

Ecclesiastical Endorsee's Covenant with the Baptist General Convention of Virginia

COVENANT

Please initial each item to confirm you have read it.

All pages of this document must be submitted.

- _____ 1. As a chaplain endorsed by the Baptist General Convention of Virginia, mandatory attendance is required at the following conferences hosted by the Baptist General Convention: the Annual Session and Congress of Christian Education, a week-long conference held in June and the Fall Session, a one day conference held in November. Each conference will provide continuing education and peer review for chaplaincy.
- _____ 2. I will hold in trust the traditions and practices of my religious body.
- _____ 3. I will carefully adhere to whatever direction may be conveyed to me by my endorsing body (the Baptist General Convention of Virginia) for Maintenance of my endorsement.
- _____ 4. I will seek to provide pastoral care and ministry to persons of religious bodies other than my own within my area of responsibility with the same investment of myself that I give to members of my own religious body.
- _____ 5. I will work collegiality with chaplains and community ministers of religious bodies other than my own as we seek to provide a comprehensive pastoral care program for all those persons entrusted to us.
- _____ 6. I will respect the beliefs and traditions of my colleagues and those to whom I minister.
- _____ 7. I affirm the practice of a disciplined spiritual life as the foundation upon which ministry is built. I further affirm open and caring human relationships and ongoing professional and personal growth.
- _____ 8. I will hold in confidence all privileged communication received during the conduct of my ministry.
- _____ 9. I will show personal love for God in my life and ministry as I strive together with my colleagues to preserve the dignity, maintain the discipline, and promote the integrity of the profession to which I have been called.
- _____ 10. I recognize the special power afforded me by my ministerial office. I will never use that power in ways that violate the personhood of another human being.
- _____ 11. I promise to notify the office of Executive Minister of the Baptist General Convention of Virginia if I should ever sever ties with the Convention by joining another similar body, become a member of another denomination or join another faith.

Ecclesiastical Endorsee's Covenant with the Baptist General Convention of Virginia

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By signing below, I agree to adhere to the principles and ethical standards outlined within this Covenant as presented by the Baptist General Convention of Virginia. I also attest that I have not made any false statements or misrepresentations in the completion of this application. I understand that if it is discovered I have falsified any information herein, the Baptist General Convention will withdraw recognition of my endorsement.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Printed Name of Applicant