



2026 TEMPORARY PASTORAL CONTRACT
THE FOLLOWING CONTRACT IS BETWEEN:

Church: _____

Address: _____ (Street, City, State & Zip)

Name of Teaching Elder or Commissioned Pastor: _____

This is for the purpose of providing pastoral services in the position of (*select one below*):

Bridge Transitional Parish Associate Stated Supply Other: _____

The contract is from: _____ 20__ to _____ 20__

TERMS: The pastor is employed on a full-time basis, or part-time basis, serving _____ ****hours per week**
(*Contract is not to exceed 12 months*). (*TOC will not be approved if # hours left blank for part time*)

Minimum Terms of Call for 2026 Fulltime:

Effective Salary - Teaching Elder	\$53,320.00 (<i>75% of Churchwide Median of \$71,000.00</i>)
Effective Salary – for Associate Pastor	<i>Minimum salary is 60% of Head of Staff</i>
Effective Salary – for Commissioned Pastor	\$42,660.00 (<i>80% of Teaching Elder effective salary</i>)

DUTIES: The pastor will be responsible to:

- moderate session and congregational meetings
- serve as Head of Staff
- provide worship leadership, including preaching
- administering the sacraments
- arrange for substitute preachers on any Sundays not present
- pray for the church and pastoral care; call on sick and home-bound
- provide administrative leadership, including staff supervision
- supporting PNC work while not being directly involved in their work
- officiate at weddings and funerals
- help the session provide for continuity of (and/or changes in) essential programs
- help the congregation prepare to welcome the leadership of a new installed pastor
- Other (specify) _____

The congregation and session will be responsible to:

- support the pastor in his/her ministry
- provide regular financial compensation according to the terms outlined below
- provide a performance review to the pastor at least annually
- pray for the pastor during this contract period
- negotiate goals for contract period
- Other (specify) _____

Annual Compensation

Effective Salary. (*Required for Interims)

1.	Annual Cash Salary	\$
2.	Deferred Income (403(b), annuity, equity)	\$
3.	Bonuses, Unvouchered Allowances, Gifts	\$
4.	Social Security (reimbursement of 51% or more of SECA taxes)	\$
5.	Housing Allowance & Utilities (does not apply if utilities are paid directly by the church and if they are listed in church's name)	\$
6.	Manse Value (value must be at least 30% of items 1-5 above.)	\$
7.	Other (copayments, medical, dental expenses) - Identify	\$
8.	Contributions to Taxed-Deferred Plans (not church matching contributions)	\$
Total Effective Salary		\$
9.	Moving Expenses (if applicable)	
10.	Other Deferred Income (Employer matching contributions to PCUSA 403(b)(9))	\$
Total Compensation		\$

Other Benefits and Reimbursable Allowances (* = required benefits)

1.	* Board of Pension Dues Congregational Pastors Package 27.5% (17.5% Medical + 10% Pension, D&D, TD) Transitional Pastors Participation 47% (37% Medical + 10% Pension, D&D, TD)	\$
2.	Post Retirement Service Dues (if retired and working 20+ hours – 12% of effective salary.)	\$
3.	Optional Board of Pensions Benefits (Dental and/or Life Insurance)	\$
4.	* Travel/Auto Reimbursement (suggested: IRS rate)	\$
5.	* Continuing Education (\$1,000/full time; \$500/part time)	\$
6.	Social Security (reimbursement of up to 50% of SECA taxes)	\$
7.	Books/Other Professional Expenses	\$
8.	Other Vouchered/Reimbursable Expenses (Identify)	\$
Total Allowances		\$

Total Compensation, Allowances, and Expenses

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Paid Leave

1.	* Continuing Education Leave (2 weeks minimum)	
2.	* Vacation (4 weeks minimum; including 4 Sundays)	
3.	* Medical and Family Leave (12 weeks – Policy is on Glpby.org.) *TE only	

APPROVALS:

During the length of this agreement, the pastor will be accountable to the presbytery. It is understood that the pastor will participate in the quarterly temporary pastors' meeting sponsored by the presbytery. Should the Temporary Pastor have any serious differences or difficulties with any former pastor of this congregation, the matter will be immediately referred to the presbytery. It is understood that the pastor will not be involved in any way with the Pastor Nominating Committee, except to facilitate that committee's regular reports to the session and the congregation. Any concerns or suggestions about the congregation's search for a new pastor shall be carried to the presbytery partner. ***It is understood by all parties that the pastor under contract may not ordinarily be considered for the installed pastoral position in this congregation.***

This agreement may be terminated by either party (session or pastor) upon 30 days written notice. This agreement may be extended in one to 12-month periods, upon written notice to, and the approval of, the presbytery. It is understood that the pastor will participate in any training/discussions sponsored and/or requested by presbytery and will participate in an exit interview conducted by presbytery.

The session approved this contract and its conditions on _____

Signed: (Clerk of Session) _____ Date: _____

I agree to accept the terms of this contract:

Signed: (Teaching Elder/Commissioned Pastor/Other) _____

Date: _____

The Presbytery/COM approved this contract and its conditions on _____

Signed: (Stated Clerk) _____ Date: _____

Complete, sign, and either scan and email or snail mail originals. When all parties have signed, a copy goes to 1) the minister, 2) the calling church, 3) the presbytery of call and 4) the minister's presbytery of membership/care.

**Submit to: Stated Clerk, Presbytery of Giddings Lovejoy
1001 Craig Road, Ste. 170, St. Louis MO 63146 or BEddy@glpby.org**