

## Our Basic Commitments

We believe as disciples of Jesus Christ, who is the Word made flesh and dwelling among, we must offer our thoughts and deeds to God who is all-powerful and loving. We are fully committed to sharing God's Word, Work, Witness, Spirituality, and Strength with all of humanity by living and moving with love and kindness:

a. **To Our Members:** We will provide spiritual growth and development. The Kingdom of God on earth is the sovereign reward for the accomplishment of every aspect of our ministries. We are fully committed to the teachings of the Word of God as revealed in the Holy Bible, the Holy Qur'an, and the teachings of our ancestors.

b. **To Each Other:** Each of us is entitled to and will be treated with dignity and respect. We will deal fairly and openly with each other as individuals and provide encouragement to promote each individual's talents. Each of us must act with integrity and adhere to the highest standards of Christian values and teachings.

c. **To Others:** We will respect and speak honorably of our fellow brothers and sisters who are not members of the AACC for we are all on the same accord in the struggle for eternal life in the Kingdom of God. We will be a responsible spiritual family in the communities of the children of God.

d. **To Humanity and Excellence:** Human Dignity is the most basic principle governing relationships between people. Compassion and understanding must be present in the conduct of every ministry undertaken by our Congregation. We are committed to the full nature and mature growth of every person. We will, at all times, remain committed to the relevance of excellence in our homes, in our Temple, on our jobs, and in all things that we do individually and collectively.

e. **To Growth and Tithing:** We will consistently increase our tithes and offerings in order to maintain financial solvency. We will grow profitably in order to meet our responsibilities to our members, staff, priests, deacons, bishops, and others with whom we do business.

f. **To Our Community:** We will strive to provide our community with consistently superior role models measured against the teachings of the laws of God and governed by the Holy Spirit. Christian behavior will be present in every aspect of our daily lives.

We believe the AACC is "The House built on Faith, Truth, Strength, and Love." As we grow, as we put additions onto that House, each of us must exercise great care not to give less attention to the foundation of faith than did our ancestors. "For Faith is the substance of thing, hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." (Hebrews 11:1-2)