

LITANY FOR ENDING AN INTERIM PASTORAL RELATIONSHIP

Interim Pastor: On , 201__, I began ministry in this congregation as your Interim Pastor. I have, with God's help and to the best of my abilities, faithfully exercised this trust. The interim time is over and thus my ministry with you. I publicly state that my ministry as Interim Pastor of Presbyterian Church ends this day.

Do you, the members of the Presbyterian Church, recognize and accept the conclusion of this pastoral relationship? If so, please say, "We do."

The Interim Pastor will ask the following people forward for the stated purpose:

Elder _____, Clerk of Session, for the Interim Pastor to give a copy of the Church Manual which was used to administer the ministry and mission of the church.

Elder , _____ chair of the Personnel Committee, for Interim Pastor to give the key to the church building and office.

Elder , _____ chair of Worship (or Rev. _____ , Associate Pastor) for the Interim Pastor to give the Pulpit Bible which was used to preach and teach the Word of God.

O God, you have bound us together for a time as Interim Pastor and congregation to work for the advancement of your kingdom in this place. We give you thanks for the ministry which we have shared in these months now past. (silence)

We thank you for your patience with us despite our blindness and slowness of heart. We thank you for your forgiveness and mercy in the face of our failures. (silence)

Especially we thank you for your never failing presence with us through this time and for the deeper knowledge of you and of each other which we have attained. (silence)

We thank you for those who have been joined to this part of Christ's family through baptism. We thank you for opening our hearts and minds again and again to your Word, and for feeding us abundantly with the Bread of Life and Cup of Salvation. (silence)



Now, we pray, be with me who leaves and this congregation who remains; and grant that all of us, by drawing nearer to you, may always be close to each other in the communion of saints. All this we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

It is customary to offer a gift and a reception during coffee hour to thank the Interim Pastor for their ministry