

# Town Pastor – Code of Practice

Town Pastors agree to work by the Core Values of the Town Pastor Scheme and in particular:-

- Treat everybody that I meet with respect and dignity
- Ensure that their welfare and safety is paramount at all times, prioritising their basic human needs in any given situation
- Primarily listen to their needs, cares and concerns and respond accordingly as the opportunity arises
- Always act in an appropriate way (behaviour and language), being aware that I am a representative of Christ and His Church

Town Pastors must also agree to follow this Code of Practice

- The Town Pastor agrees to submit to and respect the authority of the Team Leader
- Team Leaders will direct in general where the pairs will operate
- Designated pairs **MUST** stay together and look out for their partner, never be alone with any person or group
- Town Pastors must wear the designated uniform
- Evangelistic conversations may only be initiated by those we meet
- Prayer may be offered with discretion allowing the contact to stay in control
- Town Pastors should engage in prayer as they move around the town, and keep the prayer team informed
- Do not give out personal details – only the Town Pastor contact details
- Where follow up is necessary – inform the Team Leader or co-ordinator
- Maintain brief notes of all contacts, situations or activities, to be made available to the Team Leader at debrief
- On **NO** account give money.
- Only Town Pastor authorised literature may be distributed on the streets
- Avoid instigating physical contact - Only use physical contact if absolutely necessary
- Gifts such as chocolate and water should be used with discretion
- Where there is a clear risk of violence withdraw and call for the police
- Liaise with the police and follow advice given by them
- Abide by the Town Pastor's protocol agreed with the police
- Maintain friendly relationships with police officers whilst being seen to be independent
- Maintain vigilance for especially vulnerable people
- Maintain confidentiality other than where there is a threat to others (see protocol)
- Make contact with door staff and support them in their work