

**VIRGINIA UNITED METHODIST CONFERENCE  
OFFICE OF MINISTRIES WITH YOUNG PEOPLE**

**POLICY ON CELL PHONES AND PERSONAL MEDIA DEVICES  
DURING YOUTH EVENTS**

2014

- 1) Students will NOT be allowed to have their cell phones turned on during scheduled activities at the event. In other words, students' cell phones should only be on during free time.
- 2) Students are HIGHLY DISCOURAGED from using their cell phones at other times during the event. The purpose of our time together is to learn how we can be more faithful Disciples of Christ in the world and to build community with one another. Constant phone conversations and text messaging with others severely distract from our purpose and decrease the potential for growth and learning.
- 3) Likewise, students are HIGHLY DISCOURAGED from using iPods, MP3 Players, etc. at any other time except while traveling in the car/van to and from the event. In addition, at the discretion of the youth director/leader, we also recommend that cell phones and personal media devices not be used during travel as this is also an optimum time to build community among participants.
- 4) Should a parent need to reach their youth during scheduled event activities in the case of an emergency, please call the number of the event facility (provided in registration and group leader packet information).
- 5) Any student who uses their cell phone (including text messaging) or any other personal media device during worship, small groups, workshops, or other scheduled activities will have that item taken away by an adult and not returned until the end of the event.