

AI ETHICS COLLECTIVE SAMPLE CHARTER



**AI FOR
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The AI Ethics Collective (the Collective) is a pioneering initiative that exists to address a vital need at the crossroads of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Christian faith. As AI continues to shape the future across industries, the AI Ethics Collective works to ensure AI is used ethically, responsibly, and in accordance with our Christian beliefs, all to the glory of God.

1. Purpose

A collaborative community designed to explore, understand, and address the ethical implications of AI within the context of Christian faith, the central purpose of the Collective is to identify how AI can be ethically leveraged to further the Great Commission, advancing the gospel and the mission of the Church.

2. Goals & Objectives

1. Encourage thoughtful and informed dialogue about the intersection of AI and Christian ethics.
2. Promote responsible AI development and deployment, ensuring it aligns with Christian values and principles.
3. Advocate for AI applications that aid in spreading the message of the gospel and aiding in Christian service.
4. Equip churches with the knowledge and tools necessary to use AI ethically and effectively.

3. Guiding Principles

The Collective follows four guiding principles to meet our objectives:

- **Biblical Integrity:** The Collective seeks to align all AI applications and discussions with the teachings and principles of the Bible.
- **Transparency:** The Collective seeks to inspire openness and honesty in all dealings, particularly in the use of AI and its potential impact on Christian's spiritual health and freedoms.

- **Human Centricity:** The Collective values the sanctity of human life and dignity, affirming that AI should augment and enhance human flourishing, not replace or degrade it.
- **Safety:** The Collective encourages the safe and responsible use of AI, ensuring that all risks are properly addressed, mitigated, and communicated.

4. Roles & Responsibilities

Led by a 15-member board composed of diverse Christian leaders across denominations and sectors, the Collective also, from time to time, relies on the support of Christian volunteers.

- **Board Member:** Signs on for a two-year term which includes attendance at a quarterly virtual meeting, and regular participation and discussion in the private AI Ethics Collective Board Member Slack channel.
- **Collective Volunteer:** Signs on to support on an as-needed basis. A list of the types of support required will be provided.
- **Collective Member:** Any church that agrees to commit to the ethical standards laid out by the Collective (see section 7), and does so by signing the AI Church Commitment

5. Relationship to Churches

The Collective operates as a free resource for all churches interested in the intersection of AI, Christianity, and ethics. Collaborative, the Collective seeks to provide guidelines, knowledge, and best-practice resources, while respecting each church's autonomy and unique context.

6. Decision Making & Conflict Resolution

The Board of Directors makes key decisions related to strategic directions, and provides talking points for churches to use in regards to emerging ethical issues related to Christianity and AI.

An ever-changing space with a variety of viewpoints, the Collective welcomes feedback from all churches in regards to our decisions and guidance. Feedback will always be taken back to the board for discussion.



7. AI Church Commitment

Churches participating as a Collective Member are asked to sign a commitment to uphold the ethical standards suggested by the Collective. This commitment affirms the church's dedication to operating with integrity, transparency, a human-centric focus, and safety in their use of AI.

Churches that sign on to participate as a Collective Member receive a Collective logo to add to their website, will receive AI Ethics Collective updates, and be listed on the Collective's "AI Ethics Church Commitment Network" page.

By signing this commitment, churches agree to hold themselves accountable to these standards, continually seeking to align their use of AI with the gospel's message and mission.

Shepherding AI: Christianity's Responsibility

Ensuring AI is used ethically, responsibly, and in accordance with our Christian beliefs, all to the glory of God, is of national importance. The AI Ethics Collective affirms our collective responsibility to this goal.

Member Church

Signature of Church Leader

Date

Church URL

City, State
