

**Temporary Pastoral Relationships**  
**Approved at the 115<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Charlotte**  
**July 21, 2012**

1. **It was moved and approved** that the following three temporary pastoral relationships be established: **interim pastor; temporary pastor; and parish associate**, with COM granted authority to approve and renew contracts with terms not to exceed 12 months.
2. **It was moved and approved** that a teaching elder employed as a **temporary pastor** is ordinarily not eligible to serve as the next installed pastor, co-pastor, or associate pastor. However, exceptions to this policy may be granted for temporary pastors to be called to a permanent position in the church in which they are serving by a  $\frac{3}{4}$  vote of Presbytery.
3. **It was moved and approved** that no exceptions may be granted to allow **interim pastors** or **parish associates** to be called to installed positions in the church in which they are serving.
4. **It was moved and approved** that, because it is not included in the New Book of Order, the position of **parish associate** be retained as described in the 2009/11 BOO (G-14.0570): "A parish associate is a minister who serves in some other validated ministry other than the local parish, or is a member-at large, or is retired, but who wishes to maintain a relationship with a particular church or churches in keeping with ordination... The relation shall be established, upon nomination by the pastor, between the parish associate, the session and the presbytery..."
5. **It was moved and approved** that Presbytery endorse the definition of validated ministry as stated in G-2.0503a of the 2011/2013 Book of Order.
6. **It was moved and approved** that **associate pastors** are not eligible to be the next installed pastor or co-pastor of the congregation they are currently serving.