

NW Ministry Network Code of Ethics:

As a committed follower of Jesus Christ and a credentialed Assemblies of God minister, I pledge to live by the following principles in my relationships:

- 1. With God:** The most important pursuit in my life is knowing God and living in a manner that pleases Him. I will diligently follow the disciplines necessary for spiritual health and growth. I commit myself to live according to God's purposes in my worship, discipleship, fellowship, service and evangelism.
- 2. With Myself:** I will be true to my calling and be honest with myself. I will make myself accountable to others and submit to the authorities over me. I will devote myself to the faithful proclamation of God's Word. With God's help, I will never bring reproach upon the Name of Christ or His church because of improper relationships or impure motives. To the best of my ability I will keep myself morally pure, ethically clean, spiritually whole, intellectually stimulated and physically healthy.
- 3. With My Family:** I will make my family's health a priority. I will serve my family, realizing that they are the most important people in my life. I will intentionally give them my best attention and time. I will not use my family as a dumping ground for my frustrations or cause them to think less of people because of what I tell them. To the best of my ability, I will set a good example of marriage and family life for my congregation and community.
- 4. With My Church:** I will serve as a faithful shepherd in my area of ministry, providing spiritual care and biblical instruction. I will always speak the truth in love. I will lead as a servant of Christ, sharing the vision God has given me for effective ministry. I will be sensitive to the needs of others and develop the character and compassion of Jesus Christ. I will never lose the urgency to bring people to Him. I will keep confidences confidential and seek to earn the trust of those under my care by being a person of integrity. I will seek to protect the innocent, the infirm, children and the aged. I will report suspected or confirmed cases of abuse, as the law requires. I will be sure all the business of the church is conducted in a legal and orderly manner.
- 5. With Other Ministers:** I realize the need for a personal network of colleagues and friends to provide fellowship, accountability, support and counsel. I will always treat with respect those who precede and follow me in my ministerial assignments. I will not entertain or spread gossip about another minister or fellow staff member. I will not influence members from other congregations to join mine. I will not interfere in another congregation. I will be cooperative with those within the NWMN and seek to cooperate with other ministries that are faithful to God's Word as I have opportunity. I will seek to learn from others and willingly share my gifts with those who could benefit from my training and experience. If I am serving as a staff pastor on a multi-staffed church, I will always be supportive and loyal to the entire team, especially the senior pastor (and if unable to do so, will graciously resign). If I am serving as a senior pastor, I will always strive to treat staff pastors under my leadership with respect, encouragement, and graciousness. When making ministry transitions, I will do my best to provide an atmosphere that guards the health of the church body and provides a healthy environment for those who follow me.
- 6. With The NWMN:** I am an Assemblies of God minister. Among other things, I have received a credential, training, support, accountability and a place of ministry because of my association with the Assemblies of God. I will voluntarily cooperate with the NWMN and the General Council of the Assemblies of God. As I have opportunity, I will be supportive of and an active participant in my denomination at the local, sectional, district and national levels. I will seek to support our leadership and promote and support our ministries and mission throughout the world. In addition, I agree to tithe 10% of all earned income to the NWMN and re-direct a portion of that tithe to pay my annual dues (as per credential level) to the General Council of the Assemblies of God.
- 7. With My Community:** As a Christian leader, I will live as a faithful representative of Jesus Christ, acting as salt and light to those around me. I will live a life above reproach, protecting the reputation of the church and the Christ I serve. As a member of a local community, I will be involved in those activities where my influence as a representative of Christ can help bring redemption to society, reconciliation to those who oppose each other, and enrichment to the church and social structure. As a good citizen, I will respect my government, seek to obey the laws of the land in accordance with Scriptures, and encourage others to do so.

Name (please print) _____

Signature _____ Date _____