



## **TRANSFER OF SUPERVISION FOR A COMMISSIONED PASTOR EMERITUS**

The council of \_\_\_\_\_ Christian Reformed Church of \_\_\_\_\_, testifies that \_\_\_\_\_, a commissioned pastor emeritus, under the supervision of this church from \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ (year), to \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ (year), has faithfully adhered in doctrine and life to the Word of God as interpreted by our Forms of Unity and the Church Order.

Since a letter of request has been received by \_\_\_\_\_ for the council to transfer supervision from the council of \_\_\_\_\_ Christian Reformed Church located in \_\_\_\_\_, we recommend him/her to \_\_\_\_\_ Christian Reformed Church in \_\_\_\_\_ to exercise continued supervision over this commissioned pastor emeritus.\*

We pray that the Holy Spirit may continue to use his/her gifts of ministry for the good of the church, the glory of God, and the coming of the kingdom of our Lord.

We resolve to grant him/her this transfer of supervision at our meeting of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ (year).

The council of the above-named church,  
\_\_\_\_\_, president  
\_\_\_\_\_, clerk

Classis \_\_\_\_\_, in which \_\_\_\_\_ Christian Reformed Church is located, approves the transfer of supervision of our brother/sister to Classis \_\_\_\_\_ and to \_\_\_\_\_ Christian Reformed Church of \_\_\_\_\_.

On behalf of said classis,  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (date)

The interim committee of Classis \_\_\_\_\_ approves and herewith authorizes the transfer of supervision of \_\_\_\_\_.

The above-named interim committee,  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (date)

We the council of \_\_\_\_\_ Christian Reformed Church located in \_\_\_\_\_, having received the approval for the transfer of supervision for \_\_\_\_\_, herewith agree to accept the responsibility of supervision as long as this commissioned pastor emeritus remains in \_\_\_\_\_ Christian Reformed Church.

The council of the above-named church,  
\_\_\_\_\_, president  
\_\_\_\_\_, clerk  
\_\_\_\_\_ (date)

*\*Note 1:* Church Order Article 24-e and its Supplement allow a commissioned pastor emeritus to retain the authority to perform official acts of ministry in ways consistent with their ordination prior to retirement, and allow for transfer of supervision to another congregation with the approval of classis.

*Note 2:* Transfer of the membership of the commissioned pastor emeritus should accompany the transfer of supervision, since the office of commissioned pastor is a local office and does not have denominational standing or scope.

**When processing the Transfer of Supervision for an Emeritated Commissioned Pastor:**

1. The clerk of the releasing church council is to forward the form to the secretary of the interim committee of the local classis.
2. After the interim committee has signed the transfer form, it is to be forwarded to the secretary of the interim committee of the classis in which the emeritated commissioned pastor's new church is located (if not in the same classis).
3. After this classical interim committee has signed the transfer form, it is to be forwarded to the clerk of council of the church to receive the transfer, assuming the responsibility of supervision for the emeritated commissioned pastor.
4. After the president and clerk of the receiving council have signed the Transfer of Supervision Form, a copy of the completed form is to be forwarded to the secretary of the interim committee of the classis in which the commissioned pastor's new church is located, as well as a copy to the denominational Synodical Services Offices.