

ANE – Pastoral Salary & Benefits Memorandum

To: ANE Church Board Chairs & Pastors
From: Pete Kontra, District Executive
Pete Kontra
Subject: 2021 Guidelines for Pastoral Salary & Benefits
Date: July 2020

This annual Salary Memo and related materials are distributed to Church Board Chairs and Pastoral Leadership throughout the Atlantic Northeast District. Additional copies should be made available for all appropriate lay leadership involved in the contract and/or church budget planning process. Please review this material in prayerful preparation for planning pastoral compensation and your 2021 Congregational Budget.

A. GUIDELINES FOR PASTORS' SALARY & BENEFITS:

This document is included and should be self-explanatory. Please note the following:

1. The *Congregational Ethics Paper* calls upon congregations to make an honest effort to meet the minimum salary as shown on the approved Cash Salary Table for Pastors. This may not be possible; however, serious effort and prayerful deliberations should be given to this goal.
2. The *Cash Salary Guidelines & Recommended Minimum Cash Salary Table for Pastors - 2021*: This year, in light of the absence of an Annual Conference, the Pastoral Compensation and Benefits Advisory Committee has issued its yearly cost of living adjustment as a recommendation rather than a delegate-approved decision and represents a 0.5% increase over the previous year.
3. The IRS allowable mileage rate as of July 2020 is 57.5 cents per mile. Annual rate adjustments are set by IRS in October of each year and will be reported in the *Parking Lot* or emailed when they become available. Accurate record keeping is essential. A Ministry Travel Log should be kept for all church-related travel. Mileage reimbursement for actual miles driven is the best accounting for this item. Pastors should submit a monthly or quarterly mileage expense statement to the church treasurer for reimbursement. This system provides appropriate documentation for IRS and protects both pastor and congregation.
4. Congregations providing a parsonage should take seriously the *Church of the Brethren Housing Fund*. This plan calls for a 1% contribution of the fair market value of the parsonage to be set aside for the pastor's future and/or retirement housing needs. This action provides a long-term blessing to the pastoral family.

B. CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN MEDICAL PLAN AND PENSION PLAN

1. **Medical Insurance:** Church of the Brethren pastoral employment practices call for each congregation to secure suitable insurance coverage for the pastor and family. Insurance Coverage(s) include: Health, Long-term Disability (LTD), and Term Life. While the health care insurance benefit must be obtained elsewhere, Brethren Benefit Trust (BBT) continues to provide long and short term disability, Term Life, a Medicare Supplement, as well as *optional* dental and eye care coverage. The congregation is expected to pay a *minimum* of two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) of the total premium. The pastor is expected to pay one-third ($\frac{1}{3}$) of the total premium.

2. **The Brethren Pension Plan:** See Guidelines for Pastors' Salaries and Benefits for instructions in calculating the pension amounts (Section I, Item C). Copy attached. All insurance and pension questions should be directed to Brethren Benefit Trust by calling: 1-800-746-1505.

C. ANNUAL CONFERENCE & DISTRICT CONFERENCE:

2021 Church of the Brethren Annual Conference

Location: Greensboro, North Carolina

Dates: June 30-July 4, 2021

1. Annual Conference expense estimates for 2021 are as follows:
 - **TRAVEL + SHUTTLE + AIRPORT PARKING** \$300 - 450
Airfare, mileage, rental and/or other forms of travel from various locations throughout ANE will need to be explored on your own. Expenses will vary according to method of travel and departure location.
 - **LODGING + TAX + HOTEL PARKING** \$600
4 nights at A.C. @ \$150/night
 - **MEALS: GENERAL / TRAVEL /EVENT** \$200
5 days @ \$40/day - includes travel day(s)
 - **REGISTRATION & A.C. BOOK** \$ 105-310*
* *Projected* advanced registration fee: non-delegate (\$105); delegate fee (\$310)
 - **MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES** \$ 75
Tips, Tolls, Shuttle Service, & Etc.

