

TEN COMMITMENTS

1 INTRODUCTION

The official code-of-conduct in the Anglican Church of Australia is *Faithfulness in Service (FIS)*. People who hold any role (staff or volunteer) in the Anglican Church of Australia must read and abide by this code.

The following code-of-conduct is more general than *FIS*. It's designed for every church member, and (unlike *FIS*) addresses internal convictions as well as external behaviour (e.g. exclusively worshipping God).

This code-of-conduct is based on the Ten Commandments, because even though we are 'not under law but under grace' (Romans 6.15) Christians have always recognised their value as a help for Christian living.

2 TEN COMMITMENTS

1	I will worship the God of the Bible exclusive of any other religion or spirituality. I. 'You shall have no other gods before me.'	6	I will support the physical, emotional and spiritual well-being of other people. VI. 'You shall not murder.'
2	I will uphold Holy Scripture as the highest authority in matters of life and doctrine. II. 'You shall not make for yourself a carved image...'	7	I will honour biblically-defined marriage as the only God-ordained setting for sexuality. VII. 'You shall not commit adultery.'
3	I will show reverence and love for God in my speech and in my behaviour. III. 'You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain...'	8	I will work, according to my ability, to support myself, my family and my church. VIII. 'You shall not steal.'
4	I will take regular, God-centered rest, incl. private prayer and corporate worship. IV. 'Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.'	9	I will speak the truth in love, especially to encourage and protect other people. IX. 'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.'
5	I will respect the leaders whom God has established in the home, church and state. V. 'Honour your father and your mother...'	10	I will pursue a lifestyle of contentment, simplicity, generosity and thanksgiving. X. 'You shall not covet...'