

**New England Conference
Board of Ordained Ministry
Mission & Covenant
2016-2019**

The mission of the New England Annual Conference Board of Ordained Ministry is to develop, guide, discern, support and hold accountable the clergy leadership for the work of Christ through the United Methodist Church in New England.

We are clergy and lay colleagues entrusted by the Conference to fulfill this mission.

We are accountable to God, our Creator, to do all the good we can, to do no harm, and to stay in love with God.

We honor the life, time, and gifts of each colleague and candidate, and the Body of Christ we serve by:

- Being prayerfully and thoroughly prepared for the work of each gathering.
- Being fully present for the work of the gathered board from beginning to end, unless presented by family or parish emergencies.
- Praying between gatherings, for the board, its leaders, and those in its care, as well as the churches we serve. We pray for our bishop and cabinet as we serve together.
- Reflecting critically on our work and experiences in holy conferencing.

We hold as essential the values of confidentiality, integrity, fairness, honesty and compassion in our interview of candidates and our deliberations and work together.

We commit ourselves to this covenant for the cause of Christ and the good of our church.

** If life events or circumstances make it difficult for a member of the Board to commit to the covenant, the member should communicate with the Board Co-Chairs and the Bishop. Together they will discern whether resignation from the Board should be considered.*