

Memorandum of Understanding

This Memorandum of Understanding represents an agreement between the Williamston Sunrise Rotary Club (WSR) and the Williamston United Methodist Church (WUMC), collectively referred to as the "Parties".

Parties

Whereas WSR, a charter member club of Rotary International, promotes humanitarian causes through community service, and is a sponsor of the Williamston Interact Club (Interact), a Rotary program for youth aged 12-18;

Whereas the WUMC is a member of the world United Methodist Church, a Christian protestant religious organization and is a reconciling, welcoming Michigan United Methodist Church;

Objectives

Whereas WSR wishes to support Interact's interest in providing a mini-pantry Blessing Box for the community;

Whereas Interact's objective in providing a Blessing Box is to support the anonymous exchange of giving and receiving small quantities of non-perishable food and personal hygiene items available free of charge in a publicly accessible location to any community member in need; and

Whereas WUMC is willing to provide Interact/WSR a publicly accessible location for the Blessing Box on WUMC property at no cost, with the proviso that this does not result in any responsibility or liability for WUMC or its members.

Therefore, the Parties agree as follows:

Responsibility for the Blessing Box

1. WUMC's proffer of a publicly accessible location for the Blessing Box (hereafter may also be referred to as "box") on WUMC property at no cost does not create any responsibility for WUMC or its members to operate or maintain the box.

2. The box remains totally owned and operated by WSR. As Interact's sponsor, WSR is ultimately responsible for Interact's ownership, management, and maintenance of the box, including full compliance with federal, state, and local laws governing health, safety, and nuisance.
3. WUMC will maintain its property as it customarily does but will not be responsible for any damage caused to or by the box or its use.
4. WSR will assure inspection and safe operation of the box to provide quality assurance that potentially spoiled or harmful items are removed from the box.
5. WSR will assume responsibility to remove items left near or around the box so that they do not become a liability or cause harm to anyone using the box or attending WUMC functions.
6. WSR will maintain appropriate signage on the box itself informing the public of risks and proper protocol for providing and taking items.

Marketing and publicity

7. WSR will inform WUMC of any actions it may take to market or publicize use of the box.
8. WUMC may encourage member generosity for appropriate donations to the box.

Settlement of disputes

9. WUMC and WSR agree to communicate any matters, both positive and negative, arising from the box to each other on a regular basis for evaluation, record keeping, records maintenance, or other necessary action to be taken.

Review and evaluation

10. WSR and WUMC may seek input of their respective members on effectiveness of the box in meeting WSR's stated objectives. (See 4th bulleted Whereas above.)

Transfer, assignment

11. If a decision is made to remove the Blessing Box from its current location, the responsibility to move/remove it safely belongs to WSR. The Blessing Box remains the property of WSR.

Terms of the Agreement

12. This agreement is effective from date of execution through December 31, 2021. At the end of this term, the agreement may be reevaluated, amended as needed, and extended by mutual agreement.

13. Either WUMC or WSR may terminate this agreement with 30-day written notice (text, email, or letter) for any reason. The notice shall be exchanged between the contacts listed below:

Williamston Sunrise Rotary Club

Principal Contact Details:

Wanda Bloomquist

President

517-204-7378

wsbloomquist@gmail.com

Williamston United Methodist Church

Principal Contact Details:

Name

Role

Contact

Communication, exchange of information, intra-term modifications of the MOU

14. Intra-term modifications of this agreement, including but not limited to statements regarding the objectives for the box and scope of use of the box, may only be made by prior mutual written agreement of the Parties. All changes must be approved by the Trustees Committee of WUMC.

15. The Trustees will inform WSR if WUMC makes any physical property or policy changes that affect the box. All communication and the agreed upon process for communicating must flow through the contacts named above.

Disclaimer

16. This document is a Memorandum of Understanding and is not intended to create binding or legal obligations on either Party.

Effective dates and signatures

I, Principal Contact, Position, Williamston Sunrise Rotary Club, as representative of Williamston Sunrise Rotary Club agree to the above MOU conditions with Williamston United Methodist Church.

Signed: *Wanda Florynd*
Date: 8/3/21

I, Principal Contact, Position, Williamston United Methodist Church, as representative of Williamston United Methodist Church agree to the above MOU with Williamston Sunrise Rotary Club.

Signed: *Jane Jacobs Trustees co-chair*
Date: 8/3/2021