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COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY
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The Presbytery of Long Island

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Committee on Ministry

Proposed Policy

Policy for Temporary Pastoral Relationships

Interim Pastor

- When a church is likely to be calling an installed pastor in the near future
- Usually full-time or close to full-time
- Must meet minimum compensation standards
- May not succeed to the installed pastorate, except as a designated pastor, after an open search by the COM using the CLC, as recommended by the COM, and approved by the presbytery with a three-quarters vote
- May be for one year and may be renewed with the approval of the COM

Stated Supply Pastor

- When a church is not likely to be calling an installed pastor in the foreseeable future
- When long-term leadership is needed
- May be full-time or part-time
- Must meet minimum compensation standards
- May not succeed to the installed pastorate, except as a designated pastor, after an open search by the COM using the CLC, as recommended by the COM, and approved by the presbytery with a three-quarters vote
- May be for one year and may be renewed with the approval of the COM

Temporary Supply Pastor

- When there is a solo pastorate
- When a church is uncertain about its future or finds itself “between the times”
- May be full-time or part time
- May or may not meet minimum compensation standards
- May succeed to the installed pastorate, after an open search using the CLC, as recommended by the COM, and approved by the presbytery with a three-quarters vote
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Assistant Pastor

- When a church requires an additional pastor on a temporary, not a permanent, basis, and in situations in which an open search and/or minimum compensation requirements prove onerous to a congregation seeking additional ordained leadership
- May be full-time or part-time
- May or may not meet minimum compensation standards
- May succeed to Associate Pastor, after an open search using the CLC, and only when there is an installed pastor in place, when recommended by the COM, and approved by the presbytery with a three-quarters vote
- May not succeed to the installed pastorate
- May be for one year and may be renewed with the approval of the COM

Organizing Pastor

- When a group of people are in the process of organizing a new Presbyterian church
- May be full-time or part-time
- May or may not meet presbytery minimums
- May, with the approval of the COM and the presbytery, become the installed pastor without an open search or formation of a PNC
- Relationship of an organizing pastor to a fellowship or new church development concludes (or is redefined) when the new church is formally organized by the presbytery

Approved by the Committee on Ministry

November 1, 2011