



We are committed to excellence in ministry characterized by:

FAITHFULNESS: *to God, our spouse, and family*

We are committed to faithfulness to God through daily prayer, worship, and the reading, meditation and study of God's Word. We are committed to maintain a close personal walk with God.

We are committed to faithfulness to our spouse through emotional and sexual purity. We are committed to maintaining a strong marriage and strong families.

We are committed to faithfulness to our families through godly leadership, biblical love and devotion. We are committed to discipleship and training in the family.

INTEGRITY: *above reproach*

We are committed to personal integrity in ministry in keeping with the qualifications for leadership. We will conduct ourselves in an honest and professional manner, always reflecting the highest biblical integrity in keeping with our call in the areas mentioned in this code. We will endeavor to do right by all people.

We are committed to keep ourselves above reproach in all areas of life. We are committed to moral soundness, honesty, and uprightness.

SERVICE: *with others and to others*

We are committed to godly servant leadership. We recognize that we are servants to the people that God has entrusted to our care, following the call of the Master. We are committed to being servants in the likeness of Jesus Christ, exhibiting the fruit of the Spirit as we serve.

We are committed to mutually building up the Body of Christ, recognizing and affirming the different gifts in the assembly. In the occurrence of criticism or complaints brought by a member of the Body, we are committed to discussion leading to restoration between members of the Body.

We are committed to diligently preserving unity in the Body of Christ. We will not knowingly participate in the division of any local church. If such division occurs, we will not personally participate in the start of another church in the same locale.

ACCOUNTABILITY: *to God, to family, to peers, to our ministry*

We are committed first and foremost to accountability to God, and to our spouse regarding spirituality and faithfulness.

We are committed to accountability to our peers regarding personal integrity in ministry.

We are committed to accountability to the leadership of the Church regarding responsibility and service.

CONFIDENTIALITY: *for the body of believers*

We are committed to strict confidentiality in ministry except when information must be released in accordance with state law. We will seek to apprise individuals of all mandated disclosures.

We are committed to confidentiality in ministry and consider a statement made in confidence a trust not to be shared unless with that individual's written permission indicating informed consent to such release.

STEWARDSHIP: *within the church and our personal lives*

We are committed to good stewardship of what God has entrusted to our care. We will be honest and open in all of our financial dealings. We will promptly pay all debts as soon as possible.

We will not use our position to gain any financial privilege or leverage. While we advocate adequate compensation for God's servants, we do not expect or require honorariums for services rendered within our normal duties. We will be careful to guard our hearts against greed and materialism.

We are committed to good stewardship in the Church and will be totally forthright in all financial undertakings of the church. We view all contributions as gifts to the Lord that have been entrusted into our care. Our responsibility is to spend those gifts as wisely as possible in continuing the ministry.

PROFESSIONALISM: *to communicate the Word of God effectively*

We are committed to accurately and skillfully communicating the Word of God, speaking the truth with conviction in love and will acknowledge any extensive use of material prepared by someone else.

We are committed to honoring our fellow servants in God's household. We will not seek to build our ministries at the expense of other legitimate ministries. We will communicate with the rest of Christ's family to encourage unity and the proper allocation of resources in an area of ministry.

The unethical conduct of any member will subject the member to the disciplinary action of the association toward restoration or dismissal.