

Church Safety Application Form for Volunteers and Employees

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This application should be completed by all applicants for any position (volunteer or employment) involving the supervision of minor children or vulnerable adults, such as elderly or impaired persons. This is not an employment application. The purpose of this form is to assist in the creation of a safe environment for children, students and vulnerable adults who participate in the programs of St. Stephen United Methodist Church or use St. Stephen United Methodist Church facilities.

Name: _____

Address:

Phone: _____

Driver's License # _____ Social Security Nothing needed at this time

Sex: _____ M _____ F Date of Birth: _____

Marital Status: _____ (*single, married, separated, divorced, widowed, etc.*)

Are you a member or regular attender of this church? _____ If so, for how long? _____

How long have you lived at your current address? _____

Previous address:

List all other cities and states where you have lived as an adult:

Date: _____

Please list the name, address, city and state of other churches you have attended regularly during the past 10 years:

Please list *all previous church work* involving children, students or vulnerable populations (impaired, adults, special needs individuals etc.). (List each church's name and address, type of work carried out, dates, and a **contact person** familiar with your work there. **Use back of this page for more space, if necessary.**)

Please list *all previous non-church work* involving children, students or vulnerable populations. (List each organization's name and address, type of work carried out, dates and a **contact person** familiar with your work there.)

List any talents, vocations, preparation, training or other experiences which have equipped you to work with children, students or vulnerable adults:

Please complete a separate reference form providing one professional reference (if applicable), one personal reference, and one family member. References must include one non-family member and one member of the opposite sex. Please contact these references and inform them an authorized St. Stephen United Methodist Church staff person will be contacting them. (**See Reference Form for Volunteers** attached. References supplied on an Employment Application may take the place of this form for applicants seeking employment with St. Stephen United Methodist Church.)

Because our church cares for our members and our children, and desires to protect them, please answer the following questions. We understand that the answers to these questions may be private and deeply personal, and we will protect your privacy.

Why do you want to work with children or vulnerable adults at **St Stephen UMC**?

Do you have a preference concerning the age group or sex of children or students with whom you would like to work? Why?

What is your philosophy concerning re-direction or discipline of children?

When you are unhappy, angry or emotional about a person or circumstance, what do you do?

Have you experienced any significant physical or emotional stresses within the past year, such as the loss of a parent, spouse, or child, extreme ill health, or any emotional or physical crisis? If so, please briefly explain. (Use back of page if necessary.)

Do you consider yourself to have been physically or sexually abused as a child?
(This information will be kept entirely confidential.)

If you were physically or sexually abused as a child, would you consider utilizing church resources to seek healing in this area of your life?

Have you ever physically or sexually abused a child?

Has someone ever accused you of abusing a child?

RELEASE

I authorize **St Stephen United Methodist Church** to contact all individuals, organizations and references listed on this **Safety Application Form** in order to verify the information I have provided to the church. I agree to release from liability any person or organization that provides information concerning me, including those persons I have listed as references, as well as contact persons from my previous church and non-church work, listed on this application.

I specifically authorize the church to undertake a criminal background check concerning my past.

I understand and agree that any information received from the background check and application verification will not be disclosed to me, and I hereby waive any right I may have to inspect any information provided about me by any person or organization identified by me on this form.

By signing this form, I certify and affirm that the information I have given on this form is true, complete and correct in all respects.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Thank you for completing the written application. To continue the process, please check below the date/time next week when you are available to have a face-to-face interview at the church. The interview should take no more than 20 minutes. You will be called to get an exact time during the 2-hour period you selected.

Tuesday, June 16th (6pm - 8pm)

Wednesday, June 17th (10am – noon)

Wednesday, June 17th (6pm - 8pm)

Thursday, June 18th (6pm - 7pm)

Also, don't forget to complete your annual background check. www.ministryopportunities.org/stephenmethodist

St. Stephen United Methodist Church
1800 W. Randol Mill Rd, Arlington, TX 76012

Volunteer's Name: _____

**REFERENCE FORM FOR EMPLOYEES AND
VOLUNTEERS**

Name	Address	City and State	Zip Code	Telephone
<i>Personal:</i>				
<i>Professional:</i>				
<i>Family Member:</i>				

References Required: Each applicant must submit the names and phone numbers of at least one professional reference, one personal reference and one family member. Additional professional references may be submitted if deemed helpful by applicant in allowing St. Stephen UMC to assess applicant's fitness for volunteer position and qualifications. The professional references should be familiar with the quality of the individual's work. One of these references should be a person of the opposite sex.