

11.1 CODE OF ETHICS & MINISTRY PRACTICE

The Code of Ethics and Ministry Practice for Ministers in the Uniting Church in Australia state the Church's requirements in relation to the conduct and accountability of its ministers. This applies to Candidates, Community Ministers, Deacons, Deaconesses, Interns, Lay Pastors, Ministers of the Word, Pastors, Youth Workers and Ministers from another denomination serving in an approved placement (Reg 2.9.5).

The current policy for *Code of Ethics & Ministry Practice* (July 2009) is available at http://assembly.uca.org.au/images/stores/Regulations/A5.Code_of_Ethics_2010_UPDATED.pdf

The Code of Ethics deals with the following areas:

- The Pastoral Relationship
- Professional Conduct
- Particular Relationships
- Gifts and Fees
- Relationship with the Law
- Working within Institutions, Organisations, the Wider Church or with other professions
- Breach of Code of Ethics

Training

Code of Ethics training is organised regularly by the Uniting Church in Western Australia (at least once each year) and also in rural areas if the need arises. It is expected that Ministers should undertake a 'refresher' course every three (3) years.