



## **Guidelines for Establishing Smoke Free Holy Ground**

1. We ask that the Pastor or leader of the ministry to call their congregation together for a corporate gathering.
2. Read the Smoke Free Holy Ground Covenant agreement before the congregation.
3. Ask member of the congregation to uphold the covenant by making an announcing at functions.
4. You may want to place more signs in strategic places on your property.
5. Integrate your tobacco free message in as many events as possible.
6. Establish a health ministry to maintain information and resources.
7. Remember your community partners are an excellent resource.
8. Keep the Faith.
9. The church is the change agent.
10. Please take a picture of your sign posted at your Church, and send it to us.

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## Smoke Free Holy Ground Covenant Agreement

**The Smoke Free Holy Ground Initiative** recognizes that approximately 480,000 individuals in the United States die each year from tobacco use and abuse. It is keenly aware of the importance of being an example to all believers, and is committed to educate all individuals and family against the dangers of tobacco and secondhand smoke to protect children, families, and communities.

The following policy concerning tobacco use in and around all church owned facilities as well as the faith community.

**Scope:** The term “smoking” refers to all forms of tobacco, including cigarettes, cigars, pipes, dip, snuff. “Smoking” also refers to alternative forms of smoking, such as e-cigarettes and vaping products.

**Expectations:** Members are to be responsible for following and maintaining this policy including reminding member and visitors of this policy, and requesting appropriate disposal of smoking materials. Practice and promote healthy lifestyles within the faith community

### **Policy:**

1. This ministry will educate families of all ethnic and racial diversities about the benefits of smoke free living.
2. This ministry will be a place not only to worship, but also to educate and empower towards healthy lifestyles.
3. This ministry will utilize the strengths of its faith to overcome health disparities that impact the community.
4. This ministry will establish a system to promote tobacco use prevention and cessation efforts within the faith community through their health ministry.
5. The ministry will not permit any tobacco use or alternative smoking use on its grounds.
6. This ministry will post an easily visible “Smoke Free Holy Ground” sign to promote community awareness.

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Church Name Faith Community Leader Name (Please print)

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Church Mailing Address

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Faith Community Leader Signature Date

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