

Colleague Group Covenant

I declare my intention to be a faithful participant in my Colleague Group.

As a faithful participant I will attend every Colleague Group meeting. If an emergency should prevent my attending, I will notify our leader.

I will recognize that the central purpose of our meeting is to engage in disciplined reflection on our questions, problems, and joys in ministry.

I will hold confidential all that occurs in our group meetings, even from those outside the group whom I feel I can trust.

I will communicate honestly about myself and my experiences in ministry, even those which seem like failures, recognizing that from these experiences, through reflection with my group, I can most readily explore and enlarge my understanding of my role in ministry.

I will demonstrate respect for my colleagues by letting them see me as I am, not solely as I would like to be. I will demonstrate trust by allowing my colleagues their right to their privacy, when they so choose.

I will seek opportunities to affirm and support the colleagues in my group, not forgetting that our leader is also my colleague.

I will recognize the presence of God with us in all of our doings—

- in our struggles and perplexities
- in our joy and laughter
- in our times of worship

and whenever we meet to search for ways to enhance ministry in our part of God's world.

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Date

This covenant, or another developed by the group, should be signed by all Colleague Group members at the conclusion of the group's third meeting, or earlier, according to the decision of the group.

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