

PRESBYTERY OF REDSTONE

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Commissioned Lay Pastor Agreement

The session of _____, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) of
(Name of Church)

(City/State)

belonging to the Presbytery of Redstone, being well satisfied with your qualification for service as a commissioned lay pastor and confident that we have been led to you by the Holy Spirit as one whose service will be profitable to the spiritual interests of our church and fruitful for the Kingdom of our Lord, solemnly invites you,

(Name)

to undertake the office of Commissioned Lay Pastor

for this congregation, beginning _____ and extending for a period of time as indicated, promising you in the discharge of your duty all proper support, encouragement and allegiance in the Lord.

Time period:

_____ months

_____ years (not to exceed three years)

until a new pastor is ready to move on the field

other: _____ (specify)

That you may be free to devote _____% of your time to your ministry among us, we promise and obligate ourselves to pay you the sum of \$_____ a month in regular payments. Further, we promise to provide you the following as you serve this congregation in the indicated ways: (Those agreed upon are to be filled in.)

ALLOWANCES

Automobile Allowance	vouchered @IRS approved rate per mile
Expense Allowance	\$ _____
Book Allowance	\$ _____
Vacation of one week per quarter	
Study Leave Allowance	\$ _____/year
Cumulative to	\$ _____
Study Leave	_____ weeks/year
Cumulative to	_____ weeks
Other (specify)	\$ _____

KINDS OF SERVICE

(Check those that apply for which the lay pastor is prepared)

Basic levels of service:

- Leading and preaching regular Sunday services.
- Administering the Lord's Supper as ordered by session.
- Responding to emergency situations such as serious sickness, injury or death, and to refer people for further care as needed.
- Making regular visits to the members of the congregation on a plan agreed to by session and the lay pastor.
- Conducting funerals as needed.
- Doing the following in the church:

Advanced levels of service:

- Counseling parents and administering the Sacrament of Baptism as ordered by session.
- Counseling couples and performing services of Christian marriage as invited and authorized by session.
- Moderating the session under the supervision of the mentor/moderator appointed by the Committee on Ministry.
- Moderate the session.
- Other:

We further promise and obligate ourselves to review with you not less than annually the adequacy of this compensation. In addition, we promise to provide:

This agreement may be terminated upon 30 days notice given either by the session or by the commissioned lay pastor. In testimony whereof we have subscribed our names this _____ day of

_____ A.D. _____

Having moderated the session meeting which extended this agreement to

For services as a commissioned lay pastor, I do certify that the agreement has been made in all respects according to the rules laid down in the Form of Government and established by the Presbytery of Redstone, and

that the persons who signed the foregoing call were authorized to do so by vote of the session of _____ Church, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

(Signed) _____
(Moderator of the Meeting)

ENDORSEMENTS

1. ACTION OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

This agreement has been reviewed by the Committee on Ministry. The Committee recommends that Presbytery approve (not approve) this agreement and commission (not commission) the lay pastor.

Date of Action _____

Chairperson

2. ACTION BY THE PRESBYTERY

This agreement was approved by the Presbytery of Redstone and the commission given.

Date of Action _____

Stated Clerk

3. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGREEMENT AND COMMISSION

This is to certify that I have received and accepted this agreement and commission.

Date of Acceptance _____

Commissioned Lay Pastor