2020 ANNUAL CONFERENCE ESTIMATED EXPENSE RANGE: \$1,280 – 1,635

2. District Conference 2021: Elizabethtown College – October 1-2, 2021
Cost: \$50 should cover all expenses for District Conference*
(*Amount does not include travel reimbursement or lodging)

D. GRACE NOTES TO LAY LEADERS:

- Seek God's best for your pastor and family.
- Cheerfully care for the financial and emotional needs of your pastor, spouse, and family.
- Find ways to express genuine appreciation and encouragement for your pastor: Plan a Pastor Appreciation Sunday – *October is Pastor Appreciation Month* / Ministry Celebration / Spouse Appreciation Event / Pastor-Spouse Weekend Getaway / Birthday Blessing / ... Be creative!
- Pray for your pastor and family on a regular basis.
- Be a blessing to your pastor and family.

E. BUSINESS NOTES TO LAY LEADERS:

- **Complete & Return a signed copy of the *Renewal Agreement* (see attachment) to the ANE District Office no later than January 31, 2021.** This important document is a part of your Pastor's official Ministry File and employment history.

F. CONGREGATIONAL GIVING TO DISTRICT MINISTRIES:

Finally, I am asking that your congregation adopt the recommended \$55.00 per member Self-Allocation Goal established to support ANE's Ministry Investment Plan – District Budget. (Stretch Goal is \$60.00 per member.) Your congregation's strong financial support is ANE's **only** significant means of financing our common vision and ministry. District Staff and District Board are working hard to encourage and develop faithful pastoral and lay leadership; to manage a strong Pastoral Placement Process; to provide exciting and relevant district-wide youth ministry; to lend support to a broad variety of congregational requests and needs; to promote the planting of new congregations; to advance Kingdom-work through multi-cultural experiences, work camps, service projects, disaster relief, evangelism, non-violent witness; to forward international cultural connections, as well as to partner with local congregations to elevate our mutual vision of developing **"spiritually healthy New Testament congregations who covenant and network together to further the Kingdom of God."**

Attachments: (5)

- Letter from Pastoral Compensation and Benefits Advisory Committee **page 1**
- Guidelines for Pastors' Salaries and Benefits – Office of Ministry Document **pages 2-7**
- 2021 Cash Salary Guidelines **page 8**
- 2021 Recommended Minimum Cash Salary Table for Pastors **page 9**
- Renewal Agreement for Pastors and Congregations **pages 10-13**

***A fillable renewal agreement is available online for download and completion, as noted below**

Documents are located online at:

www.brethren.org/ministryoffice

Here you will be able to access:

- Salary Guidelines and the current Salary Table.
- The Renewal Agreement is also available here.
- Please note other ministry-related forms and documents for your use.



Church of the Brethren

Office of Ministry

July 7, 2020

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

My name is Beth Cage, Chair of the Pastoral Compensation and Benefits Advisory Committee. The name of our committee defines the scope of our work. We serve as an advisory committee on pastoral compensation, benefits and employment matters and conduct the annual review of the Recommended Minimum Cash Salary Table for Pastors.

I would like to introduce you to the other four elected members of our committee, namely Deb Oskin-compensation practitioner from Southern Ohio/Kentucky District, Ray Flagg-laity from Atlantic Northeast District, Terry Grove-District Executive Minister representative from Atlantic Southeast District and Dan Rudy-clergy representative from Virlina District. We are blessed to work with Nancy Heishman, liaison from the Office of Ministry.

As you are aware, there was no Annual Conference to approve recommendations this year. As such, this committee was asked and felt that it would still be helpful for congregations and districts to hear our proposal on the cost of living adjustment for the coming year. The committee spent considerable time talking about the needs of congregations and the needs of pastors. We understand that some congregations are feeling the effects of the current economy due to their states' requirements for meeting together during the pandemic. We also understand that pastors have been put in an untenable situation of having to figure out a technology driven response in a short amount of time with an increased pressure to perform.

