

A Concern for Unity among Our Staff

Just before Jesus left this earth his prayer centered on being one. "Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one." Our enemy the devil does seek to divide us (divide and conquer us). When you speak ill of another staff member you are dividing us. We all have faults that are visible. The Bible also says that "love covers a multitude of sins." By not spreading gossip about a hurt you received to another you are "covering the offender." Another famous verse, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." When an offense comes, and it will, go to the individual and seek to heal it don't spread the offense. I have included an excellent interpersonal passage from Ephesians 4 from the J. B. Phillips translation.

Eph. 4:25-27; 29-32.

²⁵ Finish, then, with lying and tell your neighbor the truth. For we are not separate units but intimately related to each other in Christ.

²⁶⁻²⁷ If you are angry, be sure that it is not out of wounded pride or bad temper. Never go to bed angry—don't give the devil that sort of foothold. ²⁹ Let there be no more foul language, but good words instead—words suitable for the occasion, which God can use to help other people.

³⁰ Never hurt the Holy Spirit. He is, remember, the personal pledge of your eventual full redemption.

³¹⁻³² Let there be no more resentment, no more anger or temper, no more violent self-assertiveness, no more slander and no more malicious remarks, Be kind to each other, be understanding. Be as ready to forgive others as God for Christ's sake has forgiven you.

We need to make a paradigm shift in the way we treat others. Please make these efforts a matter of prayer and practice. (Reference South Side Mission Policy Manual page 14, Communication and/or Grievance Procedure/Conflict Resolution Policy)

Thank you,

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As an employee of South Side Mission, you are required to read, understand, and agree to the attached documents entitled "A Concern for Unity Among Our Staff". If you have any questions about content or would like to discuss, please request a meeting with your supervisor for clarification.

By signing below, you are acknowledging that you have read, understood, agreed with, and will comply with all aspects of the document without reservation.

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