

Interim Ministry Contract

A Contract for an Interim Pastor, General, Part-time or Retired
Indiana-Kentucky Synod ELCA

Note: *The Congregation Council and the Interim will negotiate the terms of this contract: Interim Ministry will begin at this congregation when this form is completed and signed by the Interim and Congregation President, and returned for the Bishop's signature.*

In accordance with the model constitution for congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the Bishop of the Indiana-Kentucky Synod, with the concurrence of the congregation council, is responsible for the appointment of an interim when a congregation has a pastoral vacancy.

During the pastoral vacancy at _____ Lutheran Church in _____, The Reverend _____ is hereby appointed to serve as the Interim from _____ to _____ subject to review and renewal. While an interim shall normally continue until a new pastor is called and installed, the arrangement can be terminated after consultation by the Bishop, the Interim, and the Congregation Council.

Duties: The Interim is asked to be responsible for all services of worship, to be present at council and congregational meetings, to attend to crisis needs of the congregation, and to perform these specified responsibilities:

The Interim Pastor shall have all the rights and duties of a regularly called pastor and, with the concurrence of the congregation council, may delegate the same in part to a supply pastor. The Interim Pastor, and any ordained ministers who may assist, shall refrain from influence in the selection of a pastor. The Interim Pastor shall report monthly to the congregation council and the Bishop and, upon completion of service, shall certify to the Bishop of this synod that the parochial records for the period of the interim are in order.

Synod Assembly Should the Synod Assembly occur during the Interim's service, the congregation will pay the Interim's expenses to attend the Assembly.

Schedule The Interim Minister will be at the congregation on Sundays and on these additional days each week:

Vacation Should the Interim pastor serve this congregation for longer than six months, the congregation will provide_____ days of vacation, which will not be cumulative beyond the current calendar year.

Compensation

Compensation for these services will be based on the Synod Compensation Guidelines for rostered pastors. For retired and non-rostered pastors, salary will be \$_____ per day.
(The recommended Synod minimum guideline is \$130 per day plus housing.)

Housing will be_____

Auto allowance will be_____

(Based on the standard IRS rate.)

Continuing Education_____

Pension/Benefits as applicable_____

The Call Process An Interim Pastor is generally not available for call to this congregation. If, during the course of this contract, the Congregation Council should wish to pursue this possibility, the Council shall contact the Bishop's office for counsel and guidance. However, should the Bishop receive information that would indicate that the Interim Pastor is pursuing a call without such counsel and guidance, the Bishop will act immediately to remove the Interim Pastor.

To these conditions, the undersigned agree and ask for God's help and guidance during this important time in the life of this congregation.

Date

Interim Minister

Date

President of the Congregation Council

Date

Bishop of the Indiana-Kentucky Synod ELCA