**Refuge Temple Columbia**

Waiver of Liability Relating: Coronavirus/COVID-19

On March 11, 2020, The World Health Organization declared the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, a pandemic. COVID-19 is highly contagiousand is believed to spread mainly from person-to-person contact. As a result, federal, state, and local governments and federal and state health agencies recommend social distancing and have, in many locations, prohibited the congregation of groups of people over the past several weeks. Refuge Temple Church Southern Regional Headquarters COOLJChas put precautions in place to reduce the spread of COVID-19; however, Refuge Temple Church **cannot guarantee** that you or your family, including your child(ren), will not become exposed to or infected with COVID-19. Further, because of the number of individuals attending any worship service and the fact that many infected individuals appear to be asymptomatic, **attending our worship service could increase** you and your child(ren)’s risk of contracting COVID19.

 By signing this waiver, I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that my child(ren) and I may be exposed to or infected by COVID19. I also acknowledge that by attending any worship service, such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, disability, and/or death. I understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 at Refuge Temple Church, may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others, including, but not limited to, the pastor, church leaders, members and their families and any visitors.

I voluntarily agree to assume all of the foregoing risks and accept sole responsibility for any injury to my child(ren) or myself (including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability, and death), illness, damage, loss, claim, liability, or expense of any kind that I or my child(ren) may experience or incur in connection with my child(ren)’s while attending any worship service at Refuge Temple church or participating in any worship service at Refuge Temple Church (“Claims”). On my behalf, and on behalf of my children, I hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge, and hold harmless Refuge Temple Church, its pastor, leaders, members and their family members, employees, agents, and representatives, of and from the Claims, including all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs or expenses of any kind arising out of or relating thereto. I understand and agree that this release includes any Claims based on the actions, omissions, or negligence of Refuge Temple Church, its pastor, leaders, members and their family members, employees, agents, and representatives, whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during, or after attending a worship service at Refuge Temple Church or while participating in any worship service.

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Signature of Member Date