**A Covenant**

A Covenant is something established in the Old Testament by God to the Israelites honoring that God would always provide for them as they would honor and follow God’s law and commandments. In our Faith Tradition, we believe that Jesus is the “new” covenant which is God’s statement of love for every person in this world. Our modern day understanding of covenant is more of an agreement that takes place between parties who have invited God into that agreement. Our hope is that we merge these understandings of covenant into one by honoring that: 1) we pray that God would be in this covenant and know that God will bless us as we embark on this Holy Pilgrimage together, and 2) that we make a mutual agreement that commits our full participation to this journey together.

**We ask for your participation in this covenant with each other and God:**

**Pilgrimage Parent/Guardian Covenant**

I/We covenant to encourage our young people to grow in their faith and to help them in this journey. I/We promise to get them where they need to be for meetings, service activities and special trips, or to help arrange transportation for them (assuming they are not of driving age). I/We will read all emails and communications, as to not miss important information. I/We will commit to meeting deadlines for information and payment, understanding that I/We will talk to them about what they are learning and reinforce the importance of faith in our lives. I/We will communicate directly with, Meredith or Nathan if there are things we are confused about as this program progresses.

***Parent Signature*** - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Youth Pilgrimage Participant Covenant**

I covenant to show up, to pay attention, and to embrace the pilgrim mindset. I am open to a spiritual journey that will take me closer to God. I will be open to new activities and experiences. I will fulfill the activity and service requirements, understanding that not doing so adversely affects the strength of the bond of our group. I am willing to take this commitment seriously, and am open to having fun. I take responsibility, not only for what I get out of pilgrimage, but also for making it the best experience possible for all the participants. I understand that pilgrimage is a particular kind of journey, unlike a school trip or vacation, and as such, may present moments of discomfort and challenge. I will ask for help when I need it, and offer it to others.

***Youth Signature*** - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Leader Covenant**

We covenant with God to be present and available to help the youth grow in their faith. We will provide an environment where youth can grow in their faith, push themselves physically, emotionally, and spiritually, and to make this journey as fun and safe as possible. We will provide information in a timely manner, be clear in our expectations and needs. We will respond quickly to questions, and if we don’t know the answer, to find the answer in a timely manner.

***Leader Signatures***- ­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_