

Parish Associate Covenant
(See Book of Order G-14.0570 – 14.0573)

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
_____ Presbyterian Church in keeping with ordination to the ministry of the
Word and Sacrament."

The Session of _____ Presbyterian Church 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; and (2) that installed
leadership of the church is protected in its effective functioning. **Any change in relationship
must be approved by the presbytery through the Committee on Ministry.**

This agreement between the session, the parish associate, and the presbytery shall terminate
automatically when the call to the installed pastor is dissolved. (Book of Order G-14.0573)

The Parish Associate may not be called to be the next installed pastor or associate pastor of
_____ Presbyterian 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:

- Without remuneration
- With remuneration, as indicated below:

(Name of Parish Associate) (Date) (Pastor) (Date)

(Signature of PA) (Signature of Pastor)

(Clerk of Session) (Date) (Committee on Ministry Representative) (Date)