

Covenant of Collegiality
[Name of Departing Minister]
and
[Name of Incoming Minister]
[Name of Congregation]

[Name of Departing Minister], as departing minister, here are my intentions as I conclude my ministry with the **[Name of Congregation]** on **[Date]**.

- I will refrain from initiating contact with congregation members and friends with the following exceptions: **[Names of Congregant(s)]**
- Should congregation members or friends initiate contact with me, my response will be cordial, but I will not seek to renew or extend the minister-congregant relationship which has come to an end.
- In all cases, I agree to refrain from conversation about the **[Name of Congregation]**.

[Name of Incoming Minister], as **[Ministry Role]** minister, here are my intentions as I minister through the interval between the time **[Name of Departing Minister]** ministry concludes and a new minister is engaged –

- Should the congregation's leadership need to contact **[Name of Departing Minister]** about something which only they can provide information, I will serve as 'messenger.'
- I will notify **[Name of Departing Minister]** when a member or friend dies, and grant permission for **[Name of Departing Minister]** to send condolences to family members.

This covenant may be amended at any time by mutual agreement of the two parties.

Signed,

[Name of Current Minister]

[DATE]

[Name of Departing Minister]

[DATE]