

**PRESBYTERY OF THE PEAKS**  
**PO Box 5219**  
**Forest, VA 24551**

To: Clerks of Session  
From: Commission on Ministry  
Re: Establishing/Continuing a Relationship with a Commissioned Pastor

1. Please use this form if you desire to initiate or continue a covenant relationship with a Commissioned Pastor.

The session of the \_\_\_\_\_ Presbyterian Church of \_\_\_\_\_, at its meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_, requests the Presbytery of the Peaks, through the Commission on Ministry, to initiate/continue the relationship of \_\_\_\_\_ as Commissioned Pastor for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months (maximum 36 months per G-2.1001, but may be renewed or terminated by the presbytery) beginning \_\_\_\_\_.

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Clerk of Session

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN A SESSION AND A COMMISSIONED PASTOR**

The session of the \_\_\_\_\_ Presbyterian Church hereby contracts with you, \_\_\_\_\_ to serve as Commissioned Pastor for a period of time from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

During this time we expect you to perform the following services:

1. Conduct worship at the following hours on the following Sundays:
2. Fulfill the following pastoral duties as outlined by the Book of Order, G-2.1001:
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Administer the Lord's Supper
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Administer the Sacrament of Baptism
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Moderate the session of the congregation or
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Perform a service of Christian marriage when invited by the session or other responsible committee, as allowed by the Commonwealth of Virginia
3. Participate in presbytery meetings with voice and vote (as an elder commissioner for purposes of parity) when so authorized.

4. Assist the session to:
5. Other responsibilities:

The session estimates that fulfilling these duties will require \_\_\_\_\_ hours per week. The session will maintain its individual and corporate duties in the government and discipline of the congregation and oversight over the church's spiritual interests. The session promises and obligates itself to provide you with the following:

1. A salary (honorarium) of \_\_\_\_\_ per week/month.
2. Reimbursement for travel in the performance of your professional duties while serving our congregation at the current rate used by the presbytery.
3. Other items:

This agreement was agreed upon by the session and \_\_\_\_\_, CP  
on \_\_\_\_\_.

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Clerk of Session

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Commissioned Pastor