



ANTHEM TEAM CODE OF CONDUCT

Codes of Conduct are a part of Anthem Church's commitment to safe emotional and physical environments, an expectation of our Child Protection Policy and a commitment to providing appropriate duty of care, including health and safety considerations.

Serving is a highly valued and important part of church life. This **Team Code of Conduct** outlines the standards of behaviour that are expected for all Dream Team members at Anthem Church.

Team members are all volunteers involved in serving in teams, on rosters and in any other way.

Dream Team members' lives are on display and are subject to public scrutiny and as such these standards of behaviour should apply not only to your church life but also your personal life.

The **ACC Ministerial Code of Conduct** (a separate document) applies to ACC Certificate and Credential holders.

SERVANT HEARTED

Team members are servants of Christ, who should endeavour to become servant leaders as modelled by Jesus (John 13:3-14). The misuse of authority can be a particular temptation when being given a position of trust and power – this must be avoided.

BEHAVIOUR

Team members:

- will act in the best interests of those we serve.
- must not be abusive in any way toward others, spiritually, emotionally, physically or sexually, including domestic and family violence.
- will avoid the use of offensive language (e.g. swear words, sexual connotations, and racial or religious slurs).
- will exercise caution with all potentially addictive behaviours and/or harmful substances. Drunkenness is never acceptable.
- will refrain from using any illicit substances.
- will use caution when initiating or receiving physical contact with those we serve, including gestures of comfort as such gestures can be unwanted or misinterpreted.
- will act with sexual integrity. Sex is a gift from God and integral to human nature. All inappropriate sexual behaviour is forbidden (e.g. sex outside of marriage). Sexual innuendo and harassment of a sexual nature are always inappropriate.
- will report their concerns of abuse according to ACC Safer Church Guidelines.
- will treat all program participants fairly and in accordance with ACC and local church policies, guidelines and position papers.
- will communicate with integrity, including accountable and wise use of electronic communication.
- will acknowledge when they are out of their depth, do not possess the required skill set in difficult pastoral situations, such as helping a victim of abuse, or a person who needs professional counselling, and seek help from a supervisor or church leader.
- will not take property belonging to others, including intellectual property (copyright).

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Team members are encouraged to have integrity in their financial dealings. Dream Team members must not seek financial gain from their church role.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Team members, as ambassadors of Anthem Church, at all times will maintain communication (photos, videos, posts, likes) on Social Media to appropriate standards according to the scripture and core values of Anthem Church. Dream Team members must also to be mindful of the age and gender appropriateness of all communications including invitations, direct messages and events involving other members of the church.

CONFIDENTIALITY

Trust is essential in serving the church. Confidential information must not be disclosed and must be treated with the utmost care. Exceptions include when disclosure is required by law, abuse notifications whether required by law or not, there are concerns for the safety of the person or others, or when the information is in the public domain. Disclosure is a serious matter and the assistance of a supervisor or church leader should be sought. Likewise, there may be other matters which should be fed back to our pastoral care pastors for accountability and ongoing support. Guidance should be sought from the Pastoral Care Department if you become aware of any such matters.

COMMITMENT TO TEAM MINISTRY

Team members:

- will embrace the vision, values, and mission of the Church, and continue to develop ministry skills through a variety of means including team meetings.
- are accountable to team, watch out for each other and protect each other's integrity.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS CODE OF CONDUCT

Any breach of this code involving a criminal offence may lead to a report being made to the relevant authorities. Any breaches relating to the harm, or risk of harm, of a child or young person will be dealt with under the ACC Child Protection Policy – a copy of this policy should be provided to a team member who has a direct role with a child or young person. Any other breach will be considered in the light of the best interests of the team member and those we serve and may result in the team member being stood down either temporarily or otherwise. Dream Team members need to be open to correction and humble enough to modify behaviours so as to not discredit the gospel.