

DEFINITIONS OF TEMPORARY PASTORAL RELATIONSHIPS

Presbytery of Cincinnati

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Stated Supply

A stated supply is a minister appointed by the presbytery, after consultation with the session, to perform the functions of a pastor in a church 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 minister invited by the session of a church 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 church is seeking a pastor. **The interim pastor is expected to work with the congregation on the Five Developmental Tasks. Contract renewals beyond two years must show significant reasons for the extended length.**

Interim Associate Pastor

An interim associate pastor is a minister invited by the session of a church 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 church is searching for an associate pastor. **The interim associate pastor is not necessarily expected to work with the congregation on the five Developmental Tasks. Contract renewals beyond two years must show significant reasons for the extended length.**

Temporary Supply

A temporary supply is a minister 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.