

Speakers' Code of Ethics for the United Church of God-Germany

It is both an honor and a great responsibility to serve the Church of God as a speaker in church services.

The following Code of Ethics applies to everyone assigned by the United Church of God-Germany to speak at official functions of the church (Sabbath and Holy Day services, adult, youth and children's Bible Studies, discussion groups, etc.).

As a speaker at official functions of the United Church of God-Germany, I recognize and accept my obligation:

1. to nurture my personal relationship with God;
2. to live an exemplary Christian life according to the standards of the Holy Scriptures, realizing that my example as a speaker is not limited to the time when I fulfil this function, but includes my entire life as a Christian;
3. to accept the Holy Scriptures as the highest authority in matters of doctrine and to study them regularly;
4. to be familiar with the fundamental beliefs and other basic teachings of the United Church of God and to express myself in my speaking assignments in such a manner as to never question these fundamental beliefs and basic teachings;
5. to think first of the needs of the church in choosing my speaking topics and in so doing to contribute to the spiritual growth of the church;
6. to allow sufficient time for preparing my messages in order to fulfil my assignment responsibly;
7. to keep personal differences of opinion concerning the fundamental beliefs and basic teachings of the church to myself or to communicate them to the proper church authority via the approved procedure for submitting doctrinal questions.