



HOLY MANNERS

FOR MICHIGAN DISTRICT, LCMS STAFF

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We believe that these Holy Manners will guide us in our service to God, each other, and the members of the Michigan District. As staff, we are striving to make and keep the following promises as God continues to fill us with His Holy Spirit, power, and love.

OUR PROMISES TO GOD

We promise to place You, God, first and foremost in our lives and actions, understanding that all we do is to the honor and glory of Your Name.

We promise to pray, alone and together, thanking You and asking for Your help in our lives and in our work for Your Church.

We promise to seek Your will and follow Your direction through daily devotions, Bible study, regular worship, and prayer.

OUR PROMISES TO EACH OTHER (STAFF)

We promise to create a caring environment, where ideas and opinions are encouraged, shared, and valued.

We promise to maintain a “safe place” atmosphere in meetings and all conversations.

We promise to maintain confidentiality in meetings and all conversations, as appropriate.

We promise to invest time and energy to find the best solutions, best practices, and best ways to serve God.

We promise to approach each other directly when personal disagreements/concerns arise.

We promise to present ourselves publicly as a unified team.

We promise to love, care, and support one another, practicing the Fruit of the Spirit.

OUR PROMISES TO OUR DISTRICT FAMILY

We promise to keep Christ first in everything as our foundation for serving.

We promise to always move in a direction that embraces the mission and vision of the District.

We promise to care for, respect, and support every professional church worker, congregation, and ministry organization of the Michigan District.

We promise to compassionately listen and provide assistance or guidance, when possible, to those with whom we come in contact.

We promise to seek and speak the truth in love when there is a disagreement/conflict.

We promise to practice love and forgiveness.