With these seemingly conflicting pressures upon the leadership of the church and the church body itself, we felt that a small increase in the COLA was in order. We want the congregations to know that we feel their angst about a salary increase. We also want the pastoral leaders to know that we appreciate their creativity and continued guidance that they give to their congregations. As such, the ***members of the Pastoral Compensation and Benefits Advisory Committee recommend a 0.5% (one-half of one percent) increase to the 2021 recommended Minimum Cash Salary Table for Pastors.***

This action has not been voted on by the delegates of Annual Conference but is a recommendation from this committee. May you continue to show God's love to others by your words and actions as you are Christ's hands and feet. Blessings to you in your ministry.

Beth Cage

Chair of Pastoral Compensation and Benefits Advisory Committee

Continuing the work of Jesus. Peacefully. Simply. Together.

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

GUIDELINES FOR PASTOR'S SALARIES AND BENEFITS

The congregation asks a designated group (executive committee, ministry committee, or other group) to negotiate a fair and equitable compensation package with the pastor(s). Since that designated group varies in different settings, this document will simply refer to the congregation. *The guidelines suggested here are recommendations for use for negotiation between the pastor(s) and the congregation with the assistance of a District Executive/Minister (or designee).* These guidelines, while stated broadly with a full-time pastor in mind, are adaptable to local situations, including part-time service. As pastors move from one location to another, an attempt needs to be made to provide uniform procedures for determining their fair compensation. It is with that in mind that these guidelines should be used.

- *If congregations find it impossible to meet the guidelines or to provide benefits, there is an ethical obligation to discuss the reasons and their implications with the pastor and to plan in good faith to meet the recommended scale and benefits as soon as possible. If, in the midst of open and honest discussion, it clear that scale and benefits are beyond reach, the job description should be immediately adjusted to match salary and benefits with expectations and time requirements.* (“Congregational Ethics Polity in the Church of the Brethren,” approved by 2014 Annual Conference)

The cash salary exhibit, the renewal agreement, and a start-up agreement form will be sent to District Executives/Ministers following Annual Conference each year.

District Executives/Ministers are always available as consultants in the pastor/congregation relationship and should participate at least once every three (3) years in the review of pastoral performance.

I. COMPENSATION

A. Cash Salary

There is one base factor as a beginning point in the Recommended Minimum Cash Salary for Pastors; this factor is adjusted annually. The adjusted figures and minimum salary table will be furnished after Annual Conference each year by the Director of Ministry and may be found at <http://www.brethren.org/ministryoffice>.

1. Education

The recommended cash salary assumes the Master of Divinity degree as the standard educational level for full-time pastors. However, in recognition of the variety of educational levels for many who are approved for ministry, two additional columns are shown. It is assumed that individuals in these categories have had educational programs for ministry approved by their District Ministry Commission and/or District Board; approved programs include Training in Ministry Program (TRIM), Education for Shared Ministry (EFSM), and district-administered Academy Certified Training Systems (ACTS).

2. Experience

Experience differential is computed up to thirty (30) years of experience. Larger increases are given in the beginning years of a pastor's career than in the later years. After thirty (30) years, the congregation and pastor(s) need to negotiate a yearly increment that reflects cost of living and additional experience.

3. Social Security

Ministers, for Social Security purposes, are self-employed and are responsible for the total Social Security payment. The base salary figure is built on that assumption.

B. Housing

Congregations are encouraged to be sensitive to the housing needs of the pastoral family.

For congregations without parsonages, the fair rental value of a parsonage or a housing allowance is considered part of the pastor's total income. Total income is also used for computing pension, long-term disability, and Social Security. When the pastor(s) and the congregation agree to a housing allowance, the amount of that allowance should be the equivalent of fair rental housing for that community.

