

Code of Sexual Ethics

All Mission Presbytery Teaching Elders, Commissioned Ruling Elders, Certified Christian Educators, Student Pastors employed by Church Development, or Ministers of another denomination serving Mission Presbytery congregations as Pastor, and Presbytery Staff members are required to sign and abide by the following code of conduct in matters relating to sexual ethics.

Read it carefully, sign, and return to the Presbytery Office

1. Pastoral and Educational leaders and staff members of Mission Presbytery are agents of healing and redemption. They are aware that sexual exploitation of spouse, family, colleagues, congregants, employees, or counselees is an abuse of the authority of their pastoral position.
2. I am aware of my obligation to adhere to standards of confidentiality and privileged communications.
3. I am aware of the long-term effects of all forms of sexual exploitation and seek to help victims cope with such damage through every available means.
4. I am aware that sexual harassment and immorality are chargeable under church law and that I always bear final responsibility for my actions.
5. I am aware of and willing to abide by denominational disciplines and policies in facing the consequences of my actions in any instance of sexual exploitation.
6. I who learn of the sexually exploitative behavior by and of another person accept an ethical and Biblical responsibility to report my knowledge of this behavior to the appropriate church authorities.
7. I subscribe to policies of Mission Presbytery for appropriate grievance procedures with regard to sexual misconduct.
8. I am aware of my sacred calling as servants to God under the Lordship of Jesus Christ and accept my responsibility and accountability to the people entrusted to my care.

Sign below, make a copy for your records, and mail the original to the Presbytery office. It will be placed with your personnel file.

I have read and do understand the document above to be the policy of Mission Presbytery in regard to sexual ethics. As a Teaching Elder, Commissioned Ruling Elders, Certified Christian Educators, Student Pastors employed by Church Development, or a Minister of another Christian denomination, I subscribe to these affirmations.

Print Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____