



Good Hope Union UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

LEADERSHIP RELATIONAL COVENANT

The heart of Christian ministry is Christ's ministry of outreaching love. Christian ministry is the expression of the mind and mission of Christ by a community of Christians that demonstrates a common life of gratitude and devotion, witness and service, celebration and discipleship. All Christians are called through their baptism to this ministry of servanthood in the world to the glory of God and for human fulfillment. The forms of ministry of this ministry are diverse in locale, in interest, and in denominational accent, yet always catholic in spirit and outreach.

The church stretches out to human needs wherever love and service may convey God's love and ours. The outreach of such ministries knows no limits. Beyond the diverse forms of ministry is the ultimate concern: that all persons will be brought into a saving relationship with God through Jesus Christ and be renewed after the image of their creator (Colossians 3:10). This means that all Christians are called to minister wherever Christ would have them serve and witness in deeds and words that heal and free. –From The Book of Discipline, The Ministry of All Christians, ¶125 and 127 (2008)

I am committed to serve as a part of Christ's ministry of outreaching love at Good Hope Union United Methodist Church. Therefore, I, _____ willingly and prayerfully accept this servant leadership role and covenant to:

1. Love the Lord my God with my whole being and love my neighbor as I love myself.
2. Do no harm.
3. Do all the good that I can in all the places that I can by being ever kind and merciful to all the people.
4. Practice the spiritual disciplines regularly (i.e. prayer, fasting, and Bible Study)
5. Support the church with my time, talents, gifts, and resources.
6. Attend worship regularly and on time unless there are extenuating circumstances that will prevent attendance, such as illness, death, employment travel, etc.).
7. Hold all conversations confidential as pertinent to my committee.

8. Faithfully uphold the bylaws and social principles of The UM church as stated in The United Methodist Book of Discipline.
9. Contact an appropriate committee representative at least 12-24 hours in advance if I am unable to fulfill my responsibilities (i.e. lead a meeting, teach a class, lead worship, etc.) so that a replacement can continue the work of Christ.
10. Honor the time and gifts of my committee members by beginning and ending meetings on time. As able, I will send the committee agenda before the meeting and have the minutes of the meeting sent to committee members no more than one week after the meeting.
11. Announce and post meeting dates and hold meetings to 1.5 hours or less unless an extension of time is voted upon by the members of the committee.
12. I will participate in available training opportunities offered by my local church, district, and conference as it relates to my position as able.

If, I find that I am unable to keep this covenant, I will contact the Nominations committee Co-Chairperson to discuss my future in this role and/or understand the Nomination Committee's decision to reconsider my leadership position and or committee participation. I understand that I am a part of a team on a mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world and that the effectiveness of our work in the church and community depends in part on my commitment. I am thankful for the opportunity to serve and will train at least one other person to succeed me in this position. I serve God and the church with my best effort and will do all in my power to build-up and strengthen this part of God's kingdom on earth, so help me God.

Signed

(Date, Effective