



The Gathering
Experience Christ's love and grace

GATHERING COVENANT/ RULES

IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT THE GATHERING WILL BENEFIT ALL PARTICIPANTS AND THAT PROPERTY IS RESPECTED, THESE ARE THE STANDING RULES FOR THE GATHERING.

1. Participants are defined as any youth or adult attending the Gathering. All participants will include these rules in their personal covenants.
2. Participants are expected to be fully involved in the event, shown by their attendance at ALL required sessions and at sessions of their choice, when optional.
3. As members of a Christian community, all participants will show concern toward other members of the community. This respect and concern will be extended to all hotel staff and other hotel guests.
4. Participants (except for designated staff and Covenant) will be quietly in their rooms by the scheduled curfew time. The City of Lansing has an 11 PM curfew. Students who need to move between hotels after that time, should two hotels be necessary, must be with an adult.
5. Participants are prohibited from the illegal use and/or possession of alcohol and drugs. Participants who are aware of such substance abuse or possession and do not report it to a responsible person will also be held in violation.
6. State law mandates that it is illegal for anyone under the age of 18 to smoke. Therefore, only persons of legal age may smoke and they are expected to have permission of their advisors. All gathering hotels are designated non-smoking for the Gathering and smoking should occur outside. The use of incense is not permitted.
7. With the exception of married couples, persons of the opposite sex that are visiting one another and are in the same hotel room must leave the door of that room open at least 24 inches (2 feet) and the lights must be on.
8. Upon arrival, each participant will acknowledge the condition of his or her room on the "Room Condition Form" and must turn this form in to Gathering Central. Any damages to the room or phone charges incurred will be charged to all residents of said room and will be paid before leaving the Gathering.
9. The Gathering Managers and Covenant/Core Leaders have the final responsibility in dealing with infractions of these rules. Infractions can and should be reported to either: Covenant, Youth Group Leaders, and always Managers.
10. These rules have been added as a result of previous Gathering experiences: ABSOLUTELY NO: weapons or weapon like toys, throwing of anything in the hotel halls, hair dying, laser pens, moshing or stage diving, kitchen appliances from home, large stereo equipment (smaller personal systems are acceptable), video games and video gaming equipment—these items are forbidden to be brought to the Gathering.

I have read and agree to abide by all the rules stated above.

Participant Signature _____ **Date** _____

Please print name _____

I, as the above named youth's parent/guardian, agree to all rules stated above and give my child permission to attend the Gathering. I will encourage my child to abide by the rules and understand that there will be consequences should any rule be broken.

Parent's Signature _____ **Date** _____

I, as an adult advisor, agree to carry out and follow all Gathering rules and to be responsible for the above named youth while at the Gathering.

Adult Advisor's Signature _____ **Date** _____