



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 families against the dangers of tobacco and secondhand smoke to protect children, families, and communities.

It is the goal of the Smoke Free Holy Grounds Initiative to provide a tiered approach for Faith-Based Organizations (FBOs) to promote tobacco cessation. FBOs are encouraged to choose the degree to which they are willing to participate and know that they may add more policies in the future.

The following policy options concern tobacco use in and around faith-based facilities/communities.

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. (Caitlin is working on an edit for this sentence)

Expectations: Members agree to be responsible for following and maintaining this policy including reminding members and visitors of this policy and requesting appropriate disposal of smoking materials.

Policy Options (Check all that apply):

- The FBO will establish a system to promote tobacco use prevention and cessation efforts within the faith community through their health ministry. (e.g. providing educational materials on the dangers of tobacco products, promoting tobacco cessation classes, etc.)
- The FBO will establish a designated smoking area and post signage for use during community outreach and service programs.
- The FBO will not permit any tobacco use or alternative smoking use on its grounds and will post an easily visible “Smoke Free Holy Ground” sign to promote community awareness.
- Other: _____

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