

## Communication Covenant for Leaders

*Leadership in the church is an honor that has accompanying responsibilities and sacrifices. The Scripture describes the qualities of leaders (Ex. 18.21; Acts. 6.3-2; 1Tim. 3.1-13; Tit. 1.5-9). Those who are chosen to lead in the church do so in a spirit of humility and dependence upon God. They must be spiritually mature individuals whose lifestyle shall be in harmony with the Scriptures, the doctrine of the FMC, the principles of the Membership Covenant, which are the goals of our maturing life in Christ and of the selection of leaders.*

**We commit ourselves to contribute to unity in the church, cultivating integrity, love and understanding in all our relationships.** (Discipline ¶¶3402, 3410)

Therefore . . .

If I have a problem with another person, I will go directly to that person.

If someone has a problem with me, I want that person to come to me privately, and I will be open to the concerns when this happens.

If someone has a problem with me, and comes to you, send that person to me. I will do the same for you.

If someone hesitates to come to see me when they come to you about me then say, "Let's go together." I'll do the same for you.

Be careful about how you interpret me, I would rather do that.

I will be careful about how I interpret you.

If we discuss something confidential, I will not share it with anyone else (unless there is real potential for harm to self or others).

I will not send or pay attention to an unsigned letter or note. Information should always travel with the name of the originator so that matters can be cleared up if necessary.

I will not manipulate. I will not be manipulated.

When in doubt I will bring up my concern or ask a question. When a question is raised, I will try not to be threatened by it, but to respond with clarification.