**THIS FORM DUE EVERY THREE YEARS (See other exceptions in last paragraph)**.

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Accountability Agreement Between the

Eastern Pennsylvania UMC and the Boy Scouts of America

Dear Scout Leader:

The safety of youth and children is of the utmost importance to ­­Click or tap here to enter text. United Methodist Church. Our church has adopted a Safe Sanctuaries Policy in order to protect our children and youth as they engage in church activities. We welcome Boy Scout Troop # Click or tap here to enter text. in our Church. We understand the Boy Scouts of America have a written National Scout Youth Protection Policy that is similar to our church policy. It is your responsibility to comply with the national BSA Youth Protection Policy, as well as the Pennsylvania Protective Services Act as amended.

The Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church, our governing body, permits Boy Scouts of America troops to conduct Scouting activities in local United Methodist Churches provided that they comply with the national BSA Youth Protection Policy. Within the first month of using our facility, your Troop leaders must provide evidence of participation in the BSA Youth Protection Training and required background and criminal clearance checks. Criminal and background checks and renewals must

be obtained in accordance with Pennsylvania law.

We must receive assurance that your troop is operating in accordance with 1) the approved national BSA Youth Protection Policy and (2) The Pennsylvania Child Protective Services Act as amended. This pertains to both troop leaders and volunteers. Current criminal and child abuse background checks and BSA Youth Protection Training are required for all persons in your program responsible for the welfare of a child or having direct contact with children.

As a troop leader, please certify that your troop leaders and volunteers are in full compliance with the approved national BSA Youth Protection Policy, specifically including requirements for criminal background clearance reports, child abuse background clearance reports, Youth Protection Policies, and Youth Protection Training. Your certification also includes your agreement to renew required background checks in accordance with Pennsylvania Law as amended.

To indicate compliance and agreement to the EPA Safe Sanctuaries requirement for Boy Scout Troops in our church, please sign, date, and return this Accountability Agreement to the church office. Your certification of compliance to the BSA Youth Protection Policy will be kept in our church record and **must be renewed every three years.** **NOTE: This form must be completed if there is a new troop or new leadership.**

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Printed Name Troop

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Signature Date