



Definitions of Temporary Pastoral Relationships – 2020

Stated Supply

A stated supply is a teaching elder appointed by the Presbytery, after consultation with the session, to perform the functions of a pastor in a congregation which is not seeking an installed pastor. The relation shall be established only by the Presbytery and shall extend for a period not to exceed twelve months at a time. A stated supply shall not be reappointed until the Presbytery, through its committee on ministry, has reviewed her or his effectiveness. A stated supply may, with Presbytery's approval, serve as moderator of the session.

Interim Pastor

An interim pastor is a teaching elder invited by the session of a congregation without an installed pastor to preach the Word, administer the Sacraments, and fulfill pastoral duties for a specified period not to exceed twelve months at a time, while the congregation is seeking a pastor. The interim pastor is expected to work with the congregation on the Five Developmental Tasks. Per COM, interim contracts are for one year. If additional contract time is needed, the COM will renew for six months. Renewals past that time are on a month-to-month basis. Any contract renewal beyond two years must show significant reasons for the extended length.

Interim Associate Pastor

An interim associate pastor is a teaching elder invited by the session of a congregation to perform the duties as described in her or his job description for a specified period not to exceed twelve months at a time while the congregation is either searching for an associate pastor or discerning a new staffing model. The interim associate pastor is not necessarily expected to work with the congregation on the five Developmental Tasks. Per COM, interim contracts are for one year. If additional contract time is needed, the COM will renew for six months. Renewals past that time are on a month-to-month basis. Any contract renewal beyond two years must show significant reasons for the extended length.

Temporary Supply

A temporary supply is a teaching elder secured by the session to conduct services when there is no pastor or the pastor is unable to perform pastoral duties. The session shall seek the counsel of Presbytery through its committee on ministry before securing a temporary supply.