

The following Covenant Agreement between
the Session of _____ Presbyterian Church
and

The Rev. _____
and

Los Ranchos Presbytery through its Committee On Ministry
is for the purpose of providing Stated Supply Pastoral services to
_____ Presbyterian Church within the bounds of
Los Ranchos Presbytery

Rev. _____ shall be designated Stated Supply Pastor
of
_____ Presbyterian Church

I. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

"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." (G-14.0513, a.)

The Stated Supply Pastor shall perform those duties and responsibilities set forth in the Position Description developed by using the document entitled "Stated Supply Pastor Duties and Responsibilities."

II. GOALS FOR THIS MINISTRY:

The fundamental goals for this ministry shall be (1) to work with the congregation to examine its history in an effort to discover its present identity, (2) to help the congregation identify current issues it faces and develop ways to resolve them, (3) to help the session review the current structures, to improve communication and develop new ways of "doing business" and (4) to prepare the congregation for the arrival of a new permanent Pastor. One of the ways these goals are achieved is through the use of the Re-Vision Plan, a congregational study process used by Los Ranchos Presbytery. Oversight of Re-Vision is by the Presbytery and Congregational Development Committee.

III. ACCOUNTABILITY:

The Stated Supply Pastor shall have completed at least Level I, Interim Pastor training provided by the PC(USA), or its equivalent. Where the training has not been completed the Stated Supply Pastor shall undertake such training with the costs being shared by the Pastor, the Congregation, and the Presbytery. The Stated Supply Pastor shall be a member of the Los Ranchos Presbytery. During the length of this Covenant, the Stated Supply shall be accountable to the Session and to Los Ranchos Presbytery through its Committee On Ministry. The Session agrees to participate in a process for reviewing the Stated Supply Pastor's performance in accordance with the procedures adopted by the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry.

IV. NOT A CANDIDATE:

In keeping with the Book of Order (G14.0513. a-b), it is understood the Rev. _____ shall not become a candidate for the current Pastoral vacancy of _____ Presbyterian Church.

V. LENGTH OF SERVICE:

The Session, the Stated Supply Pastor and the Committee On Ministry agree that this Covenant shall continue for a period of not more that 12 months at a time. He/she may be reappointed by the Presbytery through its Committee on Ministry, after review of his/her effectiveness (G-14.0513a). This relationship continues until the arrival of a called Pastor in keeping with the Book of Order.

This Covenant shall commence _____.

