

RESOLUTION 08.03

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AFFIRMATION OF THE USE OF TRAINED INTENTIONAL INTERIMS

Whereas, In the life of any congregation a change in pastoral leadership will occur; and

Whereas, Such time of change and transition will often create both anxiety within the congregation and an opportunity for the congregation; and

Whereas, The anxiety created by a pastoral transition reveals a congregation is often disconnected from their history, a congregation may not have developed a clear identity which fits their current circumstances, a congregation may experience some shifts in congregational leadership, a congregation may feel distant from the synod, and the congregation may be unable to see a new future; and

Whereas, Pastoral leaders who have undergone Intentional Interim Ministry training are equipped to provide the necessary leadership skills to address the above; therefore be it

Resolved, That whenever a pastoral transition occurs, congregations in the Grand Canyon Synod will seek to utilize the gifts of trained Intentional Interims when offered and available; and be it further

Resolved, That the Grand Canyon Synod will seek to provide scholarships for pastoral candidates who have been approved for interim training; and be it further

Resolved, That the Grand Canyon Synod will provide mutual support and encouragement for all trained interim pastors within the synod.

Submitted by the Grand Canyon Synod Council
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