

2024-2025 Technology and Communication Release

Hope Presbyterian Church

Please Complete One Form Per Child

HPC Christian Education ministries strives to protect your child's online and social media presence. Hope Presbyterian Church utilizes or may utilize the services of Facebook, Facebook Live, YouTube, Vimeo, Zoom, Google Hangout, GroupMe, WhatsApp, Discord, Instagram, Constant Contact, Messenger, Remind, Blogger, phone, website, direct mail, print, banner, and email for social media interaction, publicity, worship, communication, and Christian Education group gatherings and classes. Our HPC staff monitor the privacy and security settings for each of these services in order to keep your children and family as safe as possible. All photos and recorded videos are screened prior to being uploaded onto the Internet or used in publications. Live video feeds streamed during video conference events on Zoom and YouTube are monitored by trained technology administrators as well. No personal contact information is ever shared publically on social media sites. Photos and videos of minors are never tagged by name on HPC hosted social media sites. We strongly encourage parents to monitor their child(ren)'s online presence and to notify HPC staff at once if any concern arises. All individual communication with youth on social media sites is public and full transcript records are maintained. All HPC Christian Education staff and volunteers are trained in the HPC Children & Youth Protection Policy and have passed a criminal background check. The Christian Education Commission values complete transparency in and accountability for our safe online communication with minors and how we use photos and videos of minors. For questions related to the use of any of the technology platforms listed above or regarding our safety and security procedures related to online ministry, please contact Associate Pastor John Leedy at john@hopeaustin.org.

Please indicate your permission in each of the four sections listed below. You may also provide notes specific to your wishes in the space below the signature line.

Photo Release

I **do** give permission for photos of my child to appear on HPC publicity materials, including the HPC Website.

I **do not** give permission for photos of my child to appear on HPC publicity materials, including the HPC Website.

Social Media Photo & Video Release

I **do** give permission for untagged photos and videos of my child to appear on HPC hosted social media sites.

I **do not** give permission for untagged photos and videos of my child to appear on HPC hosted social media sites.

Social Media Communication

(Applicable if your child currently or in the coming year has access to social media sites)

I ***do*** give permission for my child to communicate with HPC Christian Education staff and volunteers on HPC hosted social media sites and to engage on HPC hosted communication platforms.

I ***do not*** give permission for my child to communicate with HPC Christian Education staff and volunteers on HPC hosted social media sites and to engage on HPC hosted communication platforms.

Group Video Conference Participation

I ***do*** give permission for my child to participate in group video conference events, classes, and gatherings. I understand that this includes the possibility that video of my child may appear on screen on Zoom and YouTube platforms.

I ***do not*** give permission for my child to participate in group video conference events, classes, and gatherings. I understand that this may require me to turn off my personal video camera feed during online Zoom or YouTube classes, events, or worship.

Name of Minor Participant: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (printed): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Notes: