

Presbytery of Charlotte Temporary Pastoral Relationships

1. The following temporary pastoral relationships have been approved by the Presbytery: **transitional pastor; temporary pastor; and parish associate**, with the Commission on Ministry granted authority to approve and renew contracts with terms not to exceed 12 months.
2. A Minister of Word and Sacrament 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 **¾ vote of Presbytery**.
3. No exceptions may be granted to allow **transitional pastors** or **parish associates** to be called to installed positions in the church in which they are serving.
4. Although it not included in the current PC(USA) Book of Order, the position of **parish associate** is 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. The Presbytery of Charlotte endorses the definition of **validated ministry** as stated in G-2.0503a; G-3.0306 and for Ruling Elders Commissioned to Particular Pastoral Service, in G-2.1001 of the 2023-2025 Book of Order.
6. **Associate Pastors** are not eligible to be the next installed pastor or co-pastor of the congregation they are currently serving.