



Be it known that I,

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intend to maintain recognition of ministerial standing in the Evangelical Association of Reformed and Congregational Christian Churches for the year 2023. I affirm Purpose, Organization and Statement of Faith of the EA as well as the doctrinal truths contained in the Apostle's and Nicene Creeds without reservation. As a minister I will, by God's grace, abide by the Evangelical Association Code of Ethics for Clergy (see below) as well as the biblical standards of a minister found in I Timothy 3-5 and throughout the Bible and will connect with other clergy in my area for the purpose of fellowship, accountability and encouragement.

Evangelical Association Code of Ethics for Clergy

In Relationship to God

- I will always devote time to seeking the will of God through reading the Scriptures and prayer.
- I will endeavor to keep myself physically and emotionally fit.
- I will seek in all ways to be Christlike in my attitude and conduct.
- I will seek mutual accountability and spiritual friendship with fellow Christians for personal encouragement and nurture in order to ensure faithfulness to my calling as a steadfast follower and competent servant of my Lord Jesus Christ.

In Relationship to My Family

- I will consider each member of my immediate family as precious gifts from God, and will carefully, lovingly and responsibly meet their needs as a sacred obligation before Him.
- I will be faithful and loyal to my family members, loving them as Jesus Christ loves His Church.
- I will seek to be responsible in my personal finances.

In Relationship to the Church

- I will remember that I am called to lead, but also to serve.
- I will honor all confidences shared with me unless compelled by law to do otherwise.
- I will be diligent in my duties as a pastor, with God as my judge and my Shepherd.
- I will be Biblical in my preaching, presenting the whole counsel of God, speaking the truth in love.
- I will strive to introduce people to Christ, and to build His Church.
- I will consider my call to the church a sacred responsibility and defend the church when it is attacked.
- I will seek the unity of the church and resist any attempts to divide.
- I will (if authorized to do so) administer the sacraments and rites of the church with integrity.

In Relationship to Other Ministers

- I will be a brother/sister in Christ to my fellow ministers.
- I will not seek to build my church at the expense of another church, nor my ego at the expense of another minister.
- I will not speak uncharitably of my predecessor, my successor or my colleagues.
- When departing from a church/ministry, I will not interfere with nor intrude upon the ministry of my successor and will refrain from pastoral contacts with former parishioners except with the knowledge of and permission from the present pastor.

In Relationship to the Community

- I will seek to build a positive relationship with the community without compromising my ministry to the church.

Signature _____

Date _____

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