

OPP 1.3 – GENERAL PROSCRIPTIVE LIMITATIONS

PURPOSE: To outline the General Proscriptive Limitations that Round Rock Christian Church as an organization will follow. Proscriptive Limitations are the boundaries or limits that both the organization and its participants agree to work within.

PROSCRIPTIVE LIMITATIONS

All teams, ministries, D-D-M Groups and members of the congregation:

- No team, ministry, D-D-M Group or member of the congregation representing Round Rock Christian Church will function outside of the bedrock beliefs, core values, vision, and mission of Round Rock Christian Church.
- No cell member or paid or non paid staff may act in any way to break any local, state or federal laws or enter into agreements that encumber the church with potential or actual litigation.
- Cannot agree to any legal contract for the church without consent of the congregation.
- No interactions may take place without respect for confidentiality, safety and security.
- No more than three months will lapse without a team meeting to review its activities of past three months and plans for next three months without giving public notice.

Development team

- Cannot recommend any leader for training unless engaged in a process of spiritual learning and growth.
- No visitor can worship more than once without receiving a clear presentation of congregational mission, core values, bedrock beliefs and motivating vision.

Training team:

- No person may be a team member without specific training in assessing risk.
- Training team availability should not be limited to time of day or day of the week.
- Cannot delegate training opportunities without support of the development team and administrative team.
- Cannot fail to respond to any call elicited by the spirit from a church participant.
- No training will take place that is not within the scope of PALS.
- Cannot provide coaching without discussion of risks and learning from failure.

Administrative team:

- Cannot provide financial support to any ministry or group without a clear strategy for assessing risk and learning from mistakes.
- Cannot resource any leader who is not gifted, called and trained.
- Cannot allow any ministry to block another ministry within the core values, bedrock beliefs, motivating vision of the congregation.
- No decisions regarding financial payments outside the scope of the budget without congregational approval.
- No assignment of church resources financial or physical without fair and equal consideration of all groups or ministries.

- No budget will be prepared without funding to support or drive D-D-M Group development.

D-D-M Groups:

- No D-D-M Group will be allowed to operate without a Participant's Perspective Covenant.
- No D-D-M Group will be allowed to continue with the support and resources of the congregation for more 2 months without a trained leader.
- Age and gender may not be used to determine membership in a D-D-M Group.
- D-D-M Group participation may not be limited to RRCC members.
- No D-D-M Group may operate without spiritual growth and Christian education as part of its stated purpose for being.
- No one may lead a D-D-M Group who does not consistently attend RRCC worship services (at least twice a month).
- No D-D-M Group will receive the support of the congregation without meeting at least monthly and having a minimum of three members.
- No D-D-M Group will conduct its meetings without using the PALS process.
- No events scheduled or assignment of church property or other resources will take place without approval of the administrative team.
- Each D-D-M Group will assess their activities and disclose a summary of purpose, past activities and future activities no less than once a year to the congregation
- D-D-M Group funding is not limited to funds received through the RRCC budget.
- No visitor can worship more than once without receiving a clear presentation of congregational mission, core values, bedrock beliefs and motivating vision.

DEFINITIONS:

D-D-M Groups - D-D-M Groups are three categories of small groups. Each group type may fluctuate among any or all of the categories due to spiritual growth:

Discovery Groups:

People learn about themselves, their relationships with others and with God.

Destiny Groups:

People discern their calling whereby they can fulfill themselves, give more to others, and take an active part in God's plan.

Mission Teams:

People fulfill gifts and callings through simultaneous witness and service

Proscriptive Limits - Proscriptive limits describe what cannot be done without describing in detail how something should be done. By describing a "negative" limit, the positive becomes possible. For example, the following is a Proscriptive limitation: No team or group will function outside of the bedrock beliefs, core values, vision, and mission of Round Rock Christian Church. As long as the activity or group operates within the limitation it is free to be creative.

AUTHORITY: *Section III A and Section XI of the Bylaws of Round Rock Christian Church. The Guiding Board determines the policy boundaries of the church as representatives of the congregation and by the authority granted to it under the Constitution and Bylaws of Round Rock Christian Church.*

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