

Alaska United Methodist Conference Clergy/Church Covenant

Between Rev. Real Person and Alaska United Methodist Church

The idea is simple. The pastor and church agree to the following actions for the coming year. At the end of this year this covenant will be reviewed as both the pastor and the church evaluate their progress.

Rev. Person agrees to the following actions:

- ✓ Preach the Word of God, lead in worship, teach the Scriptures, and engage people in study and witness.
- ✓ Lead people in discipleship and evangelistic outreach.
- ✓ Perform acts of marriage and burial with care and compassion.
- ✓ Visit the sick, aged, imprisoned, and others in need.
- ✓ Maintain confessional confidences except where mandated reporting by law.
- ✓ Administer sacraments of baptism and holy communion.
- ✓ Be the administrative officer of the church.
- ✓ Give guidance and training to lay leadership.
- ✓ Give oversight to the educational program of the church.
- ✓ Provide leadership for the funding ministry of the church.
- ✓ Lead the church in its missional and connectional outreach through faithful payment of apportioned benevolences.
- ✓ Participate in denominational and conference programs and continuing education events.
- ✓ Participate in cooperative ministries with other UM and ecumenical churches.
- ✓ Lead the congregation in racial and ethnic inclusiveness.
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Alaska United Methodist Church agrees to the following actions:

- ✓ Explore what it means to make disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.
- ✓ Pray for our pastor, our church, our world.
- ✓ Be open to hearing and doing God's Word through our pastor's sermons and teaching.
- ✓ Renew our commitment to be present for our worship and ministries.
- ✓ Demonstrate our faith through acts of service to church and community.
- ✓ Identify and use our God-given spiritual gifts and talents in ways that energize the church.
- ✓ Grow in our faithful giving to the church.
- ✓ Find ways to share Jesus with others who do not have a church home.
- ✓ Be open to learning ways to love and respect each other as a church.