



## International Christian Maritime Association

### CODE OF CONDUCT

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Membership of ICMA carries an obligation to abide by the Constitution of the Association and of this Code of Conduct.

#### **The Mission of ICMA :**

*The seafarers of the world remind us of the ultimate purpose of all God's plans: " And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come" (Matthew 24,14 NIV). In a fragmented and divided society, it is ICMA 's mission to promote unity, peace and tolerance. ICMA was founded for promoting and co-ordinating Christian ecumenical co-operation in maritime ministry.*

Chaplains and staff of all ICMA Member Societies at local, national and international level are therefore to:

- a) Show an unconditional love to the seafarer as a human being, created in the image of God, and a sincere respect for her/his personal values and beliefs;
- b) Serve seafarers and their dependants of all nationalities, religions, cultures, language, sex or race;
- c) Fight prejudice, intolerance and injustice of any kind;
- d) Respect the diversity of ICMA Members and Churches and to develop that which unites them ;
- e) Respect the loyalty of those engaged in maritime ministry to their particular ecclesiastical discipline and tradition; and refrain from proselytising seafarers
- f) Co-operate with persons, organisations and institutions, Christian or non-Christian, which work for the welfare of seafarers.

Signature : .....

Name and position: .....

Organisation : .....

Date: .....