

FGCC Council Covenant of Collaboration – April 2022

As a member of the FGCC Council, I commit myself to collaborate with my fellow Council members in a posture of mutual submission in obedience to Christ and for the benefit of the FGCC family. I do so based upon the following values:

- Humility – recognizing that there is more I don't know than I know, and that I need the input of other people to see those areas of my life and ministry that I cannot see clearly on my own. Romans 12:3...do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, rather think of yourself with sober judgment & Philippians 2:3....in humility consider others better than yourselves
- Authenticity – to be open, honest, and real regarding personal and professional issues I see need to be addressed. Ephesians 4:15 Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.
- Accountability – to the group for taking action toward addressing issues. James 2:17 faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action is dead.
- Commitment – to the Council role, the Council process, and the Council members 1 Peter 5:2...be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, serving as overseers - not because you must, but because you are willing
- Engagement – to be present and fully participate in the meetings for the benefit of the other members and those we serve. Romans 12:8 ...if it is leadership, let all govern diligently
- Vulnerability – choosing to share of myself for the purpose of creating greater personal and group growth. 2 Corinthians 13:5 Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves...
- Courage – to move forward to address issues considerate of risks but not governed by fears. 2 Timothy 1:7 For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.
- Confidentiality/Discretion - to ensure I don't speak about Council matters or share Council materials with non-Council members, unless authorized by the Council to do so. James 1:26 If anyone who considers himself religious and yet does not keep a tight rein on his tongue, he deceives himself...

· Love – to ensure my words and actions are seasoned with grace and meant for the benefit of others. To speak positive words about others and, if in conflict with an individual, speak to them directly. Colossians 4:6 Let your conversation be always full of grace 1 Peter 3:8 Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic

· Ownership and Integrity – to stand behind a Council decision and speak as one voice about it even if in the decision-making process, I might have been opposed to it. Ephesians 4:3 Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace

When the Council is not gathered, I commit myself to upholding it through:

· Prayer – to increase my desire for the things God desires, to love more deeply the things God loves and to will the things that God wills. Philippians 4:6-7...in everything by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God and the peace of God which transcends all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus

By signing this document, I am committing myself to the above posture:
