

Sample Policy

Holy Ground: Creating Tobacco-Free Faith Community Buildings and Grounds



“Do not come any closer,” the Lord said. “Take off your sandals, for you are standing on holy ground.” Exodus 3:5



The leadership and members of _____ covenant to implement a Tobacco-Free Grounds Policy for the overall health and welfare of its members. Tobacco use will not be permitted within buildings or anywhere on grounds of this place of worship. Tobacco use includes the use of cigarettes, cigars, hookahs, electronic cigarettes and smokeless tobacco. This policy applies to all employees, members, visitors and contractors.

As a community of faith, we will also work to provide information about the risks of tobacco use and benefits of quitting to all members. In addition, we covenant to refer those tobacco users who want to quit to 1-800-Quit-Now (1-800-784-8669) or www.quitline.nc.com for free assistance. _____

_____ will take the following steps to ensure successful support of the Holy Ground Policy:

1. Remove all ashtrays from the premises.
2. Distribute copies of the policy to employees, contractors and members.
3. Post signs in highly visible areas inside and outside of the building.
4. Provide tobacco education literature and QuitlineNC materials to employees, members, and visitors.
5. Continue to remind members about the Holy Ground Policy during announcements and in the worship bulletin.

Faith Leader's Signature: _____

Church Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Effective Date: _____