

**Information:Forms of Pastoral Service**  
(See Book of Order )

**Permanent**

1. The permanent pastoral relations are pastor, co-pastor, and associate pastor, which are “installed” positions:
  - Pastor - solo pastor or Head of Staff.
  - Associate Pastor - staff member.
  - Co-Pastor - ministers who are called and installed with equal responsibility for pastoral ministry. Each shall be considered a pastor, and they may share duties within the congregation as agreed upon by the Session and the Presbytery.
2. A pastor or associate shall be elected by the vote of the congregation and the relationship between them shall be established by the Presbytery.
3. The “CALL” extended to a pastor or associate pastor shall be approved by the Presbytery and cannot be changed, except by consent of the Presbytery.

**Designated Pastor (see 4.3208)**

**Temporary Pastoral Relations** are stated supply, interim supply, and temporary supply which are not “installed” positions.

- **Stated Supply** - a stated supply pastor is a minister appointed by the Presbytery, after consultation with the Session, to perform the functions of pastor in a congregation which is not seeking an installed pastor. The relationship 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 re-appointed until the Presbytery, through its Committee on Ministry, has reviewed his/her effectiveness. No formal call shall be issued by the congregation, and no formal installation shall take place.
- **Interim Supply** - An interim supply is 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 an installed pastor. The Session may not secure an interim supply without the concurrence of Presbytery, through its Committee on Ministry. A minister may not be considered for, or be called as, the next pastor or associate pastor of a congregation served as interim supply.
- **Interim Associate** - An interim associate pastor shall serve for a specified period, not to exceed twelve months at a time, and may not be called to be the next installed pastor or associate pastor of a congregation served as interim associate pastor.
- **Temporary Supply** - A temporary supply may be a minister, a candidate, a commissioned lay preacher, or an 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. A temporary supply may not be called to be pastor or associate pastor of a congregation served as temporary supply, unless six months have elapsed since the end of the temporary supply relationship.