

Policy: Lifestyle and Morality Policy Template

Approval Date: _____

Approved By: _____

Purpose:

In all of its endeavours, name of your church (the Church) seeks to glorify God. Volunteers and employees of the Church are required to fully support the objects of the Church, to endorse the Christian commitment of the membership, and to conduct themselves in a manner consistent with principles of Scripture. The points outlined in this policy are based on Scripture*, which is accepted by the Church to be the final authority in matters of faith and conduct.

Scope:

This policy sets out standards and principles that express loving faithfulness and service to Christ as a condition of service in the Church, whether as a volunteer or an employee.

Policy:

All who serve in the Church are encouraged to establish personal, spiritual disciplines that will foster and promote a deep, intimate relationship with God, which is essential to effective service as a Christian believer. This includes prayer, Bible study, regular church attendance, and sharing of faith and beliefs with others. Active membership in the Church with actions that are consistent with the Church’s statement of faith is a requirement to demonstrate a personal commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Church rejects the following conduct, viewing it as being incompatible with Christian standards and values for a personal lifestyle of anyone serving with the Church:

- breach of trust or confidence
- lying or deceit
- extramarital sexual relationship(s)
- premarital sexual relationship(s)
- reading or viewing of pornographic material
- homosexual relationship(s)
- theft or fraud
- physical aggression
- abusive behaviour
- sexual assault/harassment
- using illicit drugs
- criminal activity

In the event of a violation or breach of these standards, the Church will attempt to bring about the restoration of the individual in order to maintain a working relationship with the organization dependent upon the nature and extent of the violation or breach.