

HEALTHY CONGREGATIONS COVENANT

UNITED METHODIST HEALTH MINISTRY FUND

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Church _____

Pastor _____

Coordinator _____

INTRODUCTION

We are constantly presented with choices that either enhance or detract from our overall health and well-being. When we are physically, emotionally, socially and spiritually healthy, we become more of what God intended us to be and we are more available to do the work to which God has called each of us in ministry.

The keys for successful health ministry include - identifying a lay member with a passion for health ministry, securing the support and enthusiasm of the pastor and building a diverse health ministry team. The Health Fund has developed programs that can support building health & wellness ministries in Kansas Area United Methodist congregations. In addition, there are resources and training opportunities available to support congregational health ministry programs.

COVENANT

As Pastor I agree to:

1. Support health ministry programs in worship, in meetings and in person when ever possible.
2. Strive to become a health ministry role model in all four dimensions of health.
3. Encourage consideration of a health ministry line item in the church budget.
4. Provide direction and support for a health ministry committee.
5. Ensure oversight of health ministry funds.

As Health Ministry Coordinator I agree to:

1. Serve as health ministry contact for Annual Conference communication and reporting.
2. Strive to become a health ministry role model in all four dimensions of health.
3. Submit an annual health ministry line item budget for consideration by our congregation.
4. Be responsible for use and tracking of health ministry funds.
5. Recruit members to form a health ministry committee and agree to serve as Chair for the committee.
6. Complete online Healthy Congregations Report.
7. Attend Healthy Congregations Retreat or a regional training session at least once per year and encourage attendance of other health ministry committee members.

