

SAMPLE THREE-WAY COVENANT [ORDAINED MINISTRY]

A MINISTRY COVENANT

among
[Ordained Minister]
[Local Church] and
[Association where Local Church is a member]

ABOUT THE THREE-WAY COVENANT

When an Ordained Minister is called to serve a Local Church the Call Agreement serves as the articulation of the Three-Way Covenant. In those instances where a Local Church calls an Ordained Minister to serve in circumstances which are not encompassed by the sample Call Agreement, the Three-Way Covenant is rendered in this format.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this covenant is three-fold:

1. To strengthen, support, and sustain the ministries of all the partners that share in this covenant.
2. To encourage mutual participation and accountability of and for the life of each by the others.
3. To observe, nurture, celebrate, and call forth the ministry of the Authorized Minister.

TERMS

[Minister] serves as [ministry title or descriptive term] with/for/of [name of Local Church] and serves [describe ministry setting]. S/he preaches and teaches the Gospel, exercises pastoral functions, and administers the rites and sacraments of the Church at such times and in such places as may be appropriate. The terms of his/her ministry are:

Description of Ministry:

Location of Ministry:

Description of Responsibilities:

Accountability:

Compensation provided by:

Details of Compensation:

Relationship to the ministerial staff of [Local Church]:

S/he will be invited by [name of Local Church] to teach and participate in leadership of worship as the need presents itself and as his/her time allows, as well as to receive support and encouragement in her/his ministry from members of the congregation.

As an Ordained Minister with standing in the Northern California Nevada Conference, [name of Minister] will be bound in the covenantal ties of mutual accountability and support, including periodic reviewing of the mutual faithfulness to this covenant from the perspective of each member of this Three-Way Covenant.

This Three-Way Covenant will exist as long as [name of Minister] serves as [title] with [name of Local Church] at [location of ministry] and all partners agree with the covenant as stated.

We believe that this covenant is ordained by the Holy Spirit working among us, and we will labor diligently and faithfully to make it effective. We enter into this covenant with a deep conviction that ministry is rooted in the Local Church and is extended outward through concern and care for the larger Church and the world. It is in and through the community of the Church, the Body of Christ, that we discern our calling and are supported to live out our lives in faithfulness to that call. We believe that our mutual ministry is strengthened by this covenant. We trust in God's presence with us as we seek to be faithful to this covenant.

_____, Minister date:

_____, Moderator, Local Church date:

_____, Moderator, Association date:

Received for the Northern California Nevada Conference by:

_____, Conference Minister date: