

CODE OF ETHICS

Adopted 10/27/04

1. We are dedicated to the students, faculty and staff of the Michigan State University.
 - A. We affirm Michigan State University's guarantee to students of the rights, privileges and freedoms of all citizens. In particular, we support the regulations and guidelines which emphasize fair treatment and respect for integrity, judgement, and contribution of the individual student, as presented in the MSU Student Handbook and the Personnel Handbook.
 - B. We affirm that any persuasive effort that restricts a student's religious freedom to choose is unethical.
 - C. We will be sensitive to the academic responsibilities of students in planning and promoting our student activities.
 - D. When promoting our ministry, we will clearly identify ourselves and our affiliation; we will be forthright in our goals in ministering.
2. We are dedicated to upholding The Michigan State University programs and policies:
 - A. We view ourselves as cooperative members of the University community and will act as a part of it.
 - B. When exercising our freedom to question or dispute the University program or policies we will do so in a peaceful and professional manner.
 - C. We will encourage our religious student organizations to know and follow procedures and policies in the MSU Student Handbook and the "Guidelines" for recognized student groups.
 - D. All advertising will clearly identify our sponsoring religious organization.
3. We are dedicated to respecting other campus ministries at Michigan State University.
 - A. We affirm the value of a collegial relationship between RAA members.
 - B. The RAA exists to improve communication between the various religious groups which minister to the University community. As members, we will demonstrate respect for our colleagues in RAA and will take initiative in (1) raising questions when appropriate and in an appropriate manner, and (2) resolving misunderstandings which may arise. The Executive Committee may, if deemed necessary, facilitate resolution of such misunderstandings or problems which may arise between members through appointment of a committee charged with such a purpose.
 - C. The RAA endeavors to speak to the University community on matters regarding religion, human values, morality and individual rights. In such circumstances as an anticipated action of a member may compromise the integrity, image or efficacy of the Association by reason of that member's affiliation with the RAA, that member is responsible for clarifying the anticipated action with the Executive Committee and/or with the RAA.
 - D. We will assume the sincerity and good will of RAA members. In case of reported misunderstandings, we will assume proper motives and investigate with such expectations. We will grant one another the benefit of the doubt.