

# SAMPLE

\_\_\_\_\_ UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## CONSENT FORM

You may have heard about Senate Bill 187 that went into effect on March 22, 2001. In an effort to care for the well-being of Ohio's children, all prospective and current volunteers with "Unsupervised Access to a Child" may at any time be required to provide a set of fingerprints and undergo a criminal records check.

This warning of a possible background check intends to protect children from being served by a person who might cause harm.

We are required to notify all prospective volunteer staff who have "Unsupervised access to a child" notice of this background check possibility. This does not mean all volunteers must have a fingerprint and criminal background check, but that each person must be notified such background checks could be required of them while they are volunteering.

The phrase "Unsupervised access to a child" means that the person in question has access to a child and that either (1) no other person 18 years of age or older is present in the same room with the child **or** (2) if outdoors, no other person 18 years of age or older is within a 30 yard radius of the child or has visual contact with the child.

If you will sign the form below indicating you have been notified of this new law, and return the bottom section to the church, it would be much appreciated. Thank you for helping with this important process now required by Ohio law.

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I have been notified that as a volunteer working with children or youth (anyone under 18 years of age) at \_\_\_\_\_ United Methodist Church, that I may at any time be required to provide a set of fingerprints and undergo a criminal records check, and I now consent to this in advance.

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_