



## International Christian Maritime Association

*[Jesus said], "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." (Matthew 22:37-39)*

### ICMA Code of Conduct

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 God's love for humanity and creation. In a complex and fragmented world, it is ICMA's mission to promote unity, peace, and a respect for diversity. ICMA was founded for promoting and co-ordinating Christian ecumenical cooperation in maritime ministry.

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

- A. Show an unconditional love to seafarers as human beings, created in the image of God, conveying a sincere respect for their personal values and beliefs, while refraining from proselytism, which is a coercive imposition of religion;
- B. Serve seafarers and their dependants, regardless of nationality, political opinion, religion, culture, language, gender, sexual orientation, or ethnic origin;
- C. Respect the diversity of ICMA Members' ecclesiastical traditions and endeavour to celebrate and elevate that which unites its membership;
- D. Cooperate with persons, organisations and institutions, both faith-based and secular, which work to enhance the well-being of seafarers; and
- E. Advocate on behalf of seafarers utilising appropriate channels, e.g., ILO, IMO, governmental entities, and other bodies, to advance seafarer welfare.

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