

Our Covenant to One Another

The Creative Arts Ministries Team

We, the staff of the Creative Arts Ministry at Bridgeway Community Church, commit to diligently preserving the unity of the Spirit, by first and foremost walking with God, being continually filled with the Holy Spirit and taking the whole of scripture into account when seeking to understand and apply a Biblical view of Body Life.

We also realize as fallen believers in desperate need of grace, that we will fail to fully live up to the values in this covenant - and yet, we commit to pushing past our shortcomings, repenting of our mistakes and aspire to these precious values with great passion.

- I will not speak a negative word about you to any staff or volunteer, before coming to you first.
- After processing with the Lord, if I still feel frustrated, hurt or annoyed by you -- I will come to you as soon as possible with my thoughts.
- I will embrace conflict with you as a sign of my commitment to you and each member of this team. In light of my desire for unity, I will treat regular and ongoing conflict resolution as a normal part of our staff environments, ministry, and life.
- I will not assume that I know what is going on within your heart. I commit to asking clarifying questions before jumping to conclusions. I commit to believing the best in regard to your motives, decisions, and actions.
- I will speak to you kindly and with the utmost of respect and dignity.
- I will not withdraw from you. In our differences, disagreements, or preferences - I commit to moving toward you as my friend.
- I will value and prioritize my relationship with you before volunteers, congregants, or tasks.
- Knowing that I am incomplete without you, I will make time for you - trying my best to respond quickly to your initiative with me.
- I will pursue time with you in the margins - incorporating “fun with my CAM friends” into my life.

- If I see something in your life that I believe does not reflect or honor Christ, I will care enough about you to humbly bring that to your attention.
- I will conscientiously seek to encourage you in a heartfelt and sincere way that will stimulate you to love and good deeds.
- I commit myself to praying for you, seeing the ministry of intercession as one of the most loving things I could ever do for you.
- If I see you have an emotional, relational, or physical need, I will prayerfully consider how I can best tangibly minister to you.
- As I seek to resolve tension with you, I will commit to being first concerned with how I have wronged you, before examining how you have wronged me.
- When you come to me with a concern or criticism, I commit to being open and receptive to your input, assuming there is a good reason for your initiative with me.
- As we interact, I will look not only as to how I can give to you, but eagerly seek the blessing of receiving from you.
- Knowing that God has uniquely created you to be who you are, I will seek to encourage you in your particular strengths, giftedness, and opinions - without trying to make you become like me.
- I commit to give you verbal expressions of appreciation. If I am encouraged by your life, growth, successes, decisions, or gestures - I will not rob you of the joy of hearing how you have blessed me.
- I commit to knowing, understanding, and appreciating you, not only as a fellow laborer, but as a friend as well.

I _____ agree together with my fellow CAM Team members on this _____ day of _____,
 (Print Name) (Month)

2017 to depend on God as I willingly and lovingly seek to fulfill this covenant to the best of my ability.

Signature: _____