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Our Task Presenting the Gospel in Word and Deed to All Nations

STATEMENT OF MINISTERIAL ETHICS

A) THE MINISTER'S LIFE

- 1) It is the minister's responsibility to discipline his life so that he maintains an intimate and dynamic relationship to the Lord Jesus Christ.
- 2) It is the duty of the minister to develop a lifestyle that is above reproach and morally pure.

B) RELATIONSHIP TO FELLOW MINISTERS

- 1) It is inappropriate for a minister to speak evil of or belittle the work of a fellow minister.
- 2) A fellow minister should be held in respect and honour.

C) RELATIONSHIP TO ORGANIZATION OR DENOMINATION

- 1) It is unethical for a minister to speak disparagingly of the organization to which he belongs or of the officers who lead it.
- 2) It is unethical for a minister to ignore or disobey the authority of the leadership of an organization to which he belongs.

D) RELATIONSHIP TO PREDECESSOR

- 1) A minister should never disparage his predecessor or his work.
- 2) A minister should be kind and courteous to his predecessor.

E) RELATIONSHIP TO MEMBERS OF ANOTHER CHURCH

- 1) It is unethical to proselyte members from another church.
- 2) A minister should not seek to undermine the loyalty of a fellow minister's congregation.

F) RELATIONSHIP TO THE BUSINESS WORLD

- 1) It is unethical for a minister to fail to meet business obligations without making appropriate arrangements.
- 2) It is unethical for a minister to seek special privileges or use his office to an unfair advantage.

G) RELATIONSHIP TO A CHURCH SEEKING A PASTOR

- 1) A minister should not consider or seek the pastorate of a church whose pastor has not resigned.
- 2) A minister should not seek a position or pastorate by using friends or circumstances for personal advancement.

H) RELATIONSHIP TO PARTY OR PARTIES HE HAS COUNSELLED

- 1) A minister should not betray the confidences of persons he has counseled by talking about their circumstances either in public or private.
- 2) A minister should not allow himself to become emotionally involved with a party or parties he has counseled.

I) RELATIONSHIP TO THE MATERIALS OF ANOTHER MAN

- 1) It is unethical to use another man's sermons or materials in preaching without proper acknowledgement.
- 2) It is unethical to put another man's materials in print and pass them off as one's own.

J) RELATIONSHIP TO THE MEMBERS OF HIS OWN CHURCH

- 1) It is unethical for a minister to leave a church without having given it appropriate notice of his intentions.
- 2) It is inappropriate for a minister to take sides with factions in the congregation.

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