

The Vestry of Emmanuel Episcopal Church
Biblical Holiness Code
March, 2006

We will strive to create a common life that will attract new leadership to the Vestry as we cultivate our spiritual progress year-round.

We covenant to check our behavior against the norm of hospitality.

We covenant to read all material sent to us (paper and electronic) so that we will be well informed.

We agree that what we do as Church is not just committee work, but ministry.

We will operate as if stewardship is a daily encounter with God.

We will pray daily for the parish as a whole and for the staff and Vestry by name.

We will lead by example especially when it comes to cheerleading with others for our parish and its ministries.

We will respect and honor the holy spaces and ministries of each other. We will use straightforward, non-inflammatory communication.

We will communicate regularly, clearly and consistently with the parish the things we know. We will avoid communicating what we do not know or what is unfinished business in order to avoid speculation and confusion.

We will all ask for help when we do not understand what others are saying.

We will avoid triangles. This means we will direct inquiries and queries to the person who is directly responsible.

We will strive to set goals that are clear, achievable and measurable.

We will be publicly united in support of decisions made by the vestry.

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