

## ICS FOR ADVENTIST LEADERS

"Depart! Depart, go out from there! Touch no unclean thing! Come out from it and be pure, you who carry the vessels of the Lord" Isaiah 52: 11

"set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, and in purity." 1Tim. 4: 12

### WHAT IS ETHICS?

- Ethics for Adventist officer, is a code of rules of behavior and procedure, established on the basis of the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy teachings and the experience of worldwide church leaders , to help our officers to function effectively in performing their duties in relationship with the members of the congregation to which they serve.
- The General Conference Ministerial Association, with the counsel from pastors and church leaders around the world, has prepared and recommend to every Adventist leader the following code of ethics:
- "I recognize that a call to serve the Seventh-day Adventist congregation is not for the purpose of bestowing special privilege or position, but rather for living a life of devotion and service to God, His church, and the world.
- "I affirm that my personal life and activities shall be rooted in the Word of God and subject to the Lordship of Jesus Christ.
- I am totally committed to the fundamental beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.
- I am dedicated to the maintenance of high standards of conduct and do my best in my service.
- "I purpose to build relationships based on the principle expressed on the life and teachings of Jesus Christ."
- I shall, by the grace of God, apply the following principles in my life:
  - Maintain a meaningful devotional life for myself and my family.
  - Give enough time and attention to my assignment of service.
  - Commit myself to continuing spiritual growth.
  - Initiate and maintain supportive healthy relationship with my fellow leaders.
  - Practice strictest Christian confidentiality.
  - Respect and support the Adventist organization and the world church.
  - Manage personal finances with integrity,
  - Perceive and treat all members of my family as a primary part of Christian responsibility.

ject to those of the opposite sex.

- Respect to personhood of every individual, without bias or prejudice.
- Love and respect to whom I serve and commit myself to their spiritual growth.

## 1. **ETHICS AND YOUR FELLOW OFFICERS**

- We must hold the spirit of competition among us and increase the spirit of support and cooperation.
- We need to make our meetings an occasion for warm fellowship. We need to be sensitive to the hurts of others.

## 2. **YOUR FORMER OFFICERS**

- When you replace an officer, don't be too quick to discard your predecessor's program.
- What you will do is not better just because it is you.
- Show wisdom and respect by keeping what is working.
- You can ask his advice in the changes you want to do.

## 3. **YOUR SUCCESSOR**

- Share personal information, ideas or precaution about the work he is taking verbal or in written form.
- Don't criticize.
- Don't hold support and cooperation.
- Treat him nicely if he come to you for orientation.

## 4. **ETHICS OF POSITION AND PROMOTION**

- Never let the position or privileges feelings deceive you.
- There is no higher or lower function in God's work.
- There is no hierarchy in the church of God.
- We receive a place to serve and not to get any kind of personal gratification.  
Mark 10: 42-45
- "Jesus called them together and said, You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles are lords over them, and their higher officials exercise authority over them.
- "Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all.
- "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as ransom for many." Mark 10:43-45

## SET ASIDE

- If you are replaced in your activity in the congregation, don't be dominated by negativism.
- Don't feel that you were passed over.
- Your turn may come later. Be patient.
- Instead of feeling sorry for yourself.
- "If any are qualified for a higher position, the Lord will lay the burden, not alone on them, but on those who have tested them, who know their worth, and who understandingly urge them forward." – *Ministry of Healing*, p. 477

## 6. THE ETHICS AND SEX

- Professional specializing in counseling church leaders with sexual problems have drawn a portrait of the typical leader most subject to a moral fall,
- He tends to be middle-age male who is disillusioned with his religion, is neglecting his own marriage, he is alone and isolated from his leaders colleagues, and has met a woman that needs him.
- A Study among church leaders
- 13% have had extramarital affairs involving church members.
- Suggestion was done that church leaders are particularly vulnerable in this area.

## DANGEROUS FACTORS

- *Behaviorists have indicated 6 red areas*
- Self-confidence
- Power
- Public recognition
- Showing interest and concern
- Visual privacy
- Gentleness

## SOME POSSIBLE HELP

- Be in love with your wife and children and let the congregation know that.
- Be perceptive
- Be accountable
- Be cautioned on sexual counseling

## BE READY TO RUN

- "Remove your way far from her, and do not go near the door of her house, lest you give your honor to other, and your years to the cruel one" – Prov. 5: 8-9



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not commit adultery.”

- Remember Joseph – “How then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God”  
Gen. 39: 9.