# LCMS Ohio District Youth Group Event
# Ohio District Sr. High Gathering
# November 20, 21, 22, 2026

## Waiver & Liability Release

PARTICIPANT: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

As a participant in this Ohio District Youth Group Event, I will at all times show respect for God, others, and myself. I, as a Participant, and I, as his or her Parent or Guardian, will respect the property of the event sites and of other participants. If I am involved in causing any damage, I or my Parent or Guardian will pay for them. I will honor the event guidelines, respect and follow the directions given by the organizers of the event, other adult leaders, and employees of the event sites, and anyone else in authority, including members of the Ohio District Youth Ministry Team. I will pray for all who are involved in this event.

**RELEASE OF WAIVER AND LIABILITY**

This release and waiver of liability is executed in favor of the Ohio District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and its directors, officers, employers, volunteers, agents, members (including, its congregations, in general, and the congregation of which the Participant may be a member, in particular), successors and assigns (collectively referred to as the "Ohio District"). I, the Participant, and I, his or her Parent or Guardian, hereby freely and voluntarily, without duress, execute this Waiver & Liability Release under the following terms:

1. **WAIVER and RELEASE**, I hereby release and forever discharge and hold harmless the Ohio District from any and all liability, claims, demands, and causes of action of whatever kind or nature, either in law or equity, which may hereafter arise from my participation and/or service with or related to the youth event known as Ohio District Sr. High Youth Gathering, including transportation to or from the event, and/or any related project, activity, or event sponsored, managed, arranged or promoted by or otherwise affiliated or associated with the Ohio District in which I participate or render service. I understand and acknowledge that this Release discharges the Ohio District from any liability or claim that I may have with respect to any bodily injury, illness, death or property damage that may result from my participation and/or service. I also understand that the Ohio District does not assume any responsibility or obligation to provide financial assistance including, but not limited to, medical, health, or disability insurance, in the event of injury, illness, death, or property damage.

2. **INSURANCE**—I understand that the Ohio District does not carry or maintain any health, medical, disability, damage, or other liability insurance coverage for the benefit of its participants or volunteers, and expressly disclaims any responsibility or obligation to do so. As a volunteer or participant, I am expected and encouraged by the Ohio District to maintain medical, health, and all other applicable insurance coverage for my own benefit.

3. **MEDICAL TREATMENT**—Except as otherwise agreed to by the Ohio District in writing, I hereby release and forever discharge the Ohio District from any and all liability claims, demands, and causes of action whatsoever that may arise on account of any first aid or other medical treatment rendered during my participation in the event identified above or any project, activity or event sponsored, managed, arranged, or promoted by, or otherwise affiliated or associated with, the Ohio District.

4. **ASSUMPTION OF RISK**—I understand that my participation with the event identified above and any other project activity, or event sponsored, managed, arranged, or promoted by, or otherwise affiliated or associated with, the Ohio District may include activities that may be hazardous to me. I further recognize and understand that such service or participation may involve certain inherently dangerous activities. I hereby expressly and specifically assume the risk of injury or harm while participating in or supervising the activities and, therefore, I release the Ohio District from all liability for injury, illness, death and/or property damage that may result.

5. **PHOTOGRAPHY/AUDIO/VIDEO RELEASE**—I hereby grant and convey unto the Ohio District all rights, title, and interest in and to any and all photographic or digital images, video, or audio recordings made by or on behalf of the Ohio District, or taken or made with its consent, during my participation in or supervision of the event identified above or any project, activity, or event sponsored, managed, arranged, or promoted by, or otherwise affiliated with, the Ohio District including, but not limited to, any royalties, proceeds or other benefits derived from such photographs or recordings.

6. **OTHER**—I expressly understand and agree that this Waiver and Liability Release is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by law, and this Waiver and Release shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio. I agree that, in the event any clause or provision of this Waiver and Release shall be held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity of such clause or provision shall not otherwise affect the remaining provisions of this Waiver and Release.

SIGNED:

PARTICIPANT: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Volunteer/Supervisor: _____ Date: _____