For tax purposes the congregation, via action by the church board (or an equivalent body), may declare a larger amount for housing than mentioned in the previous paragraph. The amount of this allowance should be recorded annually in the board minutes. This larger amount is allowed by the IRS to include the costs for utilities, furnishings, home improvements, etc. The pastor(s) will need to verify these expenses with the proper receipts.

Congregations with parsonages may declare a portion of the base salary for utilities, furnishings, etc., and this action should be recorded in the board minutes. The pastor(s) will need to verify these expenses with the proper receipts.

Congregations with parsonages are strongly encouraged to contribute annually 1 percent of the fair market value of the parsonage to the Church of the Brethren Housing Fund in the name of the pastor(s) to meet long-term housing and/or retirement needs. It is not a savings account. Information is available from the Director of Ministry, Church of the Brethren General Offices, 1451 Dundee Avenue, Elgin, IL 60120.

C. Pension Plan

Participation in a pension plan assures our pastors and families of the church's support in retirement years. Congregations in the Church of the Brethren are expected to contribute to a pension plan. The Church of the Brethren Benefit Trust operates the denomination's pension plan.

Brethren Benefit Trust pension figures are determined by adding to the cash salary one of the following:

- a. Twenty (20) percent of cash salary, or
- b. Fair annual rental value of the parsonage, or
- c. Housing allowance for those who receive one.

Of that figure, congregations pay 12 percent (11 percent to the pastor's account, 1 percent to the Church Workers Assistance Plan), and pastors pay 4 percent at the beginning of the month or quarter (depending on the method elected) directly to the Brethren Benefit Trust.

Pastors may tax shelter their portion and may make additional contributions to the Pension Plan. Information about the Pension Plan and Tax Deferred Annuity option can be obtained directly from Brethren Benefit Trust, 1505 Dundee Avenue, Elgin, IL 60120.

If a congregation and pastor select a pension plan other than the preferred plan of Brethren Benefit Trust, they are expected to use the same standards to calculate the pastor's pension benefit.

D. Medical Insurance Plan

Medical insurance coverage for the pastor and family are valued and important components of the pastoral benefits package. The pastor(s) and the congregation should participate in a medical insurance plan that provides just and equitable insurance coverage. The plan shall be mutually agreed upon by the pastor and congregation.

The following standards apply to medical insurance coverage:

- Standard inpatient facility services such as hospitalization and surgery.
- Standard outpatient facility services such as physician/specialist services, oncology treatment services, home health care, medical supplies & equipment, etc.
- Standard adult preventive care services such as routine physical exams, diagnostic screening, women's routine exams, immunizations, etc.
- Standard pediatric care services such as routine physical exams, pediatric immunizations, routine diagnostic screening, etc.
- Hospice services both inpatient and outpatient
- Mental health services both inpatient and outpatient including individual/family counseling.
- Major medical
- Prescription drug benefit

The following coverage and standards should also be included (available through BBT):

- Term life insurance – \$50,000
- Long Term Disability

The following minimum standards apply to medical insurance benefits:

- Premiums are divided on a 2:1 ratio between the congregation and the pastor(s).
- The congregation is responsible for paying 100% of the additional cost if a pastor/congregation elects to insure the pastor under the spouse's plan.
- Plan deductible rates – \$500 per person, \$1,000 per family, and a minimum coinsurance rate of 50% for in-network services.
- Congregations/pastor(s) who select a high deductible plan eligible for a Health Savings Account will include a contribution to the Health Savings Account from the congregation on behalf of the pastor. The minimum contribution is \$1,000 for family medical plans and \$500 for individual plans.

Dental, eye, long term care, and flex spending accounts are optional benefits.

E. Days Off, Vacation, and National Holidays

The pastor(s) should take off a day and a half per week, being free from parish responsibilities except for crisis ministries.

