

**Recognizing that any honest effort to change the landscape and bring change to the world requires that we begin with changing ourselves, the Cabinet has entered into this relational covenant and adopted this mission statement:**

[Conference] Cabinet  
Mission Statement and Relational Covenant

*Our mission as a community of servant leaders is to strengthen ministry in [the conference], changing the landscape of the United Methodist Church so that as many persons as possible are reached with the good news of Jesus Christ.*

**The values to which we commit ourselves in this endeavor include the following:**

As a community of faith, we hold one another in the highest **esteem**, intentionally creating an environment of **trust, openness, flexibility, kindness** and **confidentiality**. We value the **synergy** of our group, the collective wisdom, learning and support that are greater than any of us possess alone. Our **availability** to one another underscores the value we place upon working **cooperatively** and as a **team**.

**We live out these values, relating to one another in these ways:**

The atmosphere in which we work 's permeated with prayer, humor, compassion and forgiveness. We are free to build one another up and to openly admit our mistakes and failures as we seek to accomplish challenging work in the: service of Christ.

As members of the Cabinet we have particular responsibilities, but we are not territorial: we commit ourselves to stay engaged with every task until all needs are met. We do not withdraw from any process until all concerns are addressed. Likewise, decisions that we make belong to all so that our differences are not a source of divisiveness among us.

Sharing information is a critical part of our work as a community and we seek to be open with one another, not withholding any pertinent data regarding the churches, ministry, stewardship and pastors in our care. We also seek to be sensitive to new members of the Cabinet, providing them with as much information as possible to make their transition as smooth as possible.

We treasure the leadership of our Bishop and recognize that he/she sets the tone and direction for our work. We regard the opportunity to work collegially as General and District Superintendents, Council Director and Treasurer-Comptroller as both a challenging endeavor and a high honor.