



## **COVID-19 Assumption of Risk and Waiver of Liability**

The World Health Organization has declared the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) a worldwide pandemic. Due to its capacity to transmit from person-to-person through respiratory droplets, the government has set recommendations, guidelines, and some prohibitions which **EVERY church** in the Ninth Episcopal District of the African Methodist Church adheres to comply.

**In consideration of your participation in or physical appearance to a church venue in ANY African Methodist Episcopal Church in the Ninth Episcopal District, (hereinafter, "AME Church-9<sup>th</sup> District") the undersigned acknowledges and agrees to the following:**

I am aware that the Ninth Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church cannot guarantee that I, including my minor child(ren), will not become exposed to or infected with COVID-19 should I/we attend and participate in on-site church worship services and ministry programs. Further, because of the number of individuals involved in and attending services and programs of the Ministry, and the fact that many infected individuals appear to be asymptomatic, attending on-site church worship services or any on-site activity of the Ministry could **increase** my and my minor child(ren)'s risk of contracting COVID-19.

I am aware of the existence of the risk on my physical appearance to the church venue and my participation to the activity of the AME Church/Ministry that may cause injury or illness such as, but not limited to influenza, MRSA, or COVID-19 that may lead to paralysis or death.

With full knowledge of the risks involved, I hereby release, waive, discharge the Ninth Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, its board, officers, independent contractors, affiliates, employees, representatives, successors, and assigns from any and all liabilities, claims, demands, actions, and causes of action whatsoever, directly or indirectly arising out of or related to any loss, damage, injury or death, that may be sustained by me and my minor child(ren) related to COVID-19 while participating in any activity while in, on, or around the premises or while using the facilities that may lead to unintentional exposure or harm due to COVID-19.

I agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless **ANY church** in the Ninth Episcopal District of the AME Church from and against any and all costs, expenses, damages, lawsuits, and/or liabilities or claims arising whether directly or indirectly from or related to any and all claims made by or against any of the released party due to injury, loss, or death from or related to COVID-19.

***By signing below I acknowledge that I have read the foregoing Liability Release Waiver and understand its contents; That I am at least eighteen (18) years old and fully competent to give my consent; That I have been sufficiently informed of the risks involved and give my voluntary consent in signing it as my own free act and deed; That I give my voluntary consent in signing this Liability Release Waiver as my own free act and deed with full intention to be bound by same, and free from any inducement or representation.***

This waiver will remain effective until laws and mandates relevant to COVID-19 are lifted.

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Print: First Name, MI, Last Name

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Signature

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Telephone Number

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