

ACOP Code of Conduct

We believe that our Heavenly Father desires His children to walk in wholeness: spiritually, emotionally, mentally and physically. Therefore, before God and in relationship with my ACOP colleagues, I agree to the following:

1. I understand that my primary calling in life is to enjoy an intimate relationship with Christ. Therefore, I will endeavour to nurture that relationship through regular times of prayer, Bible study and the practice of other disciplines.
2. If married, I will endeavour to provide nurture, love and care for each member of my family, recognizing the uniqueness and the primacy of my relationship with my spouse and children. If single, I will extend these graces to my extended family.
3. I will endeavour to enhance my professional development via the many current resources available.
4. I will manage with integrity the finances God has entrusted to me. I will not use my position to financially exploit those whom I serve.
5. I recognize my body is the home of the Holy Spirit. Accordingly, its health is vital for optimal ministry and I will therefore endeavour to treat it properly through adequate exercise, proper diet and regular rest.
6. I will endeavour to keep in step with the Spirit and welcome His work in and through me. In light of the Holy Spirit's ministry in my life, I will avoid the sins of the flesh, some of which are:
 - A breach of trust or confidence
 - Lying, deceit or dishonesty
 - Extramarital sexual relationship(s) adultery
 - Premarital sexual relationship(s) fornication
 - Deliberately reading or viewing pornography
 - Homosexual activity
 - Theft or fraud
 - Abusive or harassing behaviour
 - Sexual assault or harassment
 - Drunkenness or the recreational use of cannabis
 - Use of illicit drugs or the abuse of prescription drugs
 - The profligate use of resources
 - Criminal activities
 - Living covetously
 - Using the Lord's name in vain

7. I recognize that my ministry is an extension of the ministry of Jesus and therefore a sacred trust. Accordingly, I will endeavour to conduct myself in love and concern toward those within my sphere of responsibility and influence, modelling the servant-heart of Christ toward those who have been entrusted to my care.
8. I will support the vision and mission of ACOP and agree to abide by its statement of faith, bylaws and policies.
9. I will seek to work in cooperation and harmony with the leadership of ACOP and my ACOP colleagues, with the freedom to express areas of concern or differing opinion, in love.
10. I recognize that among ACOP members there will be differing views on matters of conduct where the Scripture is silent. In such cases, I will abide by the principles of Romans 14, neither flaunting liberty nor sitting in judgment.