St. Luke's Lutheran Church of Sacramento, California

Re: Continuing Resolution 2005-4, "Policies & Procedures for the Prevention of Child Abuse"

EMPLOYEE/VOLUNTEER CODE of ETHICS and RULES

While acting in the capacity of the Church as an employee or volunteer working with, caring for, or supervising preschoolers, children, youth, and/or mentally handicapped individuals, the code of ethics and rules shown below shall apply.

- 1. Smoking or using tobacco products in the presence of minors is prohibited.
- 2. Using, possessing, or being under the influence of alcohol, or illegal drugs will not be tolerated.
- 3. Employees and volunteers shall not tolerate the abuse of any minors in their care; including:
 - Any direct observations or evidence of sexual activity in the presence of, or in association with, a minor.
 - Any display or demonstration of sexual activity, abuse, insinuation of abuse, or evidence of abusive conduct towards a minor.
 - Sexual advances or sexual activity of any kind between any person and a minor.
 - Sexual advances or sexual activity of any kind to a minor(s).
 - Infliction of physically abuse behavior or bodily injury to a minor.
 - Physical neglect of a minor, including failure to provide adequate supervision in relation to the activities of the Church.
 - Mental or emotional injury to a minor.
 - The presence or possession of obscene or pornographic materials at any function of the Church.
 - The presence, possession, or being under the influence of any illegal drugs.
 - The consumption of or being under the influence of alcohol while leading or participating in a function for minors of the Church.
- 4. Access to the locked records of confidential files, such as personnel files, and other sensitive files shall be restricted.
- 5. Employees and volunteers must treat all people of all races, religions, and cultures with respect and consideration.
- 6. Employees and volunteers shall not use or tolerate the use of profanity in the presence of minors.
- 7. Employees and volunteers must be free of physical and psychological conditions that might adversely affect any minor's health including, but not limited to, contagious disease.
- 8. Employees and volunteers will portray a positive role model for minors by maintaining an attitude of respect, loyalty, patience, courtesy, and maturity.
- 9. Employees and volunteers will be expected to act and react with Christian love and understanding in all situations.
- 10. Employees and volunteers will do everything in their power to avoid being put in a situation where they are alone with a minor other than their own.
- 11. Violation of this code or these rules may be grounds for removal as an employee or volunteer.