Vacation is based on total years of ministerial service. The pastor(s) should receive vacation time in the year it is earned:

- § Three (3) weeks for the first three (3) years of service;
- § Four (4) weeks for years four-twenty (4-20); and
- § Five (5) weeks after twenty (20) years.

Vacation time shall be taken at a time mutually agreed upon by pastor(s) and the congregation.

Paid national holidays should be mutually agreed upon.

F. Special Circumstances

The pastor(s) shall be granted thirty (30) days for special circumstances (paternity/maternity, sickness, death in the family, other crises) beginning with the first year of career service and then ten (10) days for each succeeding year accumulating to no more than ninety (90) days. Upon request, the pastor(s) shall be granted this released time for special circumstances with the approval of the congregation. The congregation shall not be required to pay any accrued days for special circumstances after the pastor's service is terminated. Accurate records should be kept by the church. The accumulated days move with the pastor(s).

II. PASTOR-RELATED EXPENSES

A. Travel

The congregation should assume the cost of travel for parish responsibilities by reimbursing the pastor(s) for the use of a personal car. Mileage records should be kept and the pastor reimbursed for the actual miles at the accepted IRS rate. The congregation may choose to lease or purchase a vehicle.

B. Annual/District Conference

The congregation should expect both Annual and District Conference attendance by the pastor(s) and provide for the expenses and the time to do so.

C. Continuing Education

The "Guidelines for Continuing Education" adopted by the 2002 Annual Conference says, "Formal education does not complete one's learning and preparation for ministerial leadership. Education is a lifelong process." These guidelines encourage congregations to:

- Incorporate at least seven (7) days a year in the pastor's schedule for continuing education. This should be planned so that the pastor is not away for more than one Sunday during the seven days.
- Assist with appropriate financial support by creating a continuing education account in the annual budget or a special reserve fund, whereby both the congregation and the pastoral leader can save for the future.

(See Ministerial Leadership Manual AC140 for full guidelines)

D. Sabbath Rest

The "Guidelines for Sabbath Rest" adopted by the 2002 Annual Conference says, "The purpose of sabbath rest is for renewal of body, mind, and soul. It is an important component in long term planning and implementation of new ministries for growing pastors and missional congregations. A sabbath rest requires careful planning, and the goal is for it to be beneficial to both pastor and congregation.

The pastor may be granted a sabbath rest following four, five, six, or seven years of continuous ministry in the same congregation. The pastor's salary and benefits will continue during the sabbath rest. The congregation will provide for the ministry of the congregation while the pastor is away.

The sabbath rest is for three (3) weeks after four years, five (5) weeks after five years, seven (7) weeks after six years, nine (9) weeks after seven years. In addition, the pastor is entitled to his or her normal vacation annually. In many cases, the pastor may want to combine sabbath rest and vacation into one total period of time away.

Bi-vocational leaders are also eligible for a sabbath rest. It may be more difficult for these pastors and their congregations to agree on a sabbath rest, but it is well worth the effort. Their sabbath rest will need to take into account the congregational/pastoral agreement, and be prorated to satisfy the agreement.

The pastor is expected to remain with the congregation for at least one year following a sabbath rest.”

(See Ministerial Leadership Manual AC150 for entire guidelines.)

E. Professional Expenses

Professional expenses that may be incurred should be negotiated.

III. MOVING EXPENSES

The congregation will pay for the expenses of moving the pastor/pastoral family into the congregation as mutually negotiated.

IV. WORKERS COMPENSATION

Congregations should participate in state workers compensation plans even where it is optional for churches.

V. CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES AND RELATIONSHIPS

Ordination is a calling of and for the whole church.

While little direct expense is involved, it is important that both the pastor(s) and the congregation discuss and agree on the number and types of ministry involvements beyond the immediate parish. Such ministries should include leadership roles in Annual Conference, Denominational, or District activities, camping programs, ecumenical organizations, and community involvements.

