WESLEY'S COVENANT

John Wesley once felt the need of closer sympathy among the ministers, and together with twelve others, he signed the following covenant:

It is agreed by us whose names are underwritten:

- *First, that we will not listen or willingly inquire after any ill concerning each other;*
- *Secondly, that if we do hear any ill of each other, we will not be forward to believe it;*
- *Thirdly, that as soon as possible we will communicate what we hear by speaking or writing to the person concerned;*
- *Fourthly, that until we have done this, we will not write or speak a syllable of it to any person whatsoever;*
- *Fifthly, that neither will we mention it, after we have done this, to any other person;*
- *Sixthly, that we will not make any exception to any of these rules, unless we think ourselves absolutely obliged to do so.*

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