

PARENTAL/GUARDIAN GENERAL RELEASE FORM

Athens United Methodist Church Photo/Video Release for Minors and Vulnerable Adults

General Release:

Time Period: September 1, _____ (year) to August 31, _____ (year)

____I, the undersigned parent or guardian of minor/vulnerable participant(s)
(List minor/vulnerable participants names. **Please print**)_____

give permission for the minor/vulnerable participant's photograph and full name to be used in Athens United Methodist Church publications and press releases.

In addition, I give permission for the minor/vulnerable participant's photograph, or video recording containing images of the minor/vulnerable participant, to be used on the Athens United Methodist Church website and Facebook page. Names of minor/vulnerable participants will not accompany photographs or video recordings posted online (eg, Facebook or AUMC website).

This release statement is valid for photographs and video-recordings taken during the time period listed above, and covers all church activities.

This release statement is in compliance with the Athens United Methodist Church Safe Sanctuary Policy.

OR

____I, the undersigned parent or guardian of minor/vulnerable participant(s)
(List minor/vulnerable participants names. **Please print**)_____

DO NOT give permission for the minor/vulnerable participant's photograph to be used in any Athens United Methodist Church publications, press releases, websites, or Facebook pages.

Parent/Guardian Name (print):_____

Parent/Guardian Signature:_____

Date:_____

Phone:_____

Email:_____

PARENTAL/GUARDIAN EVENT SPECIFIC RELEASE FORM

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Event or Activity:_____

Time Period:_____ to_____

____I, the undersigned parent or guardian of minor/vulnerable participant(s)
(List minor/vulnerable participants names. **Please print**)_____

give permission for the minor/vulnerable participant's photograph and full name to be used in Athens United Methodist Church publications and press releases.

In addition, I give permission for the minor/vulnerable participant's photograph, or video recording containing images of the minor/vulnerable participant, to be used on the Athens United Methodist Church website and Facebook page. Names of minor/vulnerable participants will not accompany photographs or video recordings posted online (eg, Facebook or AUMC website).

This release statement is valid for photographs and video-recordings taken during the time period listed above. It is restricted to photographs taken for the event listed above.

This release statement is in compliance with the Athens United Methodist Church Safe Sanctuary Policy.

OR

____I, the undersigned parent or guardian of minor/vulnerable participant(s)
(List minor/vulnerable participants names. **Please print**)_____

DO NOT give permission for the minor/vulnerable participant's photograph to be used in any Athens United Methodist Church publications, press releases, websites, or Facebook pages.

Parent/Guardian Name (print):_____

Parent/Guardian Signature:_____

Date:_____

Phone:_____

Email:_____

GUIDELINES

Parental/Guardian General Release Form: General parental/guardian release documents will be provided annually around the beginning of the church year on September 1 to parents of children participating in Sunday School and Youth Groups. The general release for these children covers all church activities in which the children participate over the course of the church year, including those listed in the paragraphs below, and is not restricted to only Sunday School or Youth Group activities.

Parental/Guardian Event Specific Release Form: Event-specific parental/guardian release documents will be obtained at the start of the activities such as the following for those participants not already covered by the General Release Form described above:

- Vacation Bible School
- Musicals/Plays
- Confirmation Class
- Living Nativity

Photographs/video-recordings intended for publication may in certain instances be taken of general church activities such as those described below. In the event such photographs/video-recordings feature children not already covered by the General Release form described above, written permission will be obtained at the time the photograph/video-recording is made.

- Hanging of the Greens
- Coffee House
- Movie Night
- Fellowship time

Photographs and video-recordings of minors or vulnerable adults will only be published for those minors or vulnerable adults for whom a parental/guardian release document is on file.

Photographs and video-recordings will be cross-checked against release documents prior to publication.

The Athens United Methodist Church Photo/Video Release for Minors and Vulnerable Adult Participants applies to photographs and video-recordings taken in the official capacity of the Athens United Methodist Church. It does not apply to the disposition of photographs or video-recordings taken by anyone not acting in the official capacity of the Athens United Methodist Church, such as by relatives or friends.

The Photo/Video Release is not required for “crowd” photographs or video-recordings of general events (non-minor focused), such as photographs of Bethel Hall during the Harvest Dinner.

Parents/Guardians of vulnerable adults are requested to self-identify to the church office so that the church will be aware of the need for release documents in these cases.

Parents/Guardians of minors/vulnerable adults whose images are not to appear in any photographs or video-recordings taken in the official capacity of the Athens United Methodist Church, including “crowd” shots, are requested to so indicate on the release form.

Release documents will be filed in the church office, and will remain on file for three years following the termination date of the event or activity designated on the release form.