

**Cross Denominational Mission**  
**Code of Conduct**  
**For Preachers and Service Leaders**

**Overview**

As a Christian voluntary organisation everyone who works with us or for us must adhere to this policy. This is to ensure, as far as possible, that everyone who preaches or leads worship as an invited guest acts fairly, properly and consistently. Our preachers expect the same courtesy also.

**Volunteers Policy**

The CDM is a Christian voluntary organisation. This Code of Conduct is for Preachers and Service Leaders in addition to the general Volunteer Policy.

**Our Preachers will:**

- will respect the organisation they are visiting (have been invited to) and not openly criticise nor comment unless specifically invited to speak on that subject or issue.
- will treat all churches, their congregations and servants as brothers and sisters in Christ and hold them in respect, even though they may hold differing views.
- Will focus on the strengths and common ground rather than emphasise differences.
- Will seek to avoid speaking on matters known to be sensitive between the parties. Where doubt exists, to seek permission in advance if any topic area is, or is likely to be, controversial.
- will dress in smart ordinary clothes or suitable vestments in sympathy with the church being visited, as appropriate, and will wear their collar if ordained.
- Where a visiting preacher is asked about his/her beliefs, they will politely, respectfully state if they agree or disagree with the subject of the debate.

**The 'Host' Church:**

- The host church and its servants shall not put our visiting preacher into a difficult position, nor expect him/her to act or speak contrary to their beliefs.
- The host church shall use the visiting preachers title as a sign of respect.
- The host church shall not 'censor' or control the preachers' words - and trust the visiting preacher's adherence to this code.

**Our Preachers will not:**

- will not behave contrary to beliefs or protocols of the church or congregation being visited.
- Will not to engage in proselytisation or converting members whilst an invited preacher.

**Both parties shall:**

- Both parties shall have a mutual respect for the other's position.
- Neither side has to change opinions or embrace anything they do not believe in.

The sole purpose of this serving is to glorify Christ in an ecumenical setting. We hope this will be a useful resource to churches.

*“This mission strives to be an environment where people can express their ministry and serving in an inclusive and yet diverse organisation. One where all strands of Christianity can be present, yet none being more important than another.”* Adrian+ Pastor General.