree that I will not participate in any action that would damage my reputation, that of my home congregation and its leaders, or of the group while on the trip.

I, the PARTICIPANT, agree to all statements in this document and my signature below is my acceptance of this Covenant.

PARTICIPANT Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_