

OSC Leaders Covenant Relationship

Having accepted God's call to leadership in Jesus Christ's, I covenant with God to serve Christ and the Church, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to deepen my obedience to the Two Great Commandments: to love the Lord our God with all my heart, soul, mind and strength, and to love my neighbor as myself.

In affirmation of this commitment, I will abide by these articles of the Oklahoma State Council inc., and I will faithfully support its purposes and ideals. As further affirmation of my commitment, I covenant with my colleagues in ministry that we will hold one another accountable for fulfillment of all the public actions set forth in our articles.

- I will hold in trust the traditions and practices of Oklahoma State Council; I will not accept a position in the Oklahoma State Council unless I am in accord with those traditions and practices; nor will I use my influence to alienate my congregation/constituents or any part thereof from its relationship and support of the OSC
- I will respect and recognize those who have been duly called to ministry among my OSC colleagues, and other Christians.
- I will seek to support all colleagues in ministry by building constructive relationships wherever possible, both with the OSC staff and with my colleagues in OSC churches.
- I will maintain a disciplined ministry in such ways as keeping hours of prayers and devotion, endeavoring to maintain wholesome family relationships, sexual integrity, financial responsibility, regularly engaging in educational and recreational activities for ministerial and personal development. I will seek to maintain good health habits.
- I will recognize my primary obligation to the my church and then to OSC, and will only accept added responsibilities from the P.A. of W. only if they do not interfere with the overall effectiveness of my ministry.
- I will personally and publicly support my colleagues who experience discrimination on the basis of gender, race, ethnicity, age, marital status, national origin, physical impairment or disability.
- I will not proselytize from other OSC churches.
- I will hold in confidence and treat as confidential communication and information provided to me with the expectation of privacy. I will not disclose such information in private or public except when, in my practice of ministry, I am convinced that the sanctity of confidentiality is outweighed by my well-founded belief that life-threatening or substantial harm will be caused.
- I will not use my ministerial status, position or authority knowingly to abuse, misguide, negatively influence, manipulate, or take advantage of anyone, especially children.
- I will not at any time air grievances or disputes with other minister in public or on social media.
- I will show my personal love for God as revealed in Jesus Christ in my life and ministry, as I strive together with my colleagues to preserve the dignity, maintain the discipline and promote the integrity of the vocation to which we have been called.

Signed _____

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