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Agreement Between
Pastoral Care Minister/Chaplain Volunteer
and
First Presbyterian Church-Cass City

Purpose: To provide ***pastoral care*** by ministering to the emotional and spiritual needs of the members/friends of First Presbyterian Church, Cass City, MI, especially to those who are homebound, immobile, hospitalized, or dying. This role does not negate the mission or role of elders or deacons.

Advantages:

- Providing pastoral care on a regular basis to those who are unable to attend worship or receive Communion (This will prevent them from feeling isolated from the church family.)
- Removing stress of looking for someone to officiate at funerals
- Providing a sense of pastoral care stability within the church from an ordained minister (This is not present when there is only rotational pulpit supply on Sundays.)

Responsibilities:

Pastoral Care Volunteer

- Make home visits as requested
- Make visits to nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and local hospitals as requested (Visits to hospitals outside a 40-mile radius will be based upon the severity of the patient's condition. In those situations, the pastoral care volunteer will contact that hospital's chaplain, if available, and request a visit to the patient's room.)
- Provide home Communion as requested
- Officiate at funerals as requested and when available
- Meet with congregation in fellowship once per quarter after worship or at some other appropriate gathering
- Communicate with the church liaison as needed

Cass City First Presbyterian Church

- Appoint a designated liaison (elder, deacon, or secretary) to communicate with the pastoral care volunteer as needed
- Provide information in the weekly worship bulletin and church newsletter informing members of the availability and contact information of the pastoral care volunteer

Designated Church Liaison

- Provide his/her contact information to the pastoral care volunteer
- Communicate with the pastoral care volunteer as needed

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Terms of this Relationship:
This volunteer relationship will begin on _____ and end on _____ (6-month period). Either party (volunteer or church) may terminate this agreement at any time with notice to the other party. This agreement may be reviewed and renewed at the end of the 6-month period. Additionally, **if the First Presbyterian Church of Cass City should call a pastor, this volunteer agreement would be terminated at such time as the pastor is installed.**

Payment for Services:
Since this is a volunteer position, the pastoral care volunteer does not expect any salary or reimbursement for services/mileage while serving in this role.

Signatures:

_____ _____
Reverend Kim C. Strunz **Date**

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Clerk of Session **Date**

_____ _____
Presbytery Representative **Date**