

Bella Vista Lutheran Church

Board of Director's Covenant of Conduct

Having been called by my heavenly Father to serve, and having been saved by my Lord Jesus Christ, and having been equipped by the Holy Spirit to minister, I make the following covenant to the membership of the Board of Directors and Bella Vista Lutheran Church.

1. I will protect the unity of my church (Rom. 14: 19; 1 Peter 1:22; Eph. 4:29; Heb. 13:17)
 - . . . by acting in love toward other members
 - . . . by refusing to gossip
 - . . . by following the leaders

2. I will share the responsibility of my church (1 Thess. 1: 1- 2; Luke 14:23; Rom. 15:7)
 - . . . by praying for its growth
 - . . . by inviting the unchurched to attend
 - . . . by warmly welcoming those who visit

3. I will serve the ministry of my church (1 Peter 4:10; Eph. 4:11 - 12; Phil. 2:3-4, 7)
 - . . . by using my gifts and talents to the Lord's glory
 - . . . by equipping others to serve in God's kingdom
 - . . . by developing a servant's heart

4. I will support the testimony of my church (Heb. 10:25; Phil. 1:27; 1 Cor. 16:2; Lev. 27:30)
 - . . . by attending faithfully
 - . . . by living a Godly life
 - . . . by giving regularly

5. I will enthusiastically support the Senior Pastor, the vision of this church, and the ministries of this church.

6. If concerns arise about the church, its mission, ministries, and traditions, I will share my concerns with the Senior Pastor in a private setting.

7. I will take the initiative to resolve conflict that might arise with those among whom I minister.

8. I will maintain the contents of Board of Director's discussion in total confidence. I will communicate only that information that has been agreed upon by the Board of Directors. If I'm uncertain about what can be shared I'll get clarity from the Senior Pastor.

9. I will not interfere in the work of the staff or the leadership of the Senior Pastor.

10. I will protect the congregation by holding the Senior Pastor accountable to the vision of the congregation and the Guiding Principles.

11. I will faithfully attend future growth opportunities offered to the Board of Directors.