

# Youth & Child Likeness Use Release Form

Valid from Date Signed through August following High School Graduation

Desert Foothills United Methodist Church (DFUMC) uses photos and videos taken at church events (including both church-wide and age-level ministries) for the purpose of the showing ministry of the church. Photos and videos may be used in various settings such as photo share sites, audio/visual presentations during worship, the church website, online picture directory, DFUMC Facebook Group, blogs, or other discussion and printed materials. DFUMC protects members by choosing online hosted sites that are password protected and/or require group membership. We will not post names and locations with pictures and pictures will be screened for appropriateness before posting. DFUMC is not responsible for use of pictures on non-church hosted sites or for other purposes.

My son/daughter \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ has permission to be photographed, interviewed and/or videotaped during church activities. These photographs, comments, and videos may be used as described above for the purpose of showing and sharing ministries of the church.

\_\_\_\_\_ OPT OUT – may not have his or her likeness used in any of the ways described above for the purpose of showing and sharing the ministries of the church.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## ***Excerpts from DFUMC Safe Sanctuaries Policy (6/09) Applicable to Photograph and Video Usage by Participants in DFUMC Ministries***

4.1

Written and electronic communications between adults and children and youth should be as open and public as possible. Persons wishing to post photographs on the Internet may do so only with permission of the sponsoring organization.

4.2

Staff and volunteers may take appropriate photographs and movies of children and youth, but do not have legal authority to post those on-line. WebPages, blogs, social networking sites, etc about an event that are not maintained by the sponsoring organization are beyond the Church's control and could confer false information.

Church permission forms request permission to use photos of participants in printed and electronic materials. This does not confer permission to individuals to post pictures on their own websites, MySpace pages, etc. Persons that set up pages about church events, while usually well meaning, have posted photographs that is beyond the control of the sponsoring organization. These postings may or may not represent the organization in the best light.

4.3.4

Youth, volunteers and staff should covenant to not post photographs about any event on-line without the express permission of the sponsoring organization.

I have read and understand DFUMC's policies regarding photo and video usage from church events. I covenant with my faith community to abide by this policy. This means I will not post photos or videos of other people from church events without express permission from DFUMC AND the other people present in the photos/videos (or their legal guardian, if they are a minor).

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Youth/Child Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_