

Colleague Group Covenant

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

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

As a faithful participant I will attend every Colleague Group meeting. If an emergency prevents my attending, I will notify our group 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, to provide support and prayer for one another, while holding each other accountable for spiritual growth and ethical behavior.

I will actively listen and seek to understand my colleagues' perspectives, even when I disagree with them.

I will strive to be honest and transparent in my communication 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, and help my colleagues to do the same.

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 to exert their right to privacy when they choose not to share something personal.

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

I will seek to live a life that reflects my faith and values, and I will be accountable to my colleagues for my actions.

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

- ✝ in our struggles and perplexities
- ✝ in our joy and laughter
- ✝ in our times of worship or prayer

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

Colleague

Date