



WEST VIRGINIA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MISSION TEAM TO OAK HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

CODE OF ETHICS FOR TRAVELERS

CODE OF ETHICS FOR MEMBERS OF THE MISSION TEAM TO
OAK HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Travel in the spirit of humility and with a genuine desire to learn more about people in Oak Hill and Fayette County.

Be sensitive to the feelings of others, thus preventing what might be offensive behavior on your part. This is especially true when you want to take photos. PLEASE ASK PERMISSION.

Cultivate the habit of listening and observing, rather than merely hearing and seeing.

Realize that people in Oak Hill and Fayette County may have customs that are different from yours. They are not better, nor are they worse. Only different.

Be open to discover the richness of seeing a different way of life through the eyes of those you serve.

Be careful not to know all the answers. Cultivate the good habit of asking questions.

Remember, you may not be the only team visiting in Oak Hill. Do not expect special privileges.

When you are interacting in the community (shopping, etc.), remember your actions will reflect on The United Methodist Church.

DO NOT! And I repeat DO NOT! Make any promises to the people you are working with unless you are certain that you:

1. truly want to carry through on them.
2. are capable of carrying through on them.

Spend your time reflecting on your daily experiences to deepen your understanding of others and your own self-awareness.

Be yourself. Be genuine. Be open. You are coming to serve, learn and share.

Please remember that the people on whose homes you work may be victims of high unemployment and may be experiencing economic hardship. You will need to be sensitive to their circumstances.