



EPPN Ambassador Code of Conduct

I, _____, as an Episcopal Public Policy Network Ambassador, recognize the requirements outlined in this code of conduct and commit to adhering to them while in this program.

I will,

- Use language that is **respectful**, communicated in a **civil manner**, and express **curiosity**, without demeaning, for opposing ideas. This is not meant as a platform for debating my views.
- Follow tenets from the Civil Discourse Curriculum, in particular:
 - **Respect** – Respect each person I encounter and take time to truly consider what they are saying.
 - **Try to understand** – Try to understand the thoughts and ideas of others. Ask questions for clarification. Sometimes we may be discussing the same concept, yet use different words.
 - **Speak with Humility** – I may not know everything about a topic at hand, and my experience may be different than the other person's. I will lean into my knowledge, personal experience, and expertise, but remain open to the truth others are sharing.
 - **Gratitude** – If what someone has shared or asked helps with my own learning, I will express gratitude.
- Take actionable steps to maintain an environment of maturity and love. Should a person I engage with use explicitly abusive or offensive language, I will not respond in kind, and I will remove myself from the conversation. I will report this interaction to the manager of the EPPN Ambassador Program for assistance.
- Remain focused on federal level advocacy only per the guidance from the Office of Government Relations (OGR). Engaging in other advocacy is perfectly acceptable (and encouraged), but not within the activities of an EPPN Ambassador.
- Adhere to General Convention (GC) and Executive Council (EC) resolutions exclusively, following OGR's guidance as provided.
- Keep confidential any information received from OGR that is marked as confidential.
- Do my best to fulfill the responsibilities of being an Ambassador, recognizing that this is a creative, fluid and flexible program that will vary based on local interest, issues being addressed, and implementing new ideas.
- Avoid any partisan work or language, meaning no calls of support for or denouncing political candidates or political parties.
- Remember that this work is grounded in the fulfilling work of bridge building, relationships, justice and healing that we are called to do in our Christian tradition as followers of Jesus.

Ambassador's name

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Date

Ambassador Coordinator name

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