

# Commitment to Highest Ideals of Christian Life

## Certified Lay Ministers – (CLM)

I, \_\_\_\_\_, agree for the sake of the mission of Jesus Christ in the world and the most effective witness of the gospel, and in consideration of my influence as a Certified Lay Minister, to make a complete dedication of myself to the highest ideals of the Christian life as set forth in ¶¶ 102-104; 160-166 of the *United Methodist Discipline*, which I have read.

To this end, I shall exercise responsible self-control by my personal habits conducive to bodily health, mental and emotional maturity, fidelity in marriage and celibacy in singleness, social responsibility, and growth in grace and the knowledge and love of God.

I further understand that as a layperson, I have not been granted sacramental authority in the church. To this end, I agree that I will not perform baptisms or consecrate Holy Communion.

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(Candidate) (Date)

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(Pastor as Witness) (Date)

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(Original Received by Chair of dCOM) (Date)

The Candidate must sign this agreement in the presence of his/her pastor

The pastor will sign as a witness

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