PRIVACY POLICY

Utqiagvik Presbyterian Church is committed to protecting the privacy of our members and those who interact with us. This policy explains how we collect, use, and share personal information, including information collected through our SMS (text messaging) service.

Information We Collect

We may collect the following types of information:

Contact Information: Name, phone number, email address, physical address.
Demographic Information: Age, gender, family status.
Giving History: Records of donations and contributions.
Communication Preferences: Preferred methods of contact, interests, and groups.
Website and App Usage: IP address, browser type, pages visited, links clicked.
SMS Information: Mobile phone number, carrier, text message content, date and time of messages.

How We Use Information

We use personal information for the following purposes:

Ministry Purposes: To provide spiritual guidance, support, and resources.
Communication: To send announcements, event information, prayer requests, and other church-related communications.
Administration: To manage membership records, track attendance, and process donations.
Outreach: To connect with visitors and potential members.
Legal Compliance: To comply with applicable laws and regulations.

SMS Texting

Opt-In: We only send SMS messages to individuals who have explicitly opted in to receive them.
Message Frequency: We will send a reasonable number of messages, and you can adjust your preferences or opt out at any time.
Message Content: Messages may include event reminders, prayer requests, giving opportunities, and other church-related information.
Data Security: We take measures to protect your phone number and message content from unauthorized access.

Opt-Out: You can opt out of receiving SMS messages at any time by texting "STOP" to our designated number.

Sharing of Information

We do not share your personal information with third parties, except in the following limited circumstances:

Church Staff and Volunteers: We may share information with church staff and volunteers on a need-to-know basis to facilitate ministry activities and provide support.
Legal Authorities: We may disclose information if required by law or legal process.

Data Security

We take reasonable measures to protect personal information from unauthorized access, use, or disclosure. These measures include data encryption, access controls, and secure storage.

Your Rights

You have the following rights regarding your personal information:

Access: You can request access to your information.
Correction: You can request correction of inaccurate information.
Deletion: You can request deletion of your information, subject to certain exceptions.
Objection: You can object to the processing of your information.

Contact Us

If you have any questions or concerns about this policy, please contact us at:

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Updates to this Policy

We may update this policy from time to time. Any changes will be posted on our website and communicated to members as appropriate.

Effective Date: October 3, 2024