Special attention and support should be given by the congregation and the pastor to paying attention to nurturing peer relationships beyond the congregation, locally, district-wide, and denominationally. The well-being of the pastor (and pastoral family) depends upon the development and nurture of support groups and mentoring relationships between and among pastoral colleagues.

VI. ANNUAL REVIEW AND EVALUATION

It is important for the pastor(s) and executive committee (or ministry committee) to negotiate a job description and to evaluate pastoral performance annually. This should be done as a shared review of the congregation's mission and ministry.

VII. AUTHORITY FOR MINISTRY

The authority for ordination granted by Annual Conference rests with the District Board. Therefore, all ordained ministers in the Church of the Brethren are granted their authority by their District Boards upon recommendation of their District Ministry Commissions. Persons who are not ordained in the Church of the Brethren need approval by the District Board to serve as pastors. All ordained ministers are accountable to their districts for their ministry.

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Revised 10/2009
Revised 10/2010
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Church of the Brethren
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Cash Salary Guidelines – 2021

- A. All congregations are encouraged to meet The Recommended Minimum Cash Salary figures. Congregations should then consider going above and beyond the minimum when weighing:
- higher than average “cost of living” in various parts of the country
 - merit for outstanding pastoral leadership
 - acknowledgment of milestones and markers of ministerial service
 - evidence of application of growth in leadership through participation in continuing education events
- B. The Recommended Minimum Cash Salary assumes the pastor will pay parsonage utilities and the Self-Employment Tax.
- C. Implementation of the Affordable Care Act has changed the tax liability of insurance costs formerly paid by congregations and other denominational institutions for the pastor/family. For those pastors who are not eligible for reimbursable health plans, congregations are encouraged to supplement the base cash salary at a rate of $\frac{2}{3}$ of the health care premium in order to be consistent with our recommended guideline of $\frac{2}{3}$: $\frac{1}{3}$ ratio. Note: while this will increase the income tax amount for the pastor, the amount will also increase the support of the pension.
- D. The three columns on the salary scale assume completion of denominational educational requirements as defined in the 2014 *Ministerial Leadership* paper.

The Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership offers three types of non-degree (certificate) training: TRIM (Training in Ministry), EFSM (Education for Shared Ministry) and ACTS (Academy Certified Training Systems)

Ministerial training in non-Brethren institutions should be of high quality, as determined by a District Ministry Commission, and it should always be supplemented by additional course work in Brethren life and thought.

First salary column: A Bachelor’s degree from an accredited college, and the Master of Divinity degree (M.Div.) from an accredited seminary. The word accredited is important. If you are uncertain about an institution’s accreditation, call one of the Brethren colleges, Bethany Theological Seminary, or the Office of Ministry.

An adjustment should be made for a Master’s degree other than the M. Div. The Master of Arts in Theology (M.A.Th.), for example, is normally a two-year degree program, and it is not recommended as a ministerial degree. Additional course work would likely be in order for persons serving in the pastoral ministry.

Second salary column: Persons with a Bachelor’s degree who have completed an approved non-degree ministerial training program comparable to one of the Brethren Academy programs.

Third salary column: Persons who do not have a Bachelor’s degree, but have completed an approved non-degree ministerial training program comparable to one of the Brethren Academy programs.

- E. Those with the Doctor of Ministry (D. Min.) degree from an accredited seminary, add an additional 5% to the appropriate M. Div. figure.
- F. After 30 years of ministerial service, the congregation and pastor need to negotiate an annual increase in salary that reflects additional years of experience, education, and an annual cost of living increase.
- G. The mileage rate for parish work should be the figure established by the IRS.

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Recommended Minimum Cash Salary Table for Pastors - 2021

These recommended figures represent an increase in salary for each year of experience plus a cost of living increase for 2021 of 0.5% (one-half of one percent). After thirty (30) years of service, an annual increase in salary should be negotiated (See Letter F on other side). The salary table should be prorated for part-time ministry. In light of the cancellation of the 2020 Annual Conference, the Pastoral Benefits and Advisory Committee offers this year's Minimum Cash Salary Table as a recommendation rather than a delegate-approved increase.

