

## Pastoral Relationships

There are three kinds of pastoral relationships recognized by the *Book of Order*: permanent, designated and temporary.

**Permanent pastoral relationships** include that of pastor, co-pastor, and associate pastor. These positions are established by vote of the congregation and presbytery's Committee on Ministry. They are installed by presbytery. There are no time limitations for these positions. (See G-14.0511)

**Designated pastoral relationship** is only that of Designated Pastor. It is a position which is established by vote of the congregation and Committee on Ministry. The designated pastor is installed by presbytery. The position is time-limited to a term of not less than two nor more than four years. (See G-14.0521 and COM Policy #4.)

**Temporary pastoral relationships** are listed below. These positions must be filled by members of the Presbytery of Tampa Bay or ministers from other presbyteries who are willing to transfer membership to Tampa Bay (with the exception of #4). These are not positions which involve installation. They are positions established by vote of the session and the Committee on Ministry. All are time-limited positions. These positions are appointed for a period not to exceed twelve months at a time. The Committee on Ministry will review these positions for effectiveness before reappointment is permitted.

1. **Interim Pastor** is a minister serving a congregation which is currently seeking an installed pastor. The interim pastor is selected from ministers suggested by the Committee on Ministry and voted by session. (See G-14.0553 and COM Policies #2 and #19.)
2. **Interim Associate Pastor** is a minister appointed to serve a congregation which is currently seeking an installed associate pastor. The interim associate pastor is selected from ministers suggested by the Committee on Ministry and voted by session. (See G-14.0553 and COM Policies #3 and #19.)
3. **Stated Supply** is a minister appointed by the Committee on Ministry serving a congregation which is not currently seeking an installed pastor. (See G-14.0550)
4. **Temporary Supply** may be a minister, a candidate, or an elder serving a church when there is no pastor or when the pastor is unable to perform pastoral duties. The session is to seek counsel of the Committee on Ministry before securing a temporary supply. (See G-14.0550)
5. **Parish Associate** is a minister serving in a validated, non-parish ministry (or retired) who has been invited by an installed pastor and approved by the session and Committee on Ministry to serve on a part-time basis with or without compensation. (See G-14.0570 and COM Policy #20.)