

Litany of Beginning for Interim Ministry

It would be appropriate to insert this into the Sunday morning liturgy on the first or second Sunday that the Intentional Interim Pastor begins ministry among you. As a symbol of beginning, it makes sense to place it at the beginning of the service after the greeting and Kyrie.

A representative of the Congregation Council: Pastor _____ has been contracted to be the Intentional Interim Pastor at _____. This is a ministry of specific tasks designed for the particularities of transition. Congregation President or other representative will read the interim agreement between Pastor _____ and this congregation.

Congregation President: (Reads the Agreement)

Congregation President: (address Pastor): Is it also your understanding of our agreement?

Pastor: It is and I commit myself to this new trust and responsibility. I promise to fulfill my responsibilities here to the best of my ability in accordance with scripture, with the Lutheran Confessions, and the Constitution of the ELCA. Will you as a congregation receive me as your pastor and partner in ministry as we seek God's call for us in this interim period?

Congregation: We will.

Congregation President: Welcome Pastor _____. We now officially begin our partnership in this interim ministry in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor: Let us pray

Almighty God, you call your people in baptism into the death and resurrection of your son, Jesus Christ. You turn us from the old life of sin and gave us rebirth and everlasting life. May we be renewed daily by the gift of your Holy Spirit and may we be especially aware of your leading in this interim period. Grant us faithfulness and peace in all that we do so that you may be glorified among us. We pray through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Congregation: Amen