## Wasatch Presbyterian Church RSO Exclusion Policy March 28, 2018

<sup>40</sup> "Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.
<sup>41</sup> Whoever welcomes a prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. <sup>42</sup> And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward."

Matthew 10:40-42 New International Version (NIV)

At Wasatch Presbyterian Church we boldly affirm that all are welcome in this place, no matter where they may be on their journey of faith. Reflecting Christ's love, our church's Mission Statement urges us to welcome "all people with special concern for the young." Therefore, while we emphasize the welcoming love of God, our particular concern for children and youth causes us to place their safety and the safety of vulnerable adults in a paramount position.

With this concern in mind, we have a policy for those who are registered sex offenders (RSO). Any person known by the church who is identified on any sex offender registry shall not be permitted on the campus of Wasatch Presbyterian Church. This decision was made with utmost care, striving to protect the rights and safety of all, particularly children and vulnerable populations within our congregation.

We seek to offer pastoral care to those who desire it and are affected by this policy, and will offer that at an off-campus site.