

## **Covenant for Christian Leadership, Mandarin UMC**

Persons who serve in leadership positions at Mandarin UMC will be committed to their own spiritual formation, actively living out their Christian witness.

Persons in leadership will give evidence of their membership vows to be loyal to the United Methodist polity (the way we are organized) and doctrine (what we believe) and to “do all in their power to strengthen its ministries.” In the context of our Wesleyan heritage and the vows that each member takes upon joining the United Methodist Church, characteristics of such lives include:

- Praying for the church, the community, and the world.
- Participating regularly in worship as a vital component of spiritual growth and connection to others within the body of Christ.
- Participating in a small group for nurturing both faith and friendships.
- Giving generously back to God, in proportion to one’s income.
- Serving in the life of the church and in mission that extends beyond the congregation of Mandarin UMC.

Leaders will give evidence of Fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self control, and act out of the love and faith of 1 Corinthians 13: “patient, kind, rejoice in truth, bears, believes and hopes all things.”

When disagreements or issues occur, leaders will practice Matthew 18, going directly to the person who has wronged her/him, bringing in a mature Christian witness if needed, not gossiping (Romans 1:29).

Persons in leadership will make every effort to maintain “the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace” Ephesians 4:3

Our polity and doctrine are contained in The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church, 2012. The United Methodist Publishing House, Nashville, Tennessee

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