
LIFE STYLE CONDUCT POLICY

The Navigators of Canada seeks to advance the Gospel of Jesus and His Kingdom into the nations through spiritual generations of labourers living and discipling among all people. The style of The Navigator ministry **strongly** links life and message together. Therefore, ministry staff are called to godliness of character and a commitment to a lifestyle which models and reflects the life of Christ. Ministry staff are committed to establish personal, spiritual disciplines that will foster and promote a deep, intimate relationship with God.

The Navigators hold the Bible as the inspired Word of God, as the final authority in matters of faith, ethics and conduct. Ministry staff are accountable to pursue a life of righteousness both personally as well as in their ministries. The greatest asset of the Navigator ministry is the integrity of its representative ministry staff. A testimony of integrity takes so long to establish and is so quickly brought into question when a moral failure takes place.

Therefore, ministry staff are required to demonstrate their commitment to abide by the **Lifestyle Code of Conduct** by signing the following statement:

I commit myself to present the gospel of Jesus Christ to all people and to minister to them through the direction and empowerment of the Holy Spirit.

I commit myself to obey Jesus' commandment to His disciples² echoed by the Apostle Paul³ to love and serve others. This includes respect for all people regardless of race, gender, status or stage of life. It precludes harming another person verbally, emotionally, physically, or sexually, and instead means edifying others, showing compassion, demonstrating humility and patience, and considering the interests of others ahead of my own interests.

I commit myself to refrain from practices which are biblically prohibited. Such practices include criminal activity⁴, drunkenness⁵, abortion⁶, involvement in the occult⁷, premarital sex⁸, wilful indulgence in pornography⁹, living common law¹⁰, adultery¹¹, homosexual behaviour.¹²

I commit myself to maintain the highest ethical standards and honesty¹³ in all ministry, business and personal dealings. I will avoid any real or perceived conflict of interest.

I commit myself to work alongside of all Navigator employees showing dignity and respect to all in spite of differences or conflicts that may arise while carrying out my ministry responsibilities in all ministry environments.

In light of my role as a spiritual leader, I commit myself to "set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity."¹⁴ Therefore, I will make lifestyle choices with a high level of consideration for those around me.¹⁵ I will maintain discreet inoffensive behaviour in relationship to the opposite sex, and will abstain from the use of illegal drugs¹⁶.

1) I Tim. 3:1-7 2) John 13:34,35 3) I Cor. 13; Phil 2:1-8; Col.3:1-17 4) Ex 20:12-17; Rom 13:8-10 5) I Cor 6:10; Gal 5:21 6) Ex 21:22-23; Ps 139:13-16 7) Deut 18:9-14; Gal 5:19-20 8) Ex 22:16; I Thes 4:1-8 9) Matt. 5:28; Phil 4:8; I John 2:16 10) Heb. 13:4 11) Ex 20:14,17; I Cor 6:9-11 12) Lev 18:22;20:13; I Cor 6:9-11; Rom 1:24-32 13) Mt 23:25-28; Phil.2:14-16 14) I Tim. 4:12 15) Romans 14 16) I Cor 6:12-20

I am in agreement with the **Lifestyle Conduct Policy** and hereby commit myself to these disciplines, depending upon the Holy Spirit to guide and empower me.

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