Covenant of Integrity and Authenticity

We, the current and former students of the Emory University Course of Study School, call upon all current and future students to live within the bounds of our commitment to each other, Emory University, our ministries, and to God, by affirming the following:

- Jesus Called upon us to speak, write, and live honestly and openly so that each one’s life is transparent and open to the strictest of scrutiny. “But let your word be, Yes, yes or No, no” Matthew 5:37a (NRSV).
- Paul affirmed this concept of personal integrity and stated further the importance of every person doing his or her own work. “For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat.” (II Thessalonians 3:10 (NRSV)

Unfortunately, plagiarism has become a problem in our society. Whether accidental or intentional, this is a practice that is not acceptable for pastors or professionals of any type. So that there is perfect clarity, we unanimously affirm and concur with the Emory Student Honor and Conduct Code (you should find and read this on the website!). Moreover, we ask you, the called men and women of God for ministry in God’s Church, to affirm your commitment to, and willingness to live by, its precepts, including but not limited to:

- Doing your own work
- Not copying, using or borrowing work from someone else, the internet, or a book
- Not paying someone to do your work
- Not paying someone for their work

All students of the Course of Study are expected to uphold the highest standards, as befits our standing as ministers of the faith, and to order every facet of our life and work within the Course of Study in view of that high calling on our lives.

Therefore, it is now a requirement each year to have a signed statement from each student on file prior to any precourse work being accepted, verifying that she/he understand these rules. Please copy the statement below, in your own handwriting, into the space provided, date and sign it. A copy/scan of this document must accompany your registration paperwork before registration can be completed.

Honor Code Covenant

I do hereby covenant, and verify by the signing of my name, that the course work I will turn in to the Course of Study School at Candler School of Theology, Emory University, will represent my own individual work. This I do on my honor as a pastor in The United Methodist Church.

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Signature

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Date