



## ***Walking the Walk™*** **Code of Conduct**

All involved with the *Walking the Walk* service learning initiative (high school age youth, adult mentors, and group leaders) commit to being a part of an intentional community that is both fun and respectful, and we agree to uphold the following guidelines:

1. **Timely and full participation** in ALL *Walking the Walk* sessions and activities. Since this is a learning initiative that involves the development of relationships in a group, it not only causes disruption and but also, important voices are missed when someone is absent. If an absence is absolutely necessary, youth agree to inform their Group Leader and Adult Mentor with as much advance notice as possible.
2. **Respectful treatment** of fellow *Walking the Walk* participants and all the people involved at the places where we are guests.
  - We agree not to do or say anything which would potentially be harmful to the health, safety and well-being of him/her-self and/or other persons, including: (1) malicious or insensitive actions or remarks and (2) hurting another person physically or emotionally.
  - We agree to respect the opinions and beliefs of others in the group, and we agree to be patient participants in situations of newness and challenge, disagreement and stress.
  - We agree to respect the supervising responsibility, expectations, and reasonable requests of adult mentors and group leaders.
3. **Strict avoidance of any actions that would endanger** ourselves, other people or property, including:
  - Violation of fire regulations
  - Destruction, misuse or theft of property belonging to another
  - Possession or use of weapons
  - Possession or use of alcohol or illegal drug
  - Any other illegal activity

*Such action, possession or use seriously undermines the safety of the community and can result in immediate dismissal from the program.*
4. **Communication of problems or concerns** to the appropriate Adult Mentor and/or Group Leader. Discretion will be maintained in situations where it is necessary to report inappropriate or harmful behavior of any youth or adult participant.
5. **Learning, enjoying, and honoring each other's experience and knowledge.** We represent our own congregation and faith tradition, and are here to share its beauty and richness with one another.