

Trustees Code of Ethics and Commitment Agreement

I, _____, recognizing the important responsibility I am undertaking in serving as a member of the Board of Trustees of this church, hereby pledge to carry out in a trustworthy and diligent manner, all the duties and obligations inherent in my role as a board member.

My Commitment:

I will exercise the duties and responsibilities of this office prayerfully, with integrity, collegiality, and care, always working to learn to do my job better.

I will hold sacred my own prayer life, spiritual practices, and spiritual growth so I can be an example to others.

I will be respectful of my relationship with the minister of this church and with my fellow board members.

I Pledge:

- To attend, participate in, and openly support activities of prayer, learning, team building and community building that will enhance my experience as a trustee and enrich my own spirituality.
- To establish as a high priority my attendance at all meetings of the board and the ministry teams on which I serve.
- To recognize that all authority is vested in the board only when the full board (or a quorum of its members) meets in legal session.
- To be prepared to participate actively in board meetings and keep informed of developments relevant to issues that may come before the board.
- To support all actions taken by the board in a positive manner, even when I am in a minority position on the action.
- To respect the confidentiality of all discussions at board and committee meetings.
- To make my decisions in the context of Unity principles, and in alignment with the vision, mission, core values and goals of the ministry.
- To listen to congregants and interpret their needs to the board in an appropriate way observing healthy lines of communication, and to interpret the actions of the board in the same manner.
- To represent the congregation as a whole and not a particular interest group or one that reflects my personal position.
- To take my issues and concerns to the individuals involved and seek resolution.
- To acknowledge conflicts of interest between my personal life and my position on the board and abstain from voting when appropriate.
- To avoid interfering with the duties of the minister or undermining his or her authority with the staff.
- To ensure that the ministry is well maintained, financially secure, thriving and always operating in the best interests of those we serve.