

CERTIFIED PARTNERS IN MINISTRY CODE OF ETHICS

I BELIEVE THAT GOD CALLS THE WHOLE CHURCH AND EVERY MEMBER TO PARTICIPATE IN AND EXTEND THE MINISTRY OF JESUS CHRIST; THAT THE PRIVILEGE OF WITNESSING TO THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH AND SOCIETY BELONGS TO EVERY BAPTIZED CHRISTIAN; THAT GOD EMPOWERS THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH AND ITS MEMBERS BY THE HOLY SPIRIT; THAT THE CHURCH NURTURES FAITH, EVOKES GIFTS, AND EQUIPS ITS MEMBERS FOR SERVICE; AND THAT GOD CALLS CERTAIN OF THE CHURCH'S MEMBERS TO VARIOUS FORMS OF MINISTRY IN AND ON BEHALF OF THE CHURCH.

PARTNERSHIP IN MINISTRY: I WILL NURTURE AND OFFER MY GIFTS FOR MINISTRY TO THE CHURCH. I WILL SEEK TO CALL FORTH AND NURTURE THE GIFTS OF OTHERS AND JOIN THEIR GIFTS WITH MINE FOR THE SAKE OF THE MISSION OF JESUS CHRIST AND THE HEALTH OF THE CHURCH.

I WILL SEEK TO UNDERSTAND, SUPPORT AND INTERPRET THE DIVERSE MINISTRIES OF THE CHURCH AND ITS MEMBERS AS CARRIED OUT THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. I WILL STAND WITH THOSE WHO RISK PERSONAL WELL-BEING BECAUSE OF ACTIONS TAKEN IN RESPONSE TO THEIR CHRISTIAN CONVICTIONS.

I WILL BE A RESPONSIBLE PARTICIPANT IN THE LIFE AND WORK OF MY ASSOCIATION, CONFERENCE, AND THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST AS I AM CALLED TO SERVE.

THE ETHICS OF MINISTRY: I WILL REGARD ALL PERSONS WITH EQUAL RESPECT AND CONCERN, AND UNDERTAKE TO MINISTER IMPARTIALLY. I WILL HONOR ALL CONFIDENCES SHARED WITH ME. I WILL NOT, UPON MY TERMINATION AND DEPARTURE FROM A MINISTRY THAT I HAVE BEEN CALLED TO, INTERFERE WITH THE CONTINUED MINISTRY. I WILL WORK COOPERATIVELY AND COLLEGIALLY WITH THOSE WHOM I SERVE IN ANY MINISTRY TO WHICH I HAVE BEEN CALLED.

GROWTH IN MINISTRY: I WILL ENCOURAGE AND PARTICIPATE IN THE REGULAR EVALUATION OF MY MINISTRY AS MAY BE EXPECTED IN THE POSITION IN WHICH I SERVE.

I WILL SEEK TO GROW IN FAITH, KNOWLEDGE, AND THE PRACTICE OF MY FAITH, THROUGH INTENTIONAL CONTINUING EDUCATION, STUDY, AND DEVOTIONAL LIFE, INCLUDING PARTICIPATION IN THE REQUIREMENTS OF PARTNERS IN MINISTRY.

COMMITMENTS TO SELF AND FAMILY: I WILL LIVE A LIFE WHICH HONORS MY COMMITMENTS TO MY FAMILY.

I WILL HONOR MY NEED FOR TIME FOR PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL RENEWAL, RECREATION AND VACATION. I WILL HONOR MY FAMILY'S NEED FOR PRIVACY AND TIME TOGETHER.

RELYING ON THE GRACE OF GOD, I WILL LEAD A LIFE WORTHY OF MY CALLING.
