



CODE OF CONDUCT

River of Life Metropolitan Community Church Dorchester



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ROLMCC expects all members and attendees to act in loving and appropriate manner with each other both on Sundays and the rest of the times that we spend together. We also have the responsibility to live as Disciples in our everyday lives. The points below are intended to be a guide to the types of ways that we can be disciples together.

Loving ourselves

- Seeking help for our addictions whether they are alcohol, drugs or destructive behaviours.
- Seeing ourselves as the beautiful people.
- Seeking out pastoral sessions when we need them.

Loving others

- Respecting, welcoming and valuing all people who come to ROLMCC whether they be members, regular attendees or casual visitors.
- Refraining from any sexual relations with persons below the age of consent or those who may be coerced either by our positions in ROLMCC or by their own addictions or disabilities. (see CP Policy and Vulnerable Adults Policy)
- Not using our membership of the Church for inappropriate personal gain of any kind either in Church or as part of the wider community.
- Respecting others by ensuring that physical or psychological abuse or violence is not a part of our relationships with each other.
- Being honest and open with each other. Ensuring that we do not attempt to do God's work with hidden agendas or in factions or cliques.
- Respecting the sanctity of another person's relationship covenants- whether they conform to our own ideas of relationship or not.
- Ensuring that the spaces and events associated with ROLMCC are free from sexual harassment, (i.e. any sexually related behaviour that is unwelcome, offensive, and which fails to respect the rights of others)
- Referring people with problems to the pastor or an identified member of the pastoral team rather than attempt to either counsel or problem solve.

Loving the Church

- Appropriate use of church funds or property for the purposes of ministry.
- Creating healthy ministries that are people and spiritually centered rather than those that are centered around our own egos or inappropriate needs.
- Attending and contributing regularly to the life of the church by giving appropriate time and resources.
- Refraining from deliberate or malicious acts which damage or bring harm to a person, a congregation or other church body within ROLMCC
- Initiating or performing a ministry, which is unauthorized and unaccountable to ROLMCC in which the church is by act or implication associated with.
- Undermining the authority and ministry of the pastor or those in Leadership positions