Years of Service	Master of Divinity Degree	Bachelor & Approved Ministry Training	No Bachelor & Approved Ministry Training
0	\$40,869	\$34,661	\$30,192
1	\$42,507	\$36,050	\$31,398
2	\$44,205	\$37,496	\$32,653
3	\$45,977	\$38,992	\$33,960
4	\$47,812	\$40,553	\$35,321
5	\$49,724	\$42,172	\$36,738
6	\$51,217	\$43,437	\$37,833
7	\$52,754	\$44,741	\$38,971
8	\$54,337	\$46,081	\$40,140
9	\$55,964	\$47,465	\$41,344
10	\$57,643	\$48,889	\$42,584
11	\$58,796	\$49,870	\$43,436
12	\$59,971	\$50,866	\$44,304
13	\$61,174	\$51,882	\$45,194
14	\$62,392	\$52,921	\$46,095
15	\$63,647	\$53,980	\$47,019
16	\$64,281	\$54,516	\$47,490
17	\$64,925	\$55,065	\$47,965
18	\$65,572	\$55,616	\$48,441
19	\$66,228	\$56,169	\$48,925
20	\$66,888	\$56,733	\$49,415
21	\$67,560	\$57,301	\$49,906
22	\$68,235	\$57,874	\$50,406
23	\$68,917	\$58,451	\$50,910
24	\$69,604	\$59,036	\$51,421
25	\$70,303	\$59,629	\$51,934
26	\$71,003	\$60,222	\$52,452
27	\$71,713	\$60,825	\$52,981
28	\$72,430	\$61,434	\$53,508
29	\$73,156	\$62,048	\$54,043
30	\$73,890	\$62,668	\$54,585

RENEWAL AGREEMENT FOR PASTOR AND CONGREGATION
Church of the Brethren

This **Renewal** agreement between the _____ Church of the Brethren and its _____ (Pastor, Associate Pastor, etc.) _____, is for the calendar year _____. If the agreement is for a period other than the calendar year, state the beginning and ending dates: from _____ to _____.

1. TERMS OF CALL TO SERVICE

The terms of call to service shall be as stated in the original **Start-Up** agreement between the Pastor and the congregation. Any change in the terms shall be mutually negotiated between the pastor and congregation. Major changes shall be made in consultation with district executive staff and may necessitate the completion of a new start-up agreement. Ninety (90) days notice shall be given in the event of reduction in service

2. FINANCIAL TERMS

Consult the “Guidelines for Pastors’ Salaries and Benefits” at <http://www.brethren.org/ministryoffice/documents/guidelines-pastor-salary-benefit.pdf> for assistance in completing all sections below. The Recommended Minimum Cash Salary Table for Pastors is available at <http://www.brethren.org/ministryoffice>.

A renewal agreement shall be completed annually and a copy submitted to the District office.

A. COMPENSATION

1. Cash Salary:

The amount from the Salary Table at _____ years of experience: \$ _____

If part time, the prorated amount at _____ - time ministry: \$ _____

Amount above and beyond Salary Table: \$ _____

Supplemental Income: \$ _____

Beginning _____ (date), the congregation shall pay the Pastor a salary of:

\$ _____

(Amount of cash salary designated for housing, utilities & furnishings: \$ _____)

2. Housing:

a. The congregation will provide a housing allowance of: \$ _____

b. In lieu of a housing allowance:

- the congregation will provide the use of a parsonage with a fair rental value of:

\$ _____

- the Housing Fund contribution (see Guidelines) by the congregation will be:

\$ _____

3. Pension Benefits:

The contributions to the plan maintained by the Brethren Benefit Trust should be the following:

