



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 from _____ 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.