

VOLUNTEER CODE OF ETHICS

(February 4, 2006)

I, _____ :
(Print Name)

- I understand that as a volunteer serving in a leadership position I professionally represent the church, and accept responsibility for maintaining a high moral standard in my speech and behavior.
- I will be compassionate and open in my interactions, treating others with respect.
- I understand that my position as a church leader carries with it a ministerial relationship which requires clear boundaries and an understanding of the influence a position of power may have, and I will not manipulate, abuse or misrepresent the trust that is given to me in the ministerial relationship.
- I will not engage in any behavior of sexual misconduct, which may include (but is not limited to): 1) sexual relations with someone with whom I am in a ministerial relationship; 2) any sexual touch, threat or conduct which is injurious to the physical or emotional health of another; 3) sexual harassment of any person, which may include making unsolicited advances, suggestive correspondence or emails, including sexual jokes or innuendos, requesting sexual favors, giving someone sexual attention, or threatening someone with sexual demands or physical abuse.
- I will not engage in other unethical behaviors, which may include (but are not limited to): 1) violation of confidentiality, except as required by law; 2) unauthorized use of church or regional funds; 3) abuse of alcohol or drugs (or inappropriate use at any church event); 4) failure to be truthful in information provided to the ruling body of the church I serve; 5) any racist or flagrant act or speech of disrespect towards another person.
- I agree to truthfully provide any personal information required and give permission for any background screening required for my volunteer service.
- I have read and understand the guidelines and suggestions given in the suggested Guidelines for Volunteers and for Congregational Ethics, and to abide by the guidelines laid forth for ethical behavior violations or sexual misconduct.
- I have read the guidelines for "Holy Manners" and will follow these guidelines as best I can, especially when in disagreement with someone within the community I serve.

Signature

Date

Event and/or Volunteer Position