- Congregation’s contribution to pastor’s pension plan (11%) \$ _____
- Congregation’s contribution to Church Worker’s Assistance Plan (1%) \$ _____
- Pastor’s contribution to pension plan (4%) \$ _____

4. Insurance Benefits: Enter \$0.00 or NA if benefit is not offered or pastor does not enroll in benefit.

Medical Insurance Provider: _____
Congregation’s Share \$ _____

Pastor’s Share \$ _____

Health Savings Account Provider: _____
Congregation’s Contribution \$ _____

Pastor’s Contribution \$ _____

Short-Term Disability Provider: _____
Congregation’s Share \$ _____

Pastor’s Share \$ _____

Long-Term Disability Provider: _____
Congregation’s Share \$ _____

Pastor’s Share \$ _____

Term Life Provider: _____
Congregation’s Share \$ _____

Pastor’s Share \$ _____

Dental Provider: _____
Congregation’s Share \$ _____

Pastor’s Share \$ _____

Vision Provider: _____
Congregation’s Share \$ _____

Pastor’s Share \$ _____

Long Term Care Provider: _____
Congregation’s Share \$ _____

Pastor’s Share \$ _____

TOTAL COMPENSATION \$ _____

B. TIME OFF

1. Day Off:

- Not applicable for part-time positions
- Full time positions: _____ shall be the pastor’s day off each week except for crisis ministry. An additional half day per week shall be at the pastor’s discretion.

2. Vacation: The Pastor shall receive _____ weeks of vacation as per this agreement.
(The Pastor is credited with _____ years of pastoral service.)

3. Holidays: The following national holidays are considered paid days off and are in addition to the regular day off each week:

4. Special Circumstances: The Pastor has accumulated _____ paid days for special circumstances from prior service.

C. PASTOR-RELATED EXPENSES

1. Travel for Church Work: \$ _____
(Reimbursement is based on mileage actually driven for church work at the prevailing IRS rate. Travel between the Pastor's home and the church office is personal expense.)

2. Annual/District Conferences: \$ _____
Annual Conference: \$ _____ District Conference: \$ _____

3. Continuing Education:
Continuing education of _____ days as per this agreement: \$ _____
Annual Conference Guidelines for Continuing Education recommend at least 7 days per calendar year including one Sunday for full time ministry

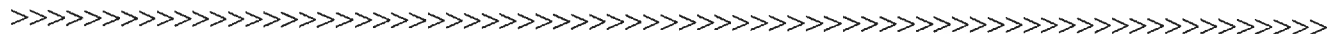
4. Sabbath Rest
A period of Sabbath rest has been negotiated for the calendar year _____: \$ _____
Based upon the Annual Conference Guidelines for Sabbath Rest we have agreed upon _____ weeks after _____ years.

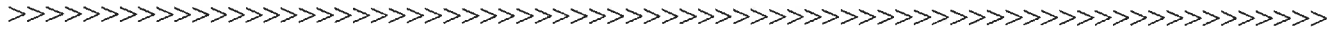
5. Professional Expense Account on actual cost basis to cover the following: \$ _____

6. Workers' Compensation will be provided by the congregation.

Total Pastor-Related Expenses \$ _____

D. TOTAL COMPENSATION, BENEFITS, AND EXPENSES \$ _____





As part of my employment, I reaffirm my covenant as a credentialed minister in the Church of the Brethren and to uphold the Code of Ethics for Ministerial Leaders as adopted by the Church of the Brethren Annual Conference. I recognize and accept the authority of the district and denomination being at all times subject to its discipline and governance.

Pastor Date

I, the board chair, acknowledge the congregation's responsibility to uphold and periodically review the Annual Conference Congregational Ethics paper. I also acknowledge that it is my responsibility to place a signed copy of this agreement in a secure file in the church office, communicate its existence and location to my successor(s), and distribute copies to those office(r)s identified below.

Board Chair Date

Copies: Pastor, Moderator, Board Chair, District Executive/Minister, Treasurer, Church Clerk

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