

# ***Volunteer Covenant & Release Appalachia Service Project 2017***

I, \_\_\_\_\_, (*print full name*) covenant with my fellow volunteers, the First United Methodist and St. Luke's Churches of Westborough, and the Appalachia Service Project (ASP) to serve people in need in Central Appalachia to the best of my ability. I will serve both directly and indirectly, supporting and encouraging other members of my group.

I will participate in fundraising as necessary, to at least the minimum required level (more if I am able), and attend all necessary training events. I do this because I know we need to be appropriately funded and prepared to be able to make the biggest impact we can make. I recognize that we, as a group, have made a commitment through our application to ASP to bring the most effective work group possible, with all necessary funds.

During both the trip and the surrounding events, I will act responsibly, in accordance with both the letter and the spirit of whatever rules and guidelines are deemed necessary by ASP Staff or my Group Leaders, for the good of the group and my own safety. I realize that my actions reflect not just upon myself, but my group, the sponsoring churches, and ASP in general. I will attempt to behave at all times as someone who has been sent by God.

During my week, I will endeavor to live out ASP's values by "accepting all people just where they are, just the way they are", and "remaining sensitive and helpful, according to the needs of the hour". I recognize that my "work" at ASP includes not just construction, but demonstrating care and concern for the families served, cleaning and maintaining the ASP Center, and helping the other members of my group to have as productive and enjoyable a time as possible.

I recognize that we go to Appalachia as representatives of the Westborough congregations sponsoring us, and we are accountable to them for the actions taken in their name and the use of the funds they have entrusted us with. I will participate in reporting to them the results of our service.

I agree to allow photos of me taken during events to be used in publicity for our ASP program, and to submit to a CORI check.

By entering into a covenant, I not only promise to keep the commitment I have made, but also to expect others to do the same. I will lovingly and supportively try to help others in so doing.

**Volunteer's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

(*Required for volunteers under age 18*) I, **the legal guardian of the above youth**, have read this form and confirmed the information entered here and online. I hereby give my permission for my child to travel to Appalachia and perform appropriate construction projects, as well as participate in meetings, fundraising, preparation sessions and a spring Prep Retreat which includes work projects. I authorize adult Group Leaders (GLs) to transport my child. I also give my permission for the GLs to authorize medical treatment for my child in case of emergency, by and under the recommendation of qualified medical personnel. I agree to allow photos of my child taken during events to be used in publicity for our ASP program, and for them to submit to a CORI check.

**Guardian's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_