

# THE UNITED NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH, Int.

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## Member Covenant & Code of Ethics

Members and Ministers of The United New Testament Church, International Ministry Association represent Jesus, so it is essential that we act with integrity, aware of appropriate boundaries in our relationships with others. Because we cannot attain such lofty goals alone, we recognize the importance of established lines of mutual accountability in our lives. As ministers of the Gospel and ambassadors of Jesus, the Lord of the Church, we affirm our commitment to Scripture as our authority for life and practice. We recognize this document as an attempt to complement and solidify our Biblical understanding of our high and noble calling. And we attest to this document by signature not from compulsion but our desire to “fight the good fight, finish the race, and keep the faith.” (2 Timothy 4:7)

Confessing Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the living God, proclaiming Him as my Lord, and walking in a personal relationship with Him, I reaffirm my vows as an ordained or licensed Minister of the UNTCI. Relying on the grace of God and the power of the Holy Spirit, I commit myself to the following:

### Family: My First Ministry

1. Live a life that honors my commitment to my primary ministry of family, including our need for privacy and time together.
2. Preserve my emotional, physical and spiritual health, refraining from overindulgence that results in abuse of my body - the Lord's Temple.
3. Schedule adequate time for physical and spiritual renewal, recreation and vacation.
4. Manage my personal finances as the Lord's means of grace as a trustworthy steward. Being careful in all financial obligations and to contract no indebtedness that I will be unable to repay in a timely fashion.
5. Maintain diligence in my sexual life, guarding my heart and my relationship with my spouse by avoiding pornography in its various forms and giving no appearance of impropriety in my relationships with members of the same or opposite gender.

## **God: My First Love**

1. Actively pursue a one-on-one, two-way, personal relationship with God the Father.
2. Guard the honor of Jesus Christ and the welfare of His Church with every fiber of my being and every resource at my disposal.
3. Declare my home “Holy Ground”, and welcome the Lord to birth great things for His Kingdom from my household.
4. Grow in faith, grace, knowledge and love through Biblical meditation, prayer, study, continuing education and acts of service.
5. Outreach: My Life’s Calling
6. Preach and teach the Gospel – the “Good News” – that we are saved by unearned Grace alone, through faith in the completed work of Jesus Christ, making clear that perfection is the result of, not a prerequisite for, daily intimate relationship with God.
7. Administer the sacraments and, in so far as I am able, provide unbiased love and care without regard to gender, race or station in life.
8. Shun the use of my position, power and authority to exploit another.
9. Acknowledge my ministry responsibility to the local fellowship with whom God has placed me.
10. Hold in confidence all privileged communication received by me during the conduct of my ministry. I will not disclose confidential 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 the individual will cause imminent, life-threatening or substantial harm to self or others, or unless the privilege is waived by the one giving the information.
11. Refrain from accepting any gift that might compromise my personal integrity or ministry.
12. Exercise a moral and spiritual commitment to truthfulness, avoiding plagiarism of ideas and work by acknowledging sources for sermon and written material.
13. Sow seeds of hope and love at every opportunity.

**UNTCI: My Greater Body**

1. Place the support, unity and well-being of The United New Testament Church, International Ministry Association and my local ministry at the top of my daily priority list, behind my personal relationship with God through Christ and the health and well-being of my personal family relationships.
2. Speak well of this ministry to God and to men.
3. Financially support the ongoing work of The United New Testament Church, and it's International Ministry Association through regular benevolence and/or offerings.
4. Encourage the ministry of others, and joyfully support the worldwide UNTCI Body of Christ through volunteerism, collaborative efforts when appropriate opportunities arise, and communion through modern means of communication.
5. Engage in fellowship with UNTCI ministers in constructive relationships that include nurture, discipline, theological dialogue and spiritual formation.

**I place my signature here in agreement with this “code” intent on living by it as a Fellow Member of this Called Christian Community.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature  
\_\_\_\_\_ Printed full name  
\_\_\_\_\_ Date of Signature

*This oath is to be renewed by signature each year in order to maintain compliance.*

