

SHINE Retreat -- Youth Covenant

The core of our covenant for Youth@Synod is based on Matthew 22:36-39 which states: "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'

Statement of Covenant: I covenant to show love for God, neighbor, and self in all aspects of my behavior and decision-making during General Synod.

This includes
showing respect and love for yourself and others by:
Sharing your gifts

- Not engaging in illegal or immoral activities
- Not using any form of nicotine, alcohol, or illegal drugs
- Not taking or damaging possessions
- Not engaging in sexual activity or excessive displays of affection
- Staying in the room that has been assigned to me for the duration of the evening after curfew.
- Gathering in common spaces, not individual rooms during free time.
- Using language that is kind and up-building
- Holding to a zero tolerance for behaviors bullying
- Participating in all group activities
- Following the direction of leaders (adult or teen)

I agree to abide by this covenant throughout the SHINE retreat and hold my peers accountable to this agreement that we share. I understand and accept that violation of this Covenant could result in my returning home at my own expense before the meeting's conclusion.

Participant signature

Date

Parent/Guardian signature

Date

