



# STATEMENT OF ETHICS

Adventist Volunteer Service

[www.adventistvolunteers.org](http://www.adventistvolunteers.org)

## MY MISSION

My mission as an Adventist Volunteer is to proclaim to all peoples the everlasting gospel, in the context of the three angels' messages of Revelation 14:6-12, to lead them to accept Jesus as their personal Savior, to encourage them to unite with His church, to train them to be disciples, and to prepare them for His soon return.

## MY RESPONSIBILITIES

As an Adventist Volunteer I believe that:

I am responsible first to God, my Creator, to reflect His character and exhibit His love.

I am responsible to the community in which I live and also to the world community to let them know about the gospel.

I am responsible to my fellow church members for the decisions I make as a steward and for the trust they place in me.

I am responsible to treat each of my fellow workers with dignity and respect.

## MY VALUES

1. I value the Bible as the primary reference for life's direction and qualities.
2. I value:
  - excellence in all that I do.
  - ethical and moral conduct at all times and in all relationships.
  - creativity and innovation in the completion of my mission.
  - honesty, integrity, and courage as the foundation of all my actions.
  - the trust placed in me by my fellow church members.
  - people as children of God and therefore brothers and sisters of one family.

## MY ETHICAL RESPONSIBILITIES

I recognize that service in the Seventh-day Adventist Church implies commitment to the organization's mission and concurrence with its responsibilities and values. My reasonable service as a volunteer includes the following ethical responsibilities:

1. A life consistent with church message and mission. I will live in a manner consistent with the beliefs and values of the Seventh-day Adventist Church as stated in the *Seventh-day Adventist Church Manual* and I will uphold in word and conduct its teachings and principles.

2. Respect for Church assets. I will respect the property of the organization including any intellectual property that is developed in the course of my service. I will use the property, facilities, and resources solely for the benefit of the organization unless otherwise permitted or when financial compensation for such use has been arranged.
3. Respect for colleagues and leaders. I will respect and uplift my colleagues and those in authority. I will refrain from intentionally placing them in a position of embarrassment, disrespect, or harassment. I will avoid all behavior that may be construed as sexually inappropriate. I will honor the privacy and guard the safety of others.
4. Efficiency and attention. My time shall be honestly devoted to the assignments entrusted to me. I will avoid activities that could impair my performance. I will aspire to efficiency and reduction of waste in time, effort, and resources.
5. Personal integrity in financial matters. I will not engage in theft or embezzlement of any kind including the misuse of expense accounts, falsification of reports, or the misapplication of resources for which I am responsible.
6. Avoiding inappropriate influence. I will neither offer nor receive gifts, favors, payments, or other forms of reward directly or indirectly in exchange for a specific gain or action.
7. Maintaining an ethical environment. I will maintain ethical standards in my personal life and in the work place. I believe my responsibility is to report, through established confidential channels, any behavior that is inappropriate or which undermines an ethical environment.
  - § I will not drink alcohol, smoke, or use any illegal drugs.
  - § I will faithfully observe the seventh commandment, abstaining from sexual relations, if single, and remaining faithful to my spouse, if married.
  - § I will be respectful of the culture in which I am serving, being mindful that local norms regarding such things as Sabbath observance and dress and adornment may be different than that to which I am accustomed.

NB Your signature of compliance with the above Statement of Ethics is required. See the separate Declaration Form to sign and submit with your completed application form. Keep this Statement of Ethics with you while on assignment.

