CHURCH FACILITIES USE POLICY

First Reformed Church of Sioux Falls (herein "Church") may allow, at its discretion, the use of its facilities for activities not directly related to the operation of the Church.

COMPATIBLE USE

Mission of the Church: Non-Church related activities may be allowed when the goals of users are compatible with the Church. No activity shall be conducted on Church property that is incompatible with the Christian faith and the core values and beliefs of the Alliance of Reformed Churches (herein "Alliance").

As the operational authority of the Church, the Administration Committee shall have non-appealable authority over a decision relative to whether a use is consistent with Christian theology, values and beliefs. Further, if an activity negatively reflects on the Church's testimony to the community, then the Administration Committee, in their sole discretion, may direct the denial of an application or cancel a calendared activity.

Safety: The Church may deny an application or cancel a calendared activity if determined that there is an unreasonable level of risk of injury to persons or property. A representative of the Church, given supervisorial authority over a use of the facilities for a given event, has the inherent authority to stop said event in progress if, in his or her opinion, such action is necessary in order to protect life, health, and property.

PRIORITY USE

Church activities take priority over all other uses. For non-Church activities, first priority for space is to Church members.

PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION

Church facilities are not a place of *public accommodation*.

INSURANCE

If needed, users shall provide proof of insurance for the use of the facilities in an amount determined by the Church.

WEDDINGS

The Church deems *marriage* a religious institution. A wedding is a solemnization and celebration of a marriage. All weddings are subject to the Church's marriage doctrine which is memorialized in the values and beliefs of the Alliance. The couple must have legitimate connection to the Church, including: one or both are current active, professing members, one or both have been regular attendees, or one or both have parents who are current, active, professing members.

USE FEES

The Church may charge a use fee to cover the performance of services or provision of things such as set up and tear down, staff, security, utilities, supplies, cleaning, wear and tear, damage deposits, etc. The charge of a use fee does not convert the use of Church facilities into a for-profit commercial transaction.

APPLICATION FOR USE OF CHURCH FACILITIES

Name of Applicant:_____

Name of Primary Contact Person:_____

Are you a member of the Church?

☐ yes ☐ no

Is the applicant a non-profit corporation?

☐ yes ☐ no

If *yes*, is an officer or director of the corporation a member of the Church?

☐ yes ☐ no

Purpose of Meeting/Activity/Event:_____

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Estimated Number of Persons Attending: _____

Date of Event: _____

The Church may deny the application, at its sole discretion, due to incompatibility, including, but not limited to the following:

- scheduling;
- potential risks of injury to persons and property;
- activities are inconsistent with the Church's mission or messaging;
- the mission of the applicant organization is inconsistent with the Church's mission or messaging;
- incompatibility with the physical facilities;
- subjecting the Church to potential tax liability.

By signing below, the applicant attests that he or she has read the *Church Facilities Use Policy* and acknowledges the items below as follows:

- this application does not create a contract;
- the Church campus is private property and is not a place of public accommodation;

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Signature

_____

Printed Name

Date: _____