

## **LEADERSHIP COVENANT OF FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

*To be affirmed annually by all who lead or teach.*

Leadership is both a responsibility and a privilege. You are submitting your life and time to the Lord's will to help lead others closer to His glory and peace. You should take this seriously and always pray that the Lord will give you strength to endure. Commit fully to the will of the Lord. Don't forget that He has called you and your leadership team to do His will for the body of Christ.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby promise to do my best to adhere to the following:

### **I. I will protect the unity of First United Methodist Church**

- ...by supporting entirely the vision and mission of First U.M.C. (Acts 4:32)
- ...by refusing to gossip or grumble (Exodus 16:6-8 & Ephesians 4:29-32)
- ...by submitting to spiritual authority of those appointed to watch over me (Heb. 13:17)
- ...by seeking to resolve conflicts directly and speedily (Matt. 5:23ff)

### **II. I will support the ministry of First United Methodist Church**

- ...by attending faithfully (Hebrews 10:25)
- ...by not speaking ill of another Church Leader (Proverbs 21:23; James 3:5-6)
- ...by living a godly life (Philippians 1:27)
- ... by keeping my family life and personal affairs in order (I Timothy 3:5)
- ...by giving tithes and offerings regularly (Malachi 3:6-10)

### **III. I will promote the growth of First United Methodist Church**

- ...by praying for and inviting the unchurched (Luke 14:23)
- ...by warmly welcoming those who visit (Hebrews 13:1-2)
- ...by developing a servant's heart (Philippians 2:3-8)
- ...by striving for excellence in ministry (Romans 12:3-8)

### **IV. I will strive for personal integrity**

- ...by maintaining sexual purity (Ephesians 5:3)
- ...by not causing others to stumble (I Corinthians 10:32)
- ...by using Godly principles to grow as a Leader (I Kings 2:3)
- ...by modeling the behaviors we seek to develop in others (Philippians 4:9)
- ...by supporting the core beliefs and values of First U.M.C. (Romans 15:5-6)

### **V. I will support my fellow leaders**

- ...by genuinely listening and sharing my own thoughts honestly and openly (Eph. 4:15)
- ...by supporting group decisions once they are made (Eph. 4:3)
- ...by practicing mutual submission and serving those placed under me (Eph. 5:21)
- ...by referring complaints to the person named and keeping confidence (Eph. 4:15)
- ...by forgiving and seeking the forgiveness of those I have wronged (Col. 3:13)
- ...by trusting and being worthy of the trust of others (1 Cor. 13:7)

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