

Network Covenant sample 1

I will be a faithful participant in this Network for six months, as long as I remain settled in a church in the area.

As a faithful participant I will attend every group meeting. If an emergency should prevent my attending, I will notify one of our Network leaders.

I recognize that the central purpose of our meeting is to engage in disciplined reflection and learning that helps us increase vitality in ourselves, our congregations and our communities so we can live our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

I will hold confidential all that occurs in our group meetings, sharing only that which is explicitly negotiated.

I will communicate honestly 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 what it means to be an excellent leader in church and community.

I will be accountable to this group for at least one personal goal and one ministry goal per gathering, realizing it could be the same goal each session as I increase my success and learn from my failures.

I will demonstrate respect for all Network members by letting them see me as I am, not solely as I would like to be. I will demonstrate trust by allowing each person their right to privacy, when they so choose.

I will respect all participants in the group. Every voice is important. No one person should dominate.

I will see opportunities to affirm and support the members of my network, not forgetting that our leaders are also a Network member.

I will pray for our Network members and their churches in and between group meetings.

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

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