

# AI ETHICS COLLECTIVE SAMPLE AI ETHICAL GUIDELINES FOR CHRISTIAN CHURCHES



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## AI Ethics Collective Sample AI Ethical Guidelines for Christian Churches

The following guidelines, developed collaboratively with the AI Ethics Collective for Churches (the Collective), provide a framework for how artificial intelligence (AI) should be ethically applied within the context of Christian churches. These guidelines uphold fundamental Christian principles and are intended to apply universally, regardless of specific denomination.

### **Upholding Human Dignity and Life**

AI applications should always prioritize and respect human life and dignity. They should never be used for harmful purposes, nor used to discriminate against, or marginalize, any individual or group of people.

### **Loving Your Neighbor & Inclusive Participation**

AI should be employed to enhance community well-being, fostering unity instead of division. Furthermore, AI development should consider diverse perspectives, ensuring accessibility of its benefits to all.

### **Promoting Justice, Fairness, and Equality**

The development and deployment of AI should contribute to justice, fairness, and equality. Discrimination or perpetuation of inequality should never be an outcome of AI use.

### **Truthfulness & Transparency**

AI should provide accurate and reliable information, and its development and application should be open and accountable to the public. Churches should advocate for transparency in AI deployment and educate their communities about AI impacts.

### **Respecting Free Will & Confidentiality**

AI should not manipulate or control individuals against their will, infringe upon personal autonomy, or breach privacy rights. Unauthorized surveillance, data collection, or activities that compromise personal data should be avoided.

### **Stewardship of God's Creation**

The development and usage of AI should not harm the environment or deplete natural resources, reflecting our commitment to the stewardship of God's creation.

### **Caring for the Poor and Vulnerable**

AI should be harnessed to help those in need, especially the poor, the oppressed, and the vulnerable, and never to exploit or further marginalize these populations.

### **Promotion of Peace**

AI should contribute to peace, reconciliation, and the common good, and never be used for violence, war, or harm.

### **Encouragement of Human Interaction**

Despite the benefits of AI, human relationships should remain paramount. AI should never replace meaningful human interaction within the church community.

### **Using AI for Good and Being Mindful of Risks:**

AI should be utilized to promote the common good, aiding people in need, and improving sectors like healthcare, education, or environmental sustainability. Potential risks of misuse, such as spreading misinformation, creating deep fakes, or automating human-performed tasks, should be anticipated and mitigated.

### **Leveraging AI to Enhance Learning, Connection, and Service:**

AI can be employed to foster learning about the Bible and Christian theology, enhance connection and relationship-building within the church community, and assist in serving others by tracking community needs and matching volunteers appropriately.

## **A Fundamental Ethical Framework**

These guidelines should be adapted to the specific context of individual Christian churches or denominations, and considered as part of a wider dialogue on AI ethics involving secular and other faith-based perspectives. Through these guidelines, we aim to ensure that AI is used consistently with Christian values, promoting good and mitigating harm.