

Parish Associate Covenant

This Covenant shall exist between the Session of _____ (Name of Church, Town), **the Presbytery of Chicago** and _____ to serve as Parish Associate for the purpose of providing leadership to _____ or to assist in the specific area of: _____.

The relationship shall be established, upon nomination by the installed pastor, between the parish associate, the session and the Presbytery of Chicago. The relationship shall begin effective the date approved by the Presbytery of Chicago, indicated below.

The parish associate shall be responsible to the pastor, as head of staff, and shall serve on an “as needed, as available” basis.

_____ (Name of Parish Associate) will meet the criteria for continuing membership in the Presbytery of Chicago by continuing to serve in some validated ministry, or is retired, or a member-at-large and wishes to maintain a relationship with (church name) in keeping with ordination to the ministry of the Word and Sacrament."

The session in partnership with committee on ministry shall review the designation annually, as per the Book of Order, Section G-14.0515c., to insure 1, that the time and energy required as a parish associate will not interfere unduly with the work of the person in his/her principal role. 2, that installed leadership of the church is protected in its effective functioning. Any change in relationship must be approved by the presbytery.

This agreement between the session, the parish associate, and the presbytery shall terminate **automatically** when the call to the installed pastor is dissolved.

The Parish Associate may not be called to be the next installed pastor or Associate Pastor of said Church unless at least six months have elapsed since the end of the parish associate relationship.

Responsibilities assigned to the parish associate are as follows:

The parish associate will serve:
 With out remuneration With remuneration, as indicated below:

(Parish Associate) Date **Pastor** Date

Clerk of Session Date Committee on Ministry Date