

PASTORAL CALL & COVENANT

This Call & Covenant between the congregation of _____ Church of _____, IN, the Reverend _____ and the Presbytery of Wabash Valley (PIN 100-736) is for the purpose of providing installed pastoral services to the _____ Church beginning _____.

DEFINITION

A permanent pastoral relationship of pastor or associate pastor, full or part-time, is established by vote of the presbytery or its committee on ministry to approve the call to a minister of the Word and Sacrament elected by vote of the congregation. A pastor or associate pastor is installed by the presbytery and is a member of the session. (G-14.0511)

ACCOUNTABILITY

The pastor is accountable to the session of the church and to the presbytery through its committee on ministry.

MUTUAL EXPECTATIONS

To provide prayer and spiritual support as members of the family of Christ.

It is agreed that if the congregation, the session, or the pastor experiences any suggestions, interference, or other difficulty with any former pastors of the church (installed or temporary), officers or members of the church, the matter will be dealt with promptly, and will be referred to the session and/or the committee on ministry. The session asks the pastor to deny any requests by, or for, any former pastor to conduct any services of worship, including baptisms, weddings, and funerals for any member.

EXPECTATIONS OF THE PASTOR

—Please list and detail the job expectations of the pastor. — _____

EXPECTATIONS OF THE SESSION

To provide support and collegial consultation in working with the pastor and the presbytery to establish goals for the present and future ministry of the church.

To review, feedback and support the pastor's work through any appropriate committee at least annually.

To negotiate time away from _____ Church by the pastor to fulfill responsibilities in the larger church, attend continuing education events and maintain personal care.

To negotiate a new call & covenant prior to the end of this call & covenant.

EXPECTATIONS OF THE PRESBTYERY

To provide support and consultative services to the pastor through the committee on ministry.

To assist the session and the pastor with emerging needs through the resources of the committees of presbytery.

FINANCIAL AND TIME PROVISIONS

—Please attach the “ANNUAL SALARY REPORT/CHANGE OF CALL” for the current year. —

TERMINATION PROVISIONS

The call approved by the presbytery cannot be changed or dissolved except by consent of the presbytery, at the request of the pastor or associate pastor, at the request of the church by action of the congregation, or when the presbytery, after consultation with the minister and the congregation, finds that the church’s mission under the Word imperatively demands it. (G-14.0511)

SIGNATURES

The session, being satisfied with the Reverend _____ qualification and trusting that _____ ministry in the Gospel will be to our spiritual benefit, hereby commits our congregation to this Call & Covenant and invites _____ to accept this position.

For the Congregation:

_____ Date _____

_____ Date _____

_____ Date _____

CERTIFICATION OF THE CALL

Action of the Congregation

Having moderated the congregational meeting which extended this call to the Rev. _____ for ministerial services, I do certify that the call has been made in all respects according to the rules laid down in the Form of Government, and that the persons who signed the foregoing call were authorized to do so by vote of the _____ Church.

Signed _____ Date _____

Action of the Committee on Ministry by the Church's Presbytery

This call has been reviewed by the Committee on Ministry which recommends that the Presbytery approve this call.

COM Moderator _____ Date _____

Action of the Church's Presbytery

This call was approved by the Presbytery of Wabash Valley through action taken by its Committee on Ministry as authorized by G-11.0502h.

Stated Clerk _____ Date _____

Action of the Candidate's Presbytery

This call has been reviewed by the Committee on Ministry which recommends that the Presbytery of _____ find it expedient to release _____ to accept this call.

Stated Clerk _____ Date _____

Action by the Candidate

This is to certify that I have received and accepted this call.

Signature _____ Date _____