



Policy Statement for Those Involved in Public Ministry

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Among the many privileges God's grants to His children is the opportunity to minister to others in the local assembly in order that together we may all "grow into Him in all things" (Ephesians 4:15). Service to our fellow believers presupposes our love for them and our desire to see them encouraged in their walk with the Lord. Ministry to God's people should be the expression of heartfelt gratitude to our Savior. In other words, ministry in the assembly is not only an act but also an attitude.

With this in mind, we ask of those involved in public ministry at FreeWay Bible Chapel that they abide by the following principles and practices:

- That one be in assembly fellowship. This means the individual will be a baptized believer and in agreement with the FairWay Bible Chapel's Declaration of Fellowship.
- That one's actions and attire be such as not to draw attention to himself or herself. The object of our ministry is to give glory to God.
- That as much as it lies within one's power, that he or she be at peace with his or her fellow believers. "Therefore let us pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify another" (Romans 14:19).
- That one voluntarily withdraw from public ministry if his or her heart is not right with the Lord.
- That if one is not able to fulfill his or her obligation, the individual will find a substitute in timely fashion.
- With regard to the woman in public ministry, she is asked to prayerfully consider the assembly policy on the head-covering. The assembly position is that the head-covering is a visible sign that the woman acknowledges her submission to male leadership. In similar fashion, the man must not wear a hat or cap, in this way acknowledging that he is in submission to the Lord.
- That one remember that his or her ultimate reward will come from the Lord Himself.

Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. Hebrews 12:28