

# INFORMATION AND VOLUNTARY RELEASE AND WAIVER FORM FOR PASSENGER TRANSPORTATION TO *IMMERSE*, AN ABCUSA YOUTH EVENT IN WASHINGTON D.C.

## INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

The national gathering of American Baptist Youth is July 24 – 28, 2012 in Washington D.C. ( <http://www.abhms-immense2012.org/> ). In order to facilitate participation in this event, the American Baptist Churches of the Great Rivers Region (GRR) has chartered a motorcoach for transportation. GRR youth groups, including their adult chaperones, are eligible for transportation to the event on this motorcoach. Space will be limited and reserved upon receipt of the registration and waiver forms (including payment) on a first come, first served basis. Participants must agree to abide by all carrier rules. The carrier has sole responsibility and authority for matters related to transportation.

1. Our contract carrier is Peoria Charter Coach (800-448-0572)
2. GRR assumes no responsibility for the programming, services, or accommodations during this trip.
3. Register and pay \$100 per person as a GRR church group. The group registration fee is not refundable unless the motorcoach is cancelled by GRR.
4. The group must include adult chaperones as required by **Immerse** (1 adult person over 25 years of age for every 5 youth).
5. All participants must be registered for **Immerse**.
6. The GRR church must provide documents verifying that all their participants have appropriate permission to participate and waivers (for both the church and the Region) signed by parents/guardians.
7. Chaperones must assume responsibility for the behavior of their youth, including compliance with all rules and instructions from the carrier. Key rules for participants to keep in mind are:
  - a. “The carrier reserves the right to refuse transportation to any person who is under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs and shows conduct which is likely to make him or her objectionable to other passengers.”
  - b. “Charter party agrees that a responsible person for each motorcoach must be

provided for the purpose of providing adequate supervision, discipline and to assume responsibility for the compliance by any passenger in this agreement.”

c. “If abnormal cleanup is required due to food or beverage on the motor coach, a fee will be assessed. Any damage to the motorcoach caused by the charter party will be assessed by the carrier to the charter party.”

8. The bus will leave Springfield IL on July 23 (location to be specified) and leave Washington D.C. on July 28. Groups have sole responsibility for transportation to and from the departure point.
9. To register, return completed forms with a single check from the church for \$100 per person.
10. The **deadline for registration is June 22, 2012**. Registration must include a complete listing of participants and chaperones by name. If there are insufficient registrants by that time, GRR may choose to cancel the motorcoach and will return all registration fees.

## GROUP REGISTRATION, RELEASE, AND WAIVER

Church Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Group Leader's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

The undersigned person is the one responsible for the group participation in **Immerse**. In consideration of and as a condition for transportation to and from the **Immerse** event in Washington D.C., the undersigned on behalf of their church and as authorized by the church:

1. WARRANTS that he/she is 25 years of age or older and has been authorized by the church to participate in **Immerse**.
2. WARRANTS that the church has liability insurance coverage for this activity.
2. WARRANTS that he/she has read, understands, and agrees to the *Information for Participants* as given above.
3. WARRANTS adult chaperones (25 years of age or older) in the ratio of one adult for five minors (1:5) are being provided for this event.
4. WARRANTS and has provided copies of signed permission to participate from parent(s)/guardian(s).
5. WARRANTS that they understand and have discussed with their group that:
  - a. They will be travelling in a motor vehicle driven by an adult and must comply with all safety directives of that driver. Failure do so could result in removal from the motorcoach. On all other matters they must comply with the instructions of adult chaperones.
  - b. They are expected to respect the driver, each other, and the vehicle they ride in.
  - c. They are expected to remain in their seats and not be disruptive of the driver of the vehicle.

d. Riding in a motor vehicle has inherent risk, including permanent injury or death.

6. RELEASE, DISCHARGE, AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE the American Baptist Churches of the Great Rivers Region, its Board of Ministry, its officers and employees for any and all claims and liability arising out of any injury, death, or property damage as a result of being a passenger while traveling to or from the **Immerse** event in Washington D.C.

Printed Name of Group Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**ADULT CHAPERONES** (to be signed by each)

1. WARRANTS that he/she is 25 years of age or older and has been authorized by the church to serve as a chaperone for **Immerse**.
2. WARRANTS that they understand and have discussed with their group that:
  - a. They will be travelling in a motor vehicle driven by an adult and must comply with all safety directives of that driver. Failure do so could result in removal from the motorcoach. On all other matters they must comply with the instructions of adult chaperones.
  - b. They are expected to respect the driver, each other, and the vehicle they ride in.
  - c. They are expected to remain in their seats and not be disruptive of the driver of the vehicle.
  - d. Riding in a motor vehicle has inherent risk, including permanent injury or death.
3. AGREES that they will work with all chaperones to maintain good order and safety.
4. DO RELEASE, DISCHARGE, AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE the American Baptist Churches of the Great Rivers Region, its Board of Ministry, its officers and employees for any and all claims and liability arising out of any injury, death, or property damage as a result of being a passenger while traveling to or from the **Immerse** event in Washington D.C.

Printed Name of Adult Chaperone: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**ROSTER OF YOUTH PARTICIPANTS**

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Contact Information: \_\_\_\_\_

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**PARTICIPANT WAIVER AND RELEASE** (to be signed for each)

Participant’s Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact information: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact information: \_\_\_\_\_

Church (print): \_\_\_\_\_

I/we acknowledge that my/our child’s participation in the IMMERSE youth event is voluntary and may require involvement in activities that require traveling and physical exertion. I/We understand the IMMERSE event is in Washington D.C. I/We acknowledge that my/our child’s participation presents risks that may result in property damage, bodily injury or death. Therefore, in participation of my/our child’s being allowed to participate in the IMMERSE youth event, including transportation on the motorcoach chartered by the Great Rivers Region, I/We agree to the following:

- The church, the Great Rivers Region, and transportation provider is not responsible for loss or theft of personal belongings;
- Misconduct may result in dismissal from the group and transportation home from the event at parent’s expense without refund of any activity fees;
- My/Our child’s image may be photographed or filmed and used in video presentations, printed publications, and the Great Rivers Region website, but without revealing name or home address;

I/WE RELEASE DISCHARGE, AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE the church (including its officers, employees and volunteers), the American Baptist Churches of the Great Rivers Region, its Board of Ministry, its officers and employees for any and all claims and liability arising out of any injury, death, or property damage as a result of being a passenger while traveling to or from the IMMERSE event in Washington D.C.

Participant signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_