

*(The following is a sample covenant for teams that have not yet developed one of their own. Please adapt this to meet your team's needs.)*

## **Mission Team Group Covenant**

By signing this Covenant, I agree that the following guidelines are vital to the safety, effectiveness and overall quality of our short-term mission trip to Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota.

1. I agree to work with the Rosebud Episcopal Mission on the Rosebud Indian Reservation, and to follow their guidelines and procedures for safety.
2. I will remember that I have come to the Reservation to serve.
3. I will develop and maintain an accommodating and cooperative attitude toward the people with whom we work on our trip and with my teammates.
4. I will support my team leaders and their decisions.
5. I will actively and willingly participate in all group activities, including weekly Sunday service in a local congregation and devotions with the group.
6. I will refrain from gossip and *non-constructive* criticism.\*
7. I will do my best not to complain. Participating in a mission trip can present unexpected living conditions and challenges, but team members are expected to adapt accordingly.
8. I will respect the knowledge, insights and instructions given by organizations, churches and individuals with whom we are working in the mission field.
9. I will refrain from negative political comments and hostile discussions concerning our host nations politics and cultures.
10. In accordance with the policies of the Diocese of South Dakota and in support of the native population for whom substance abuse is a daily struggle, while staying at either Barbour Hall or the Bishop Jones Building, I will abstain from the use of alcohol and illegal drugs.
11. I will wear clothing appropriate for the activity, weather and local custom.

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Participant signature

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Date

\* This is not meant to stifle constructive criticism or opportunities for improvement; rather, it is meant to encourage openness and dialogue between participants and leadership about concerns.