**<Your church name>   
Leaders’ Code of Conduct**

**<Your church> Mission Statement**

<*Example*> To welcome all people into a community which encourages and develops a relationship with Christ

The leader’s commitment:

I will seek to maintain a healthy and growing relationship with God. This includes:

* joining regularly in the life and ministry of the <Sample Baptist Church>
* reading and reflecting on the Bible
* praying regularly in private and with others
* giving of my time and other resources as an expression of gratitude to God.

I will seek to serve others, in the context of healthy relationships. This includes:

* loving my family and being mindful of the effect of ministry on them;
* treating others with respect at all times
* encouraging participation by all people in the life of the church, regardless of race, gender, social status or other factors.
* communicating with integrity, including accountable and wise use digital technology and media
* upholding confidentiality (Except where there is a legal obligation or a duty of care issue.)
* report any child or vulnerable adult safety concerns to the appropriate person (in line with **Church Safety Policy)**
* disclose all relevant information as part of completing the **Leader Application Screening Form**

As a Christian leader I will:

* exercise authority to serve rather than be served, avoiding any behaviour that exploits others for personal advantage.
* be a faithful steward of money and other resources entrusted to me
* be a team player, including cooperating with and being accountable to other ministry leaders
* teach and exercise authority respectfully
* act in the best interests of those we serve
* be committed to ongoing growth and development and seek to attend training opportunities as they are offered
* live according to the moral standards expected by <Sample Baptist Church>, including <*edit here: e.g.- abstinence from illegal substances/addictions>*

**Acceptance of Code of Conduct**

1. I have received a copy of the **‘Leaders’ Code of Conduct’** and I accept and agree with its contents. With God’s help, I will endeavour to fulfil my role to the best of my ability and to abide by the rules outlined in this code.
2. I have received a copy of the ‘**Church Safety Policy’**, and have read and understood all parts pertaining to leadership and <*Insert ministry name here>*
3. I have a valid Working with Children Check (WWCC)
4. I agree to a review of my leadership yearly, or as deemed necessary by a pastor or ministry leader.

Leader’s name (printed): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Leader’s signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I (the leader) have discussed the **Leaders’ Code of Conduct** with my *ministry leader/senior pastor <edit>:*

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I (the *ministry leader*) have supplied him / her with a copy of the ‘**Church Safety Policy’** and I am satisfied that he / she understands the code of conduct as it applies to them.

*Ministry leader/senior pastor’s* name (printed)